

S. 3581

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3581, a bill to prohibit the payment of certain legal settlements to any individual convicted of assaulting a law enforcement officer in connection with breaching the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

S. 3582

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3582, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to compensate individuals who were prosecuted for their involvement in the attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, and for other purposes.

S. 3747

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3747, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to recognize students who have completed secondary school education in a home school setting as high school graduates, and for other purposes.

S. 3868

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3868, a bill to direct the Attorney General to submit to the Congress a report on Federal criminal offenses, and for other purposes.

S. 4066

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4066, a bill to provide that the approved application under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the drug mifepristone for the purpose of the termination of intrauterine pregnancy is deemed to have been withdrawn, to establish a Federal tort for harm to women caused by chemical abortion drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 4177

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4177, a bill to establish rules regarding eligibility of student athletes for intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.

S. 4182

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4182, a bill to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to modify rural housing financing under that Act.

S. 4280

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4280, a bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to reauthorize and reform certain authorities and to provide greater transparency and oversight.

S. 4329

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4329, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 4341

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4341, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use commercial codes and standards instead of or in addition to Federal codes and standards in the construction or alteration of facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 114

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 114, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 163

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 163, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 171

At the request of Mr. KIM, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 171, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 181

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 181, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 184

At the request of Mr. SCHIFF, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 184, a joint resolution to direct the removal

of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S. RES. 675

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 675, a resolution supporting the designation of the week of April 11 through April 17, 2026, as "Black Maternal Health Week", founded by Black Mamas Matter Alliance, Inc., to bring national attention to the maternal and reproductive health crisis in the United States and the importance of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women and birthing people.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 4347. A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in agricultural research; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 4347

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "America Grows Act of 2026".

SEC. 2. FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to each funding recipient described in subsection (b) for the programs, projects, and activities of such funding recipient, the following amounts:

(1) For fiscal year 2027, the amount equal to 105 percent of the amount of new budget authority made available in appropriation Acts for that funding recipient for fiscal year 2026, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during fiscal year 2026, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2028 through 2036, the amount equal to 105 percent of the amount appropriated to that funding recipient under this subsection for the previous fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during such previous fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(3) For fiscal year 2037, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount appropriated under this paragraph for the previous fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during such previous fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(b) FUNDING RECIPIENTS DESCRIBED.—The funding recipients described in this subsection are—

- (1) the Agricultural Research Service;
- (2) the Economic Research Service;
- (3) the National Agricultural Statistics Service; and
- (4) the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Each amount appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain available for obligation through the last day of the fiscal year for which such amount is appropriated.

SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the following:

“Appropriations made available under section 2(a) of the America Grows Act of 2026.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any sequestration order issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(d)).

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 680—COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLUMBINE DAY OF SERVICE AND HONORING THE MEMORIES OF THE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 680

Whereas, on April 20, 1999, 13 individuals, including 12 students and 1 teacher, were murdered in a shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado;

Whereas another 24 individuals sustained physical injuries;

Whereas the tragic events resulted in profound trauma for countless members of the Columbine community that they continue to navigate today;

Whereas we must continue to remember and honor the 13 victims whose lives were tragically cut short, and those whose lives were irrevocably changed by this senseless act of violence;

Whereas a Columbine Day of Service was established in recognition of the students, staff, alumni, first responders, and community members who reacted to the tragedy by pouring love into the Columbine community with dignity, compassion, and solidarity;

Whereas the Columbine Day of Service is a celebration of community and resilience;

Whereas the Columbine Day of Service encourages participants to remember the lives lost, reflect on the lives forever changed, and recommit to acts of service in their communities;

Whereas the global impact of the shooting is reflected in the outpouring of support for Columbine to this day, turning the Columbine Day of Service into a global movement committed to kindness, selflessness, and community building;

Whereas communities from 6 States and 10 countries engaged in the Columbine Day of Service in 2024, which exceeded 60 projects and over 1,600 participants worldwide;

Whereas the State of Colorado recognizes April 20 annually as a Day of Recommitment, demonstrating widespread enthusiasm for community service and redefining the Columbine legacy as one of hope and rebirth; and

Whereas April 20, 2026, marks the 10th anniversary of the Columbine Day of Service; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the remembrance of the Columbine High School shooting and honors the memories of the victims, survivors, and their families;

(2) expresses heartfelt condolences to all those whose lives were forever altered by the Columbine tragedy;

(3) commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Columbine Day of Service and recognizes community service as a fundamental tool used by the Columbine community and others across the world to rebuild from tragedy and strive for new beginnings;

(4) reaffirms the Columbine legacy as one that celebrates the selfless contributions of thousands of students, staff, alumni, first responders, and community members, redefining Columbine beyond the tragic events of April 20, 1999;

(5) urges the community to continue its efforts to empower individuals across the world to invest in their communities and to participate in acts of community service; and

(6) encourages every United States citizen to remember the victims of the Columbine tragedy, commit to acts of gratitude, and participate annually in the Columbine Day of Service.

SENATE RESOLUTION 681—RELATING TO THE LIFE AND DEATH OF CHUCK NORRIS

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. ARMSTRONG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 681

Whereas Carlos Ray “Chuck” Norris was born in Ryan, Oklahoma, on March 10, 1940, and passed at the age of 86 on March 19, 2026, in Hawaii;

Whereas, at age 12, Norris moved to Torrance, California;

Whereas, in 1958, Norris enlisted in the United States Air Force and was given the occupational specialty of air police, now called Air Force Security Forces;

Whereas Norris spent 1 year at an Air Force base in Arizona and then deployed to Osan Air Base in South Korea;

Whereas, while stationed in South Korea, Norris learned the disciplines of Judo and Tang Soo Do, eventually earning a black belt in Karate;

Whereas, in 1962, Norris was honorably discharged from the military and resumed Judo training;

Whereas, in 1968, Norris won his first Professional Middleweight Karate Champion title;

Whereas, in 1968, Norris made his acting debut in “The Wrecking Crew”;

Whereas, in 1972, Norris starred in his first major film, “The Way of the Dragon,” alongside Bruce Lee;

Whereas, in 1974, Norris decided to retire from martial arts after winning his sixth consecutive Professional Middleweight Karate Championship;

Whereas Norris continued to act in more than 20 movies, including “Missing in Action,” “The Delta Force,” and “Sidekicks”;

Whereas, in 1993, Norris made his television debut in the series “Walker, Texas

Ranger” and starred in the series for 9 seasons;

Whereas, in 2005, Norris reprised his role as Ranger Cordell Walker, starring in “Walker, Texas Ranger: Trial by Fire”;

Whereas Norris started a charitable organization called “Kickstart” to provide martial arts training to middle-school students, teach them respect and discipline, and improve their self-esteem;

Whereas, in 1990, Norris created a new martial arts style called “Chun Kuk Do”;

Whereas, in 2001, Norris received the Veteran of the Year Award from the United States Air Force;

Whereas Norris paid his respects to veterans, oftentimes visiting troops overseas;

Whereas, in 2007, Norris was made an honorary marine by Marine Corps Commandant General James T. Conway;

Whereas, in 2010, former Texas Governor Rick Perry named Norris an honorary Texas Ranger, and in 2017, the Texas Senate named Norris an honorary Texan for his role in “Walker, Texas Ranger”;

Whereas Norris was known for both his inspirational and humorous quotes, including—

(1) “When I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, it changed my life forever.”;

(2) “There is no substitute for hard work. Always be humble & hungry.”; and

(3) “When the boogeyman goes to sleep he checks the closet for me.”; and

Whereas Norris leaves behind his wife, Gena, children, and grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Chuck Norris; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives.

SENATE RESOLUTION 682—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE BY CONDEMNING THE HANDLING OF THE 2019 UKRAINE WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT, CALLING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF THE MATTER, AND DECLARING THE IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LACKS LEGITIMACY

Mr. SCOTT of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 682

Whereas, on April 13, 2026, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard declassified and released documents and transcripts revealing serious procedural failures and concealments in the handling of the August 2019 whistleblower complaint regarding President Trump’s July 25, 2019, telephone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky;

Whereas, the complaint, which was filed by an analyst of the Central Intelligence Agency who had no firsthand knowledge of the aforementioned telephone call, relied entirely on second- and third-hand accounts, with key witnesses admitting the alleged quid pro quo was “clear only in hindsight” and required “reading between the lines”;

Whereas, although the whistleblower self-disclosed significant potential biases, including registration as a member of the Democratic Party, close professional work with