understanding of Down syndrome and co-occurring conditions and development of new interventions;

''(3) expanding the number of clinical trials that are inclusive of, or expressly for, participants with Down syndrome, including novel biomedical and pharmacological interventions and other therapies designed to promote or enhance activities of daily living;

''(4) research on the biological mechanisms in individuals with Down syndrome pertaining to structural, functional, and behavioral anomalies and dysfunction as well as stunted growth;

''(5) supporting research to improve diagnosis and treatment of conditions co-occurring with Down syndrome, including the identification of biomarkers related to risk factors, diagnosis, and clinical research and therapeutics;

''(6) research on the causes of increased prevalence, and concurrent treatment, of co-occurring conditions, such as Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and autoimmunity, in individuals with Down syndrome; and

''(7) research, training, and investigation on improving the quality of life of individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

''(c) COORDINATION; PRIORITIZING NON-DUPLICATIVE RESEARCH.—The Director of NIH shall ensure that—

''(1) the programs and activities of the institutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health relating to Down syndrome and co-occurring conditions are coordinated, including through the Office of the Director of NIH and priority-setting reviews conducted pursuant to section 402(b)(3); and

''(2) such institutes and centers, prioritize, as appropriate, Down syndrome research that does not duplicate existing research activities of the National Institutes of Health.

''(d) CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS.—In carrying out activities under this section, the Director of NIH shall, as appropriate and to the maximum extent feasible, consult with relevant stakeholders, including patient advocates, to ensure that such activities take into consideration the needs of individuals with Down syndrome.

''(e) BIENNIAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall submit, on a biennial basis, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, a report that catalogs the research conducted or supported under this section.

''(2) CONTENTS.—Each report under paragraph (1) shall include—

''(A) identification of the institute or center involved;

''(B) a statement of whether the research is or was being carried out directly by such institute or center or by multiple institutes and centers; and

''(C) identification of any resulting real-world evidence that is or may be used for clinical research and medical care for patients with Down syndrome.''.

SA 6752. Mrs. MOODY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title I, insert the following:

SEC. ___. RECOGNIZING HOME SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Section 484(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091(d)) is amended—

(1) in the heading of such subsection, by striking ''WHO ARE NOT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES'' and inserting ''FROM NON-TRADITIONAL SETTINGS''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(3) HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE.—For purposes of this title, a student who has completed a secondary school education in a home school setting that is treated as a home school or private school under State law shall be considered a high school graduate.''.

SA 6753. Mrs. MOODY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 208. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

SA 6754. Mrs. MOODY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 146, strike line 4 and insert the following:

''(f) EXEMPTION FOR COVERED INSTITUTIONS THAT ATTEMPT TO WITHDRAW FROM CONFERENCE WITHIN GRACE WINDOW.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any merger, consolidation, or acquisition with respect to a covered institution that, as of the date of enactment of this section, is a member of a covered conference if, not later than 180 days after that date, the covered institution files a notice that satisfies the contractual obligation of the covered institution for purposes of withdrawing from the covered conference.

''(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

SA 6755. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4688, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify qualified energy-efficient draft alcohol property as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 205.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO NOT OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator RON WYDEN, do not intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Vincent J. Noble for appointment in the United States Marine Corps Reserve to the grade of colonel, dated August 6, 2026.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, I have four requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, the Senate resume legislative session and proceed to consideration of H.R. 5334; further, that the only amendments in order be the following to be offered by the sponsor or their designee and with 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to each vote and up to 5 minutes under the control of Senator GRAHAM prior to the vote on passage: Graham-Blumenthal No. 6711, Graham No. 6712, and Paul No. 6715; further, that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate vote in relation to the Paul amendment, if offered, and upon disposition of the Paul amendment, the Graham-Blumenthal amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with 60 affirmative votes required for passage; finally, if passed, the Graham amendment to title No. 6712 be agreed to; that the title, as amended, be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; further, following disposition of H.R. 5334, the Senate resume executive session and vote on confirmation of the nominations en bloc; finally, that the cloture motion with respect to amendment No. 6732 to H.R. 6500 ripen following disposition of the nominations en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions which are at the desk: S. Res. 836, S. Res. 837, S. Res. 838, S. Res. 839, and S. Res 840.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

S. RES. 840

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for evidence related to an investigation of an individual who made a threat against Senator ELIZABETH WARREN in a communication sent to the Senator's office. The U.S. attorney's office investigating the matter is seeking employee testimony from Senator WARREN's office for use in its investigation and in any future legal proceedings arising in this matter. The Senator would like to cooperate with this request by providing relevant employee testimony from her office.

This resolution would authorize employees in the office of Senator WARREN to provide relevant testimony in this investigation and any future legal proceedings in this matter, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under ''Submitted Resolutions.'')

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 7; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nominations en bloc pursuant to S. Res. 817 postcloture; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m. the Senate proceed to legislative session and execute the order in relation to H.R. 5334; finally, if any nominations are confirmed during Friday's session of the Senate, that the motions to reconsider be made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:43 p.m., adjourned until Friday, August 7, 2026, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate August 6, 2026:

IN THE SPACE FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF SPACE OPERATIONS AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601 AND 9082:

To be general

LT. GEN. DOUGLAS A. SCHIESS

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF VINCENT J. NOBLE, TO BE COLONEL.