

from which the industry has yet to fully recover, as epitomized by mass layoffs and closures at several local news outlets in the 50 States and the District of Columbia since 2023;

Whereas PEN America proposed “a major reimagining of the local news space” in its 2019 call-to-action report, “Losing the News: The Decimation of Local Journalism and the Search for Solutions”, and called on society and the Federal Government to urgently address the alarming demise of local journalism; and

Whereas, half a century ago, Congress perceived that the commercial television industry would not independently provide the educational and public interest broadcasting that was appropriate and necessary for the United States, and, informed by an independent report prepared by the Carnegie Commission on Educational Television, created the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which has since ensured that radio and television include public interest educational and reporting programs using annually appropriated funds: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 2025 as “Preserving and Protecting Local News Month”;

(2) affirms that local news serves an essential function in the democracy of the United States;

(3) recognizes local news as a public good; and

(4) acknowledges the valuable contributions of local journalism towards the maintenance of healthy and vibrant communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 153—DESIGNATING MARCH 27, 2025, AS “NATIONAL WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE DAY”

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. COONS, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KING, Mr. BENNET, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WICKER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 153

Whereas the United States proudly recognizes agriculture as one of the most impactful industries of the United States and acknowledges the countless women who help agriculture prosper both in the United States and abroad;

Whereas there are more than 1,200,000 female agricultural producers in the United States, making up more than ⅓ of the agricultural producers in the United States;

Whereas, in 2022, farms operated by women in the United States sold \$222,000,000,000 in agricultural products, accounting for 36 percent of the total agriculture sales in the United States for that year;

Whereas, in addition to leading farming operations, women working in agriculture

make a difference across the United States in various commodity and industry fields, including research and development, manufacturing, sales and distribution, agricultural education, agribusiness, and advocacy, which extend benefits to individuals across the globe through the international trade of the United States;

Whereas the United States recognizes that women are vital in fostering the next generation of the agricultural workforce by promoting science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and agricultural education and entrepreneurial and community initiatives by serving as mentors for the 4-H Program, the National FFA Organization, the Cooperative Extension System, and numerous postsecondary agricultural science educator programs;

Whereas March is National Women's History Month; and

Whereas female professionals, instructors, and leaders in the agricultural field should be celebrated for their efforts during National Ag Week, which takes place between March 23 and March 29, 2025: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 27, 2025, as “National Women in Agriculture Day”;

(2) recognizes the important role of women in agriculture as producers, educators, leaders, mentors, and more; and

(3) encourages all citizens to—

(A) recognize women working in agriculture; and

(B) praise the significant positive impact those women have on the food resources and the agricultural workforce of the United States by encouraging and empowering women to—

(i) enter the agricultural field, which is a high-demand field of work;

(ii) cultivate opportunities to lead; and

(iii) feed a hungry world.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have seven 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 Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to consider a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., to consider a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

NATIONAL WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE DAY

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 153, which is at the desk.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 153) designating March 27, 2025, as “National Women in Agriculture Day”.

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

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and 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. 153) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 2; 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, morning business be closed, and the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 46, Dean Sauer; and notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Sauer nomination at 2:15 p.m.; further, that following the cloture vote on the Sauer nomination, the Senate vote on cloture on Executive Calendar No. 47, Harmeet Dhillon; finally, that if cloture is invoked on the Sauer and Dhillon nominations, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, during Wednesday's session of the Senate, the Senate vote

on confirmation of the nominations; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Wednesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Madam 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 9:19 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JARED NOVELLY, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NEW ZEALAND, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA, THE COOK ISLANDS, AND NIUE.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

TERESA A. BONZANI
CHAD C. CARTER
BRANDON C. HEMPHILL
JAMES D. HONEYCUTT
JOANNA M. JACKSON
VALERIE V. T. JOHNSON
MICHAEL T. KITTELL
MARIE P. KRIG
SEAN P. MARTIN
PETER C. RHEE
STEPHEN C. RUSH
KEVIN R. SELLARS
ONIER VILLARREAL ALEJANDRO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

LAUREL M. CHIARAMONTE
SHANNAN L. CORBIN
CANDACE C. GARCO
ANDREA A. HAYLOCK
ANGELLA M. MUDD
STEPHEN L. TAYLOR
SHANNON M. VAUGHT
PATRICIA A. WILKINSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

ISREAL BENNETT, JR.
SCOTT A. BLACK
KAREN B. CHISHOLM
DANIEL L. DILLINGER
ATUL V. PHADKE
CHRISTOPHER L. SUHR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

JAMESON C. DURHAM
ROBERT P. FLEMMING
MEGAN G. RIOS
JULIA K. WRIGLESWORTH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

JAMES N. BOND
ELI H. DOWELL
QUENTIN M. GENKE
MICHAEL C. GORTON
JAMES M. HENRY
MITCHELL S. HOLLEY
BRADLEY H. KELSEY II

KEITH A. MANRY
RICHARD C. POOLE
CARLOS A. RAMOS GRAULAU
MARIO S. ROSARIO
ROBERT D. ROSE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

BRUCE A. ABBOTT
PRISCILLA ASHLEY ANDALIA
HEATHER MARIE BAUGHMAN
COLE M. BRENNAN
SHAE DANIEL BRYANT
JESSICA MARIE C. CHENG
SOREN A. CHRISTENSEN
KOLIN D. COOKSON
MICHAEL W. CRUCIGER
EMILY K. DOE
NOHORA CATALINA DUQUE
ANGELA LYNN EMMERSON
WESTON V. FRANDSEN
JACOB A. FREEZE
JAYMES ROBERT FURNIVAL
MIGUEL GUZMAN, JR.
HALI R. HALL
DANIEL JOSEPH HALSE, JR.
KARL M. HELLWIG
DRAKE ALEXANDER HENRIE
AUDREY NICOLE IMPERIAL
KASEY M. JONES
COURTNEY O. KELLY
SHEILA CATHERINE KREWET
RYAN W. MATZEN
JEREMY A. MELDRUM
HYRUM K. MITCHELL
SHAWN EDWARD MOFFETT
NICHOLAS T. NELSON
BRIAN C. NG
AI MI O. NGUYEN
DANIEL D. NGUYEN
MATTHEW P. ONEIL
ALEXANDER V. PADALINO
NICHOLAS SCOTT PANTORI
SE HA PARK
BRIANA NICOLE POLK
ASHLEY RAYE ROTH
EMILY M. SEXTON
BROCK KEVIN SHAW
PHILLIP JOHN SHERIDAN
JORDAN ELIZABETH SMITH
MAI N. STERN
JACOB ANDREW SULLIVAN
JOSEPH X. M. TANAKA
TROY NATHAN THAYER
DANIEL JOSEPH THORNER
AUSTIN MICHAEL TYLER
CHAD LOWELL WAGNER
KEVIN WANG
VICTORIA TSU CHING WEI
SHIRLEY X. YE
BENJAMIN K. YOON
FIRAS MOUWAFK ZAKO
CHRISTINE LAUREN ZMUDA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

DANIELLE D. ACACIO
JOSEPH R. ADAMSON
KOLE P. AKULA
YEABBSRA KEFYALEW ALELIGNE
KATHERINE E. ALLEN
KEVIN C. ANDERSON
NOLAN N. ANDRES
CHRISTOPHER M. ANTHONY
CORIN R. ARCHULETA
CODY R. ASHCROFT
RAEGAN L. AUSTIN
DALEY PAO AUUIL
BENJAMIN D. BAILES
THOMAS COLE BAKER
MATTHEW J. BALLEW
ASHLEY B. BARASA
JOHN A. BARCEL
JANEANE ANN BARROW
JACQUELINE A. BAUDE
BRIAN JAMES BAXTER
DEVIN E. BELL
WILLIAM C. BENNETT IV
DAVID AUSTIN BENNION, JR.
DAVID I. BERMEJO
CATHERINE JOHANNA BERNAL
ALEXANDER W. BETZ
JOHN M. BLACK
PAUL A. BLAKE IV
JACOB C. BLOTTER
PHILIP T. BOWERS
ZACHARY DAVID BOWERS
RICHARD PAUL BOYD
DOMINIC A. BRACERO
DEREK J. BRADY
JON ELLIOTT D. BRUBAKER
ANTHONY J. BRUSNAHAN
ANDREW T. BUSHONG
MADISON T. CALDER
JOHNNY R. CAMPBELL, JR.
MILES A. CAMPBELL
GREGORY DANIEL CARBONELLA
RYAN PETER CARPI
TANNER C. CARLOCK
RACHEL H. CARLSON
HANNA CHANG

LISA J. CHOE
NICHOLAS C. CHOY
BRYCE R. CHRISTENSEN
DANIEL W. CLINE
MICHAEL T. COLFAX
KATELYNN MARIE COLLINS
LUKE M. CONKLIN
WESLEY E. CONN
STACY L. COOK
PETER S. COOPER
BRANDON M. COPE
JASON MERRILL CORLESS
JILL E. COSTER
JOREY A. CUNICO
DANICA M. CUTSHALL
MARIO J. CUZZI III
HENRY G. DANCHI
CODY KENNETH DARRINGTON
WILLIAM J. DAVIS
JOHN HENRY L. DEAN
MIKALYN T. DEFOOR
IAN M. DEL VALLE
JESSICA S. DEMES
MARK T. DERASMO
YONATAN P. DOLLIN
DAVID M. DRAGO
ANIRUDH DWARAKANATH
LISA VELING DYKES
NICHOLAS Y. EISENBERG
FEDOUA ER RBII
LUIS ENRIQUE ESPINOZA
SOREN K. ESTVOLD
GEORGE L. ETTTEL III
LAUREN PALITZ FERGUSON
FERNANDO H. FERRERA
EDMUND R. R. FLORENDO
STONE A. FRANKFORD
TRAVIS C. FRANTZ
MICHAEL P. FREIN
CASEY E. FRENCH
MARTY B. GADAROWSKI
VALENCIA DENISE GARCIA
SAMUEL L. GARRETT
JOSEPH A. GATTO
MATTHEW W. GEORGE
SYDNEY A. GIBLIN
STEVEN J. GIBSON
ROY THOMAS GILDERSLEEVE II
KENDRICK V. GO
HENRY JOHN GOETZMAN
CAITLIN NICOLE GONSOLIN
VARUN GOPINATH
JONATHAN M. GOROG
DOUGLAS A. GOUCOE
LAWRENCE C. GRAY II
ASHLEY MARIE Y. GREEN LOTT
ABIGAIL S. GREENWELL
KRISTIN NICOLE GREER
TANNER G. GREIVING
MARCO A. GRIECO
CHRISTINA M. GRIMSLEY
ASHLEY C. GULLIXSON
MARC R. GUTIERREZ
RYAN R. HAAS
JACOB M. HALL
KATHERINE A. HANEL
ELIZABETH C. HARGROVE
CLINTON D. HARPER
KELLY ELIZABETH HARRELL
KYLE D. HART
SPENCER E. HART
DESON GALEN HAYNIE
BENJAMIN J. HAZEN
ZACHARY A. HEMANN
JONATHAN A. HESS
ROBERT T. HILL
VICTOR D. HOANG
FIONA C. HODGES
ENNEN LYNN HOEBLER
MARCUS A. HOOF
MARIA M. HORNBERGER
ISAAC S. HOROWITZ
MITCHELL R. HORTEN
STEPHANIE ANNE HOWES
MICHAEL S. D. HUBBELL
DANIEL M. HUSHLA
JOEL D. HUTCHISON
ELISABETH H. HWANG
RYAN T. HYATT
BENJAMIN P. ILIFF
JOSEPH W. INHOFFER
BRANNON L. INMAN
ADAM J. JACKSON
JACQUELINE N. JENSEN
COUGER A. JIMENEZ JARAMILLO
NOAH Y. JO
ANNA E. JOHNSON
KENNETH JAMES JOHNSON
JONATHAN E. JOSEPHSON
JENNY H. JUNG
KRISTINA LAKE KARLSON
MICHAEL J. KASUNIC
PETER F. KEARES
CONNOR L. KENNEY
CHRISTIAN L. KILPATRICK
HASEUNG KIM
MIKE S. KIM
SHAWN K. KIM
RYAN W. KISSINGER
TAYLOR R. KJAR
JEANETTE K. KLAMPFOTH
MICHAEL A. KLEMM
LUKE DANIEL KREMBS
BUNNARACK KUCH
DAVID T. KVAMME
KAISER G. LAHM
ALEXANDER Q. LAM