Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) were added as cosponsors of S. 2338, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish the Strengthening Local Food Security Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2343

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2343, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act to prohibit disparate-impact claims.

S. 2376

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include rioting in the definition of racketeering activity.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to prevent violence in the West Bank and authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering United States national security and undermining prospects for a two-state solution by committing illegal violent acts.

S. 2721

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2721, a bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, to establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 2730

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2730, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to innovative treatment options for end-stage renal disease under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2909

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2909, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to revise certain regulations with respect to farm-related service industry restricted commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 3508

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3508, a bill to require the transfer of regulatory control of certain munitions exports from the Department of Commerce to the Department of State, and for other purposes.

S. 3597

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3597, a bill to reauthorize the National Quantum Initiative Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3618

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3618, a bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on the ability of minors to access fentanyl through social media platforms, and for other purposes.

S. 3774

At the request of Mr. GALLEGO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3774, a bill to prohibit online platforms from displaying fraudulent or deceptive commercial advertisements, and for other purposes.

S. 3917

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3917, a bill to prohibit the issuance of commercial driver's licenses to individuals who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States or holders of certain work visas, and for other purposes.

S. 3964

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3964, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish a goal for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans in procurement contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 4090

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4090, a bill to establish a process for waiver of coastwise endorsement requirements.

S. 4106

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4106, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to certain medications under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes.

S. 4134

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4134, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to require certain restrictions on stocks for Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents, and for other purposes.

S. 4146

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4146, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 with respect to the listing of threatened and endangered species, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 525

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 525, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 657

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 657, a resolution commending Taiwan on the 30th anniversary of its first direct presidential election in 1996, and expressing support for Taiwan in the preservation of its democratic institutions.

AMENDMENT NO. 4686

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4686 intended to be proposed to S. 1383, a bill to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4688

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4688 intended to be proposed to S. 1383, a bill to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 4172. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to allow for the retirement of certain animals used in Federal research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my colleague from Michigan Senator PETERS in introducing the Animal Freedom from Testing, Experiments, and Research Act, known as the AFTER Act, to promote the adoption or retirement of animals used for research by Federal Agencies.

In fiscal year 2024, the Federal Government experimented on approximately 775,000 animals for research purposes. These experiments occurred across 12 different Federal Agencies. the animals used were mainly cats, dogs, monkeys, and rabbits. Tracking these animals following experimentation is challenging. In many instances, animals no longer needed for research are killed since many Agencies lack formal retirement or adoption policies. Peer-reviewed studies indicate that research animals that are adopted, however, often thrive in their new environments.

In 2013, led by Senators Harkin, Alexander, CANTWELL and myself, the Senate passed the CHIMP Act, which allowed for the retirement of hundreds of primates that were formerly used in National Institute of Health, NIH, experiments. In addition, the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs,

FDA, and NIH have already enacted successful animal retirement policies.

While I am encouraged by the Senate's past work on primates and the policies developed by a few Federal Agencies, there are many other Federal Agencies, including the Agriculture Department, NASA, and the Environmental Protection Agency, that lack formal policies for animals used in experiments. Given the recent efforts at the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health to phase out animal testing for certain research, we should make sure that every Federal Agency that utilizes laboratory animals establishes policies to ensure that such animals, whenever possible, are retired and not killed when they are no longer needed for research.

The AFTER Act builds on successful policies at DOD, VA, and NIH by directing all Federal Agencies to promulgate regulations that would facilitate the retirement of laboratory animals. Additionally, the AFTER Act requires that animals be evaluated by a licensed veterinarian and pronounced both mentally and physically healthy before leaving an Agency. This will help ensure a smooth transition to a new environment.

Our legislation also encourages Federal Agencies to work with nonprofit organizations to help place retired animals in sanctuaries and shelters across the country, not just those closest to the research facility. This would allow a State like Maine, which does not have Federal research labs that use animals, to play a role in retiring these animals and providing homes for them.

Mr. President, animals that are suitable for adoption or retirement should not be killed by our Federal Government. The AFTER Act would provide the necessary direction Federal Agencies need in order to move forward with developing retirement policies. I urge all of my colleagues to join in support of this important bipartisan legislation, the Animal Freedom from Testing, Experiments, and Research Act.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 4173. A bill to require that any debt limit increase or suspension be balanced by equal spending cuts over the next decade; to the Committee on the Budget.

S. 4173

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 ''Dollar-for-Dollar Deficit Reduction Act''.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 31 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3101A the following:

''§ 3101B. Debt limit control

''(a) DECLARATION OF A DEBT LIMIT WARNING.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event of a near breach of the public debt limit established by section 3101, the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue a debt limit warning to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives that shall include a determination as to when extraordinary measures may be necessary in order to prolong the funding of the United States Government.

