

(4) A description of the scope for such a facility that would enable secure access to the nuclear material for research and development of thorium fuel cycle reactors, for defense and civilian applications, as well as for medical isotope extraction and processing, including by developing such a facility through public-private partnerships.

(5) An assessment of whether the Secretary should transfer the ownership of U-233 from the Office of Environmental Management to the Office of Nuclear Energy.

(6) An assessment of the ability of the Department of Energy to transfer the inventory of U-233 that the Secretary determines is most feasible for immediate or near-term transfer to the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for secure interim storage.

(7) The feasibility of the National Nuclear Security Administration providing for the secure storage of the inventory of U-233 within the Y-12 National Security Complex or another suitable location within the nuclear security enterprise (as defined in section 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)).

(f) NO FUNDING AUTHORIZED.—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 3102 and available as specified in the funding table in section 4701 for the U233 Disposition Program is hereby reduced by \$55,000,000.

**SA 4550.** Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING OF IMPROVED SCHEDULING AND MANAGEMENT OF SPECIAL ACTIVITY AIRSPACE.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ADAPTIVE AIRSPACE.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) where it does not conflict with safety, improved scheduling and management of special activity airspace (also referred to as “adaptive airspace” and “dynamic airspace”) is expected to optimize the use of the national airspace system for all stakeholders; and

(2) the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Secretary of Defense should take such actions as may be necessary to support ongoing efforts to develop improved scheduling and management of special activity airspace, including—

(A) the continuation of formal partnerships between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Defense that focus on special activity airspace, future airspace needs, and joint solutions; and

(B) maturing research within their federally funded research and development centers, Federal partner agencies, and the aviation community.

(b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall establish a pilot program on developing and testing improved management of special activity airspace supported by efficient scheduling capabilities.

(2) TESTING OF SPECIAL ACTIVITY AIRSPACE SCHEDULING AND MANAGEMENT.—Under the

pilot program established under paragraph (1), the Administrator and the Secretary shall jointly test not fewer than three areas of special activity airspace designated by the Federal Aviation Administration for use by the Department of Defense, of which—

(A) at least one shall be over coastal waters of the United States; and

(B) at least two shall be over land of the United States.

(c) REPORT.—Not less than two years after the date of the establishment of the pilot program under subsection (b)(1), the Administrator and Secretary shall submit to the following congressional committees a report on the interim results of the pilot program:

(1) The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

(2) The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS.—The Administrator and Secretary shall be authorized to use such funds as necessary to carry out the activities established under subsections (b) and (c).

(e) LIMITS ON STAFF.—Any such hour or other employee limitations concerning staff or workforce that may be dedicated to the execution of the activities established under subsections (b) and (c), including work associated with the Center for Advanced Aviation System Development, shall be waived.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have 5 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, November 4, 2021, at 11 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 10 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, November 4, 2021, at 11 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS**

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November

4, 2021, at 9 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Aarti Iyer, a legislative fellow in my office; Ben Ashman, another legislative fellow in my office; and Danny Carlson, who is joining us today on the floor from my office, all be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the 117th Congress.

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

**PROTECTING AMERICA'S FIRST RESPONDERS ACT OF 2021**

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair lay before the Senate the message to accompany S. 1511.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1511) entitled “An Act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.”, do pass with an amendment.

**MOTION TO CONCUR**

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I move to concur in the House amendment, and I ask unanimous consent that the motion be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 440, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 440) recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. OSSOFF. I know of no further debate on the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 440) was agreed to.

Mr. OSSOFF. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the

table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 441; S. Res. 442; S. Res. 443; S. Res. 444; and S. Res. 445, congratulating the Atlanta Braves.

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

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

Mr. OSSOFF. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to; that the preambles, where applicable, 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 (S. Res. 441, S. Res. 444, and S. Res. 445) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 442 and S. Res. 443) were agreed to.

(The resolutions are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021, THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, November 5, at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday, November 9, at 12 noon; and Friday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m.

I further ask that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 12, it next convene at 3 p.m., Monday, November 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Steele nomination; finally, that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 15.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator SULLIVAN.

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

The Senator from Alaska.

#### NOMINATION OF SAULE OMAROVA

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I want to spend a few minutes talking about the President's nominee to be Comptroller of the Currency and her recent comments on those of us who were asking questions about her background, because they are pretty outrageous, and I think it is time. In some ways, we need to put an end to this notion that you can't criticize someone for their ideas without being charged with things like, maybe, racism, which kind of gets me a little bit riled up, since I think I was one of the targets of her remarks.

I have been down on the floor talking about some of the nominees that this administration has put forward. Some are so radical, far left.

The ATF nominee was actually against the Second Amendment. He got withdrawn.

The BLM Director was an ecoterrorist. She got voted in. Now she is in charge of 60 percent of my State—remarkable. I think a lot of Senators are going to regret that vote.

And now we have a nominee to be the Comptroller of the Currency: Saule Omarova. She is charged with chartering, regulating, and supervising all national banks—a really important position, for a capitalist economy, in particular.

There is a problem, though, Mr. President. It doesn't seem like she much likes banks or, for that matter, the free market or, for that matter, capitalism or the financial system in America. So Senators have been coming down to the floor and in committee, asking questions, doing our due diligence on this nominee. I want to commend Senator TOOMEY, in particular, who has been doing that, and I have been joining him.

So I am going to talk a little bit more about her background and her ideas, which, by the way, have nothing to do with her race or her sex—nothing. I just want to know what her ideas are. So I am going to talk a little bit about that.

A 1989 graduate of Moscow State University, where she received the Lenin Personal Academic Scholarship—that is the Vladimir Lenin Personal Academic Scholarship. And from what we know about her writings, yes, she was raised in a communist country. That is nothing against her. But sometimes you get notions of capitalism, social-

ism, communism, Marxism. And her writings are something that are of interest to the committee—certainly to me, certainly to Senator TOOMEY—about what she believes in terms of the financial system, socialism, communism.

Here is what she tweeted in 2019, just 2 years ago: Until I came to the U.S., I couldn't imagine things like the gender pay gap still existed in today's world. Say what you want about the old USSR, but there was no pay gap there. Markets don't always work best.

That is a tweet 2 years ago. Say what you want about the old USSR, about Stalin and Lenin and the roughly 100 million people killed during their reign. Say what you want about the old USSR, the famine, the human degradation, the ill-fated, violent attempts to snuff out freedom and liberty, there and all across the world.

She clarified: I never claimed men and women were treated absolutely equal in every facet of the old Soviet Union. But people's salaries were set by the state in a gender-blind manner. Those things are still a pipe dream in American society.

I mean, listen to her. This is just 2 years ago, still talking about the golden days of the USSR.

There was gender equity, all right. Both sexes starved equally, and if you complained, you were sent to Siberia, regardless of if you were a man or a woman.

But her nostalgia for socialist, communist policies doesn't end with pay disparities. She has advocated for expanding the Federal Reserve's mandate to include the Federal Reserve people's ledger she has written about—a people's ledger.

By separating the lending function from the monetary function, the proposed reform that she has talked about will effectively "end banking as we know it." This was written in 2014, as a professor. These are radical, radical ideas. These are ideas, and this person is supposed to be charged with being in charge of the financial system of America—capitalism.

Some of us still believe in capitalism here. Some don't.

But it is OK to question these ideas. She has put them out there.

The ranking member of the banking committee has asked for a copy of her thesis. Now, every member going through confirmation in the Senate is supposed to give up any writings that she had. This used to be on her CV until a couple of years ago. Then she deleted it. It is called "Karl Marx's Economic Analysis and the Theory of Revolution in The Capital."

So Senator TOOMEY has asked for that. She is required to give it. And, as of now—this is a letter I would like to have printed in the RECORD. This is October 5. Senator TOOMEY asked for this. She still hasn't responded and provided it. She is required to.

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