

we do. So it becomes controversial, and, all of a sudden, here you are threatening shutdown.

Now the proposal on the table right now in the Senate is: Let's do a CR with some controversial spending, and we will have that CR end the day before the Thanksgiving recess—a little pressure on our Members, just in case we can get our act together to come up with a couple of massive minibuses or just one massive omnibus to drop on everybody's desk. And if they want to go home for recess, you had better pass that now.

Now, my guess is we probably won't be able to get that done in time, and so we will end up with another CR. This one will probably be scheduled to expire—oh, I don't know, pick a date. My guess would be December 23 and December 24—the same process. That is what happened last year.

Then we get it, again, dropped on our desk—about a 2,000-plus page bill. Nobody has time to read it, other than the people who wrote it. And you get the Hobson's choice—vote yes or no. The problem with that, in addition to just the grotesque dysfunction of it, is the individual appropriation bills do not get the scrutiny that they deserve.

If you bring up every appropriations bill—12—you have got to start somewhere around May. You bring up each individual appropriation bill. Now you can actually scrutinize it. The public can see it. We can offer amendments.

Again, it is not a panacea. I am not going to say it is going to completely stop this runaway spending train, but it will be some constraint. It restores some function to this very dysfunctional place.

So what I have been pushing for, for 4 years—and it is one of the reasons I withheld my consent on the omnibus. And I appreciate the fact that the chairman and the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee were willing to work with me and offer me an amendment on the omnibus to try and get a vote to maybe pass the Preventing Government Shutdown Act, but other people are objecting, and we haven't got that vote yet.

So here we are, a couple days before a shutdown, and we need to do something. The House is having, obviously, a difficult time coming up with a solution. The Senate may pass something that really has no chance of passing in the House. I think we have to be honest about that.

So, again, in order to prevent a government shutdown, what we ought to do is do something that people agree on. You know, rather than trying to use this moment to jam something through that people don't all agree with, let's try and pass something people agree with, which is a bill that will prevent a government shutdown.

Now, I chose a 14-day clean CR—because that is pretty much the structure of the Prevent Government Shutdowns Act, rolling 14-day CRs, giving both Chambers the time to act to start

passing these bills with a little bit more scrutiny than what minibuses or an omnibus would afford. It is a very commonsense approach. It is something we all ought to agree on. It would prevent a shutdown. It would prevent pain to real people. And all we have to do is agree to do what we all say we want to do, to avoid what we all say we want to avoid—a government shutdown.

So, Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of my bill, which is at the desk. I further ask that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HASSAN). Is there objection?

The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, reserving the right to object, we can't be back here in the same situation in 2 weeks. We need a CR that gives us the actual time to get through our bipartisan spending bills. Believe me, I would love to say we could get this done in 2 weeks. But we know that is not realistic, because even the three that passed unanimously out of my committee have run into delays, as the Senator from Wisconsin knows all too well.

And, just as importantly, this bill does nothing to reauthorize time-sensitive programs. It does not reauthorize the FAA, which means chaos for air travelers. It doesn't reauthorize our community health centers and other critical primary care programs, which means patients in our underserved areas will lose access to programs they need.

And it doesn't protect our wildland firefighters from a drastic pay cut. It doesn't extend disaster relief funding or Ukraine's aid.

We have before this body a carefully negotiated bipartisan CR that does include all of those absolutely essential policies, that has already garnered more than enough support to pass here in the Senate, and that I am confident will pass the House as soon as Speaker MCCARTHY actually puts it to a vote.

That is where our attention needs to be, not on a slapdash bill that puts us back here in 2 weeks and completely leaves air travel, health care providers, firefighters, and so much more in a lurch.

I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mrs. MURRAY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

## MORNING BUSINESS

### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted "no" on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 324, Thomas G. Day, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2028.

### HOPEWELL CEREMONIAL EARTHWORKS

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I rise today to congratulate the Ohio History Connection, National Parks Service, and local Tribal communities on their historic achievement of earning Ohio's first World Heritage designation.

The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks join the Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and 21 others as U.S.-designated World Heritage sites. The designation is reserved for the places on earth that are of "Outstanding Universal Value" to humanity and will support the protection of the site for future generations.

The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks are a series of eight ancient monuments built in the middle of the Woodland period, between 1,600 and 2,000 years ago by people we now refer to as the Hopewell Culture. The Earthworks embody the artistry, spirituality, and architecture of the Hopewell peoples. They also reflect the commitment to preservation and collaboration that archaeologists and Tribal nations have maintained over the years.

This designation would not be possible without the collaboration of the Ohio History Connection, the National Parks Service, and local Tribal communities. May the celebration and preservation of the Hopewell Earthworks tell the story of Ohio history for generations to come. Congratulations.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members to be the managers of the conference on the part of the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2670) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and 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, in lieu of their appointments on September 19, 2023:

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of subtitle J of title X of division A, secs. 1085 and 1086, title LXVIII of division E, division

I, and division J of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. MCHENRY and LUETKEMEYER, and Ms. WATERS.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2322. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "White House Spending: FY 2022 Certificated Expenditures of the President and Vice President Were for Authorized Purposes"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2323. communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation of Executive Order 12938 Concerning the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2324. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the Exchange Stabilization Fund's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2022 and 2021"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2325. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Stability Oversight Council 2022 annual report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2326. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2327. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13288 with respect to Zimbabwe; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2328. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13692 with respect to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2329. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12957 with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2330. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2331. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Commission's Privacy Act Regulations" (RIN3235-AN21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

September 22, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2332. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investment Company Names" (RIN3235-AM72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2333. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Provisions Pertaining to Certain Transactions by Foreign Persons Involving Real Estate in the United States" (RIN1505-AC82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 13, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2334. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections in the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations and Western Balkans Stabilization Regulations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2335. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Magnificent Ramshorn and Designation of Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-BE86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2336. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status With Section 4(d) Rule for Sand Dune Phacelia and Designation of Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-BF89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2337. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for Two Distinct Population Segments and Endangered Status for Two Distinct Population Segments" (RIN1018-BE90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2338. A communication from the Policy Advisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Technical Corrections for Eight Species of Endangered and Threatened Fish and Wildlife" (RIN1018-BA54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2339. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; WA; Yakima County Outdoor and Agricultural Burning Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9203-02-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2340. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 10614-02-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2341. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; ArcelorMittal and NIPSCO Sulfur Dioxide Revisions" (FRL No. 10754-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2342. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Texas; Updates to Public Notice and Procedural Rules and Removal of Obsolete Provisions" (FRL No. 10892-03-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2343. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Revisions; California; Placer County Air Pollution Control District; General Permit Requirements, New Source Review" (FRL No. 11004-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2344. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Delegation of Authority for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; New Hampshire; Delegation of Authority" (FRL No. 11112-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2345. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Washington; Southwest Clean Air Agency, General Air Quality Regulations" (FRL No. 11155-02-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2346. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Washington; Southwest Clean Air Agency; Emission Standards and Controls for Sources Emitting Gasoline Vapors" (FRL No. 11175-02-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2347. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection