

for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BUDD, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 198. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the system of compensation of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority that supports acts of terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BANKS):

S. Res. 30. A resolution honoring Mississippi's Gestational Age Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 25

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 25, a bill to impose an assessment related to fossil fuel emissions, to establish the Polluter Pay Climate Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 50

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to prohibit the intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs controls, and for other purposes.

S. 53

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 53, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to fingerprint noncitizen minors entering the United States who are suspected of being victims of human trafficking, to require the Secretary to publicly disclose the number of such minors who are fingerprinted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials and the number of child traffickers who are apprehended by CBP, to impose criminal penalties on noncitizen adults who use unrelated minors to gain entry into the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 82

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, and for other purposes.

S. 93

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 93, a bill to amend the Harmful

Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes.

S. 112

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 112, a bill to amend section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols.

S. 115

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 115, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal penalty for unauthorized access to Department of Defense facilities.

S. 124

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 124, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for disciplinary procedures for supervisors and managers at the Department of Veterans Affairs and to modify the procedures of personnel actions against employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to place limitations on excepting positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes.

S. 137

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to require the resignation of Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 30—HONORING MISSISSIPPI'S GESTATIONAL AGE ACT

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MARSHALL,

Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BANKS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 30

Whereas, on January 15, 2018, Mississippi State Representative Becky Currie of Brookhaven, Mississippi introduced the Gestational Age Act to protect unborn children from elective abortion after 15 weeks gestation;

Whereas, on March 19, 2018, the Gestational Age Act was passed by the Mississippi State Legislature, approved by Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, and enacted into law;

Whereas, in May 2021, the United States Supreme Court agreed to review *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, 597 U.S. 215 (2022), a challenge to the constitutionality of the Gestational Age Act, where the question before the Court was whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortion are unconstitutional; and

Whereas, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its historical decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, holding that "the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. *Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives." Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses profound gratitude to Mississippi State Representative Becky Currie for introducing the catalyst that ultimately brought about the historical victory of overturning *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 503 U.S. 833 (1992); and

(2) honors life-affirming States across the country that have enacted laws aimed to value and protect the inherent dignity of every mother and unborn child.

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I would like to enter into the RECORD a resolution honoring Representative Becky Currie in this role in history that she plays.

Today, I am introducing a Senate resolution honoring the Mississippi Gestational Age Act:

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Whereas, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its historical decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, holding that "the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. *Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives." Now, therefore, be it

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I have one request for a committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

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, January 22, 2025, at 2 p.m., to hold an executive session.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns be granted floor privileges until May 30, 2025: Hinson Peed and Madeline Becker.

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

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jermaine Jackson, Julia Burnell, Steven Ramdilal, and Tracy Fasolino, who are fellows in my office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of their assignments to my office.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 23; 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.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. 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 4:57 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MICHAEL BOREN, OF IDAHO, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, VICE HOMER L. WILKES, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STEVEN BRADBURY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE POLLY ELLEN TROTTEMBERG, RESIGNED.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

WILLIAM BRIGGS, OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, VICE DILAWAR SYED, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

JAMES DANLY, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF ENERGY, VICE DAVID TURK, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RICHARD FORDYCE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION, VICE ROBERT FARRELL BONNIE, RESIGNED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DAVID FOTOUHI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE JANET GARVIN MCCABE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

KENNETH KIES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE LILY LAWRENCE BATCHELDER.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL KRATSIOS, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, VICE ARATI PRABHAKAR.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

PAUL LAWRENCE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE TANYA J. BRADSHAW, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

KATHARINE MACGREGOR, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, VICE TOMMY P. BEAUDREAU, RESIGNED.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CASEY MULLIGAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR ADVOCACY, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, VICE DARRYL L. DEPRIEST, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

WILLIAM PULTE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE SANDRA L. THOMPSON.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PENNY SCHWINN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, VICE CYNTHIA MINETTE MARTEN, RESIGNED.