''(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

''(A) EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES.—The term 'extraordinary measures' means measures that may be taken by the Secretary of the Treasury in the event of a breach of the debt limit by the United States to prolong the function of the United States Government in the absence of a debt limit increase.

''(B) NEAR BREACH.—The term 'near breach' means the point at which the Secretary of the Treasury determines that the United States Government will reach the statutorily prescribed debt limit within 60 calendar days notwithstanding the implementation of extraordinary measures.

''(b) PRESIDENTIAL SUBMISSION OF DEBT LIMIT LEGISLATION.—

''(1) SAVINGS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT.—Any formal Presidential request to increase the debt limit under this section shall include the amount of the proposed debt limit increase and be accompanied by proposed legislation to reduce spending over the sum of the current and following 10 years by an amount equal to or greater than the amount of the requested debt limit increase. Net interest savings may not be counted towards spending reductions required by this paragraph.

''(2) CALCULATION.—The spending savings under paragraph (1) shall be calculated against a budget baseline consistent with section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 907). This baseline shall exclude the extrapolation of any spending that had been enacted under an emergency designation.''.

(b) SUBCHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The table of sections for chapter 31 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item for section 3101A the following:

''3101B. Debt limit control.''.

SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENT TO RESTRAIN SPENDING WHILE RAISING OR SUSPENDING THE DEBT LIMIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Congressional Budget Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''SEC. 316. DEBT LIMIT INCREASE POINT OF ORDER.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—

''(1) POINT OF ORDER.—Except as provided in subsection (b), it shall not be in order in the Senate or the House of Representatives to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that increases the statutory debt limit unless the bill contains net spending reductions of an equal or greater amount over the period of the current and next 10 fiscal years. Net interest savings may not be counted towards spending reductions required by this paragraph.

''(2) COMPONENTS OF NET SPENDING REDUCTION.—

''(A) CALCULATION.—The savings resulting from the proposed spending reductions under paragraph (1) shall be calculated by the Congressional Budget Office against a budget baseline consistent with section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. This baseline shall exclude the extrapolation of any spending that had been enacted under an emergency designation.

''(B) AVAILABILITY.—The Senate and the House of Representatives may not vote on any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that increases the public debt limit unless the cost estimate of that measure prepared by the Congressional Budget Office has been publicly available on the website of the Congressional Budget Office for at least 24 hours.

''(C) PROHIBIT TIMING SHIFTS.—Any provision that shifts outlays or revenues from within the 10-year window to outside the window shall not count towards the budget savings target for purposes of this subsection.

''(b) SENATE SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—

''(1) WAIVER.—In the Senate, subsection (a)(1) may be waived or suspended only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.

''(2) APPEAL.—An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under subsection (a)(1).

''SEC. 317. DEBT LIMIT SUSPENSION POINT OF ORDER.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—

''(1) POINT OF ORDER.—Except as provided in subsection (b), it shall not be in order in the Senate or the House of Representatives to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that suspends the statutory debt limit unless the bill contains net spending reductions over the period of the current and next 10 fiscal years in an amount that is equal to or greater than the projected debt amount for the period of the suspension of the statutory debt limit as determined by the Congressional Budget Office in accordance with paragraph (3). Net interest savings may not be counted towards spending reductions required by this paragraph.

''(2) COMPONENTS OF NET SPENDING REDUCTION.—

''(A) CALCULATION.—The savings resulting from the proposed spending reductions under paragraph (1) shall be calculated by the Congressional Budget Office against a budget baseline consistent with section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. This baseline shall exclude the extrapolation of any spending that had been enacted under an emergency designation.

''(B) AVAILABILITY.—The Senate and the House of Representatives may not vote on any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that increases the public debt limit unless the cost estimate of that measure prepared by the Congressional Budget Office has been publicly available on the website of the Congressional Budget Office for at least 24 hours.

''(C) PROHIBIT TIMING SHIFTS.—Any provision that shifts outlays or revenues from within the 10-year window to outside the window shall not count towards the budget savings target for purposes of this subsection.

''(3) CALCULATION OF PROJECTED DEBT AMOUNT.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the Congressional Budget Office shall determine the amount of projected debt for the period for which the bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report suspends the statutory debt limit by calculating the difference between—

''(A) the amount the statutory debt is projected to be on the date on which the suspension of the statutory debt limit is to end, as determined by the debt projection of the Congressional Budget Office, and

''(B) the amount of statutory debt as of the date on which the suspension of the statutory debt limit is to begin.

''(b) SENATE SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—

''(1) WAIVER.—In the Senate, subsection (a)(1) may be waived or suspended only by an

affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.

''(2) APPEAL.—An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under subsection (a)(1).''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after section 315 the following:

''Sec. 316. Debt limit increase point of order.
''Sec. 317. Debt limit suspension point of order.''.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4181. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate certain limitations with respect to pre-production plastic pellet pollution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 4181

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 the ''Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act''.

SEC. 2. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR WASTEWATER, SPILLS, AND RUNOFF FROM PLASTIC POLYMER PRODUCTION FACILITIES, PLASTIC MOLDING AND FORMING FACILITIES, AND OTHER POINT SOURCES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSPORT AND PACKAGING OF PLASTIC PELLETS OR OTHER PRE-PRODUCTION PLASTIC MATERIALS.

Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section as the ''Administrator'') shall promulgate a final rule to ensure that—

(1) the discharge of plastic pellets or other pre-production plastic materials (including discharge into wastewater and other runoff) from facilities regulated under part 414 or 463 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act), is prohibited;

(2) the discharge of plastic pellets or other pre-production plastic materials (including discharge into wastewater and other runoff) from a point source (as defined in section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362)) that makes, uses, packages, or transports those plastic pellets and other pre-production plastic materials is prohibited; and

(3) the requirements under paragraphs (1) and (2) are reflected in—

(A) all wastewater, stormwater, and other permits issued by the Administrator and State-delegated programs under section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) to facilities and other point sources (as defined in section 502 of that Act (33 U.S.C. 1362)) that make, use, package, or transport plastic pellets or other pre-production plastic materials, as determined by the Administrator, in addition to other applicable limits and standards; and

(B) all standards of performance promulgated under section 312(p) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1322(p)) that are applicable to point sources (as defined in section 502 of that Act (33 U.S.C. 1362)) that make, use, package, or transport plastic pellets or other pre-production plastic materials, as determined by the Administrator.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4772. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes.

SA 4773. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4772 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill S. 1383, supra.

SA 4774. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4773 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the amendment SA 4772 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill S. 1383, supra.

SA 4775. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 7147, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4776. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4777. Mr. HAGERTY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4778. Mr. HAGERTY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4772. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following:

''This Act shall take effect 4 days after the date of enactment.''

SA 4773. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4772 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike ''4 days'' and insert ''5 days''

SA 4774. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4773 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the amendment SA 4772 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike ''5 days'' and insert ''6 days''

SA 4775. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 7147, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 106, strike lines 3 through 13, and insert the following:

''SEC. 554. Amounts made available to 'U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement—Operations and Support' in title II of this Act shall be reduced by $5,453,706,000. Paragraph (2) under such heading shall not apply to amounts made available under such heading.

''SEC. 555. (a) The explanatory statement regarding this Act, printed in the House section of the Congressional Record on or about January 22, 2026, and submitted by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations of the House shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of this Act as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference, except that the matter printed under the heading 'Enforcement and Removal Operations' and amounts specified in the 'Final Bill' column for 'Enforcement and Removal Operations' printed on page H1702 and for 'Subtotal, Operations and Support' printed on page H1703 in the 'Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026' table shall have no force or effect for purposes of this Act.

''(b) Any reference in this Act to the 'explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act)' shall be deemed to be a reference to the explanatory statement described in subsection (a) of this section.

''SEC. 556. Amounts made available in this Act and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026 (division A of Public Law 119–37) for personnel pay, allowances, and benefits in each department and agency shall be available for payments pursuant to subsection (c) of section 1341 of title 31, United States Code, and such payments shall be made.

''SEC. 557. All obligations incurred and in anticipation of the appropriations made and authority granted by this Act and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026 (division A of Public Law 119–37) for the purposes of maintaining the essential level of activity to protect life and property and bringing about orderly termination of Government function, and for purposes as otherwise authorized by law, are hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with the provisions of this Act and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026.

''This Act may be cited as the 'Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026'.

''TITLE VI

''FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

''SEC. 601. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026 (division A of Public Law 119–37) is further amended by substituting the date of enactment of this Act for the date specified in section 106(3).

''SEC. 602. For the purposes of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026 (division A of Public Law 119–37), the time covered by such Act shall be considered to include the period which began on or about February 14, 2026, during which there occurred a lapse in appropriations.''.

SA 4776. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. REPEAL OF EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATING TO PROTECTING AMERICAN ENERGY FROM STATE OVERREACH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, Executive Order 14260 (90 Fed. Reg. 15513; relating to protecting American energy from State overreach) shall have no force or effect and no Federal funds may be used to implement, administer, enforce, or carry out that Executive Order.

(b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair any authority granted to the President.

SA 4777. Mr. HAGERTY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by