

Whereas the origin of the blue FFA jacket dates back to 1933, when it was created by the Universal Uniform Company in Fredericktown, Ohio;

Whereas the FFA jacket debuted at the 1933 National FFA Convention and was so popular that the official delegates of the convention made the jacket part of the official FFA attire;

Whereas the 1,000,000th FFA jacket was sold in 1964, and by 1976, 2,000,000 FFA jackets had been sold;

Whereas 80,000 FFA jackets are sold annually; and

Whereas members of the FFA will celebrate "National FFA Week" during the week of February 18 through February 25, 2023: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of February 18 through February 25, 2023, as "National FFA Week";

(2) recognizes the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world; and

(3) celebrates the 95th anniversary of the National FFA Organization.

SENATE RESOLUTION 70—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023, AS "GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DAY"

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mrs. BRITT, and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 70

Whereas George Washington Carver was one of the greatest agricultural scientists and humanitarians in the United States in the 20th century;

Whereas George Washington Carver was born enslaved in Missouri circa 1864 and eventually pursued higher education at Simpson College in Iowa;

Whereas George Washington Carver was the first Black student and first Black faculty member at Iowa State University and later earned international renown at Tuskegee University in Alabama where he served as a faculty member for more than 45 years and as Agricultural Director;

Whereas George Washington Carver gained an international reputation for his research, teaching, and outreach and created hundreds of agricultural products, including new varieties of peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and other crops; and

Whereas the humanitarian efforts of George Washington Carver changed the lives of countless farmers and families in poverty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the designation of February 1, 2023, as "George Washington Carver Day" to celebrate and commemorate the enduring legacy and contributions of George Washington Carver to the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I have eight 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 au-

thorized to meet during today session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 12 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S ESPIONAGE MISSION TO SEND A SURVEILLANCE BALLOON ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, IS UNACCEPTABLE AND SHOULD BE CONDEMNED

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration and that the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 49.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 49) expressing the sense of the Senate that the Chinese Com-

munist Party's espionage mission to send a surveillance balloon across the United States, in violation of international law, is unacceptable and should be condemned.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 49) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of February 9, 2023, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

CONDEMNING THE USE BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OF A HIGH-ALTITUDE SURVEILLANCE BALLOON OVER THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AS A BRAZEN VIOLATION OF UNITED STATES SOVEREIGNTY

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 66, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 66) condemning the use by the People's Republic of China of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over the territory of the United States as a brazen violation of United States sovereignty.

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

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, 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 resolution (S. Res. 66) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions introduced earlier today: S. Res. 67, S. Res. 68, S. Res. 69, and S. Res. 70.

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

Ms. CANTWELL. 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 (S. Res. 67, S. Res. 68, S. Res. 69, and S. Res. 70) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

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

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE FOR THE PERIODS MARCH 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, OCTOBER 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, AND OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 15, S. Res. 59.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 59) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and October 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a joint leadership letter be printed in the RECORD.

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

JOINT LEADERSHIP LETTER AND COLLOQUY

The Joint Leadership Letter and Colloquy of February 15, 2023, stated the following with regard to the division of funding and office space for the majority and minority.

JOINT LEADERSHIP LETTER

We mutually commit to the following for the 118th Congress: The Committee on Rules and Administration is to determine the budgets of the committees of the Senate. The budgets of the committees, including joint and special committees, and all other subgroups, shall be apportioned to reflect the ratio of the Senate as of this date, including an additional ten percent (10%) from the majority and minority salary baseline to be allocated to the chair for administrative expenses.

Special Reserves has been restored to its historic purpose. Requests for funding will only be considered when submitted by a committee chairman and ranking member for

unanticipated, nonrecurring needs. Such requests shall be granted only upon the approval of the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Funds for committee expenses shall be available to each chairman consistent with the Senate rules and practices.

The division of committee office space shall be commensurate with this funding agreement. The chairman and ranking member of any committee may, by mutual agreement, modify the apportionment of committee funding and office space.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, in the 112th Congress, the Senate adopted a new funding allocation for Senate committees. This approach has served the Senate well for the five of the past six Congresses, excluding last Congress when the evenly divided Senate adopted a power-sharing agreement by resolution. I believe this approach will continue to serve the interests of the Senate and the public, regardless of which party is in the majority, by helping to retain core committee staff with institutional knowledge. This funding allocation is based on the party division of the Senate, with 10 percent of the total majority and minority salary baseline going to the majority for administrative expenses. However, regardless of the party division of the Senate, the minority share of the majority and minority salary baseline will never be less than 40 percent, and the majority share will not exceed 60 percent. It is my intent that this approach will continue to serve the Senate for this Congress and future Congresses.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, this approach has met our needs for five of the past six Congresses, and I, too, would like to see it continue. In addition, special reserves have been restored to its historic purpose. We should continue to fund special reserves to the extent possible in order to be able to assist committees that face urgent, unanticipated, nonrecurring needs. Recognizing the tight budgets we will face for the foreseeable future, it is necessary to continue to bring funding authorizations more in line with our actual resources while ensuring that committees are able to fulfill their responsibilities. I look forward to continuing to work with the majority leader to accomplish this.

Ms. CANTWELL. I further ask that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion 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 resolution (S. Res. 59) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in the RECORD of February 13, 2023, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 16; 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; further, that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Martinez-Lopez nomination postcloture; further, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered 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.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, for the information of the Senate, there will be two rollcall votes at 11:30 a.m. and one rollcall vote at 1:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. CANTWELL. 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 6:19 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate February 15, 2023:

THE JUDICIARY

ANA C. REYES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

ADRIENNE C. NELSON, OF OREGON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON.