

Whereas the month of April marks the beginning of the peak period during which excavation projects are carried out around the United States;

Whereas, in 2002, Congress required the Department of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission to establish a 3-digit, nationwide, toll-free number to be used by State “One Call” systems to provide information on underground utility lines;

Whereas, in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated “811” as the nationwide “One Call” number for homeowners and excavators to use to obtain information on underground utility lines before conducting excavation activities (referred to in this preamble as the “One Call”/811 program”);

Whereas the nearly 4,000 damage prevention professionals who are members of the Common Ground Alliance, States, the “One Call”/811 program, and other stakeholders who are dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services, promote the national “Contact 811 Before You Dig” campaign to increase public awareness about the importance of homeowners and excavators contacting 811 to find out the location of underground utility lines before digging;

Whereas the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-90; 125 Stat. 1904) affirmed and expanded the “One Call”/811 program by eliminating exemptions given to local and State government agencies and their contractors regarding notifying “One Call”/811 centers before digging;

Whereas, according to the 2023 Damage Information Reporting Tool Report published by the Common Ground Alliance in October 2024—

(1) “No notification to the 811 center” remains the number 1 top root cause of damage;

(2) failure to notify 811 prior to digging contributed to 26 percent of damages; and

(3) landscaping is the top type of work performed when professionals cause no-notification damages; and

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance has designated April as “National Safe Digging Month” to increase awareness of safe digging practices across the United States and to celebrate the anniversary of the designation of 811 as the national “Contact Before You Dig” number: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month;

(2) encourages all homeowners and excavators throughout the United States to contact 811 by phone or online before digging; and

(3) encourages all damage prevention stakeholders to help educate homeowners and excavators throughout the United States about the importance of contacting 811 to have the approximate location of buried utilities marked with paint or flags before digging.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 161—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF APRIL 7 THROUGH APRIL 11, 2025, AS “NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS WEEK”**

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 161

Whereas the National Association of Secondary School Principals (referred to in this preamble as “NASSP”), the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the American Federation of School Administrators have designated the week of April 7 through April 11, 2025, as “National Assistant Principals Week”;

Whereas an assistant principal, as a member of the school administration, interacts with many sectors of the school community, including support staff, instructional staff, students, and parents;

Whereas assistant principals are responsible for establishing a positive learning environment and building strong relationships between school and community;

Whereas assistant principals play a pivotal role in the instructional leadership of their schools by supervising student instruction, mentoring teachers, recognizing the achievements of staff, encouraging collaboration among staff, ensuring the implementation of best practices, monitoring student achievement and progress, facilitating and modeling data-driven decision making to inform instruction, and guiding the direction of targeted intervention and school improvement;

Whereas the day-to-day logistical operations of schools require assistant principals to monitor and address facility needs, attendance, transportation issues, and scheduling challenges, as well as to supervise extra- and co-curricular events;

Whereas assistant principals are entrusted with maintaining an inviting, safe, and orderly school environment that supports the growth and achievement of each and every student by nurturing positive peer relationships, recognizing student achievement, mediating conflicts, analyzing behavior patterns, providing interventions, and, when necessary, taking disciplinary actions;

Whereas, since its establishment in 2004, the NASSP National Assistant Principal of the Year Program has recognized outstanding middle and high school assistant principals who demonstrate success in leadership, curriculum, and personalization; and

Whereas the week of April 7 through April 11, 2025, is an appropriate week to designate as “National Assistant Principals Week”: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of “National Assistant Principals Week”;

(2) honors the contributions of assistant principals to the success of students in the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Assistant Principals Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the role played by assistant principals in school leadership and ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 117-263, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: the Honorable CHRIS COONS of Delaware, Michael C. Casey of the District of Columbia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE JOHN BENNETT JOHNSTON, JR., FORMER SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 159, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 159) honoring the life of the Honorable John Bennett Johnston, Jr., former Senator for the State of Louisiana.

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

Mr. MORENO. 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. 159) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

**SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 160) supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.

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

Mr. MORENO. 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. 160) was agreed to.

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**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour

be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, all postcloture time with respect to Executive Calendar No. 56, Elbridge Colby, be deemed expired and, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Colby nomination and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; further, that the cloture motions filed on Saturday, April 5, ripen following confirmation of the Colby nomination; that following the confirmation vote on the Colby nomination, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 54, George Glass; that if cloture is invoked on the Glass nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15

p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; further, that at 2:15 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Glass nomination; that following disposition of the Glass nomination, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 67, Mike Huckabee; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday'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.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand ad-

journed under the provisions of S. Res. 159.

There being no objection, as a further mark of respect to the late John Bennett Johnston, Jr., former Senator for the State of Louisiana, the Senate, at 7:03 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 10 a.m.

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NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND  
DEVELOPMENT

SCOTT BESSENT, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT; UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS; UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS; AND UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE STEVEN T. MNUCHIN.