

and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2025.

PN437 NAVY nomination of Phuong T. Pham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2025.

PN479-1 NAVY nominations (2) beginning SARA R. DE GROOT, and ending BRIAN KORN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 2, 2025.

PN485 NAVY nominations (45) beginning JOEL ALMANZANUNEZ, and ending DAVID A. WAKEMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN486 NAVY nominations (10) beginning BRANDON L. BARKER, and ending GRAHAM D. ZIEMBA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN487 NAVY nominations (26) beginning ERIC J. BLOMBERG, and ending THOMAS A. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN488 NAVY nominations (203) beginning VIVEK M. ABRAHAM, and ending ARTEMISA A. ZUAZO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN489 NAVY nominations (63) beginning RIAZ M. ALI, and ending WON H. YU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN490 NAVY nominations (159) beginning LEONARD E. ABADAM, and ending KELLYLYNN ZUNI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN491 NAVY nominations (7) beginning HANNAH J. ADDOM-TETTEH, and ending WILLIAM E. OMALLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN492 NAVY nominations (48) beginning BRANDY D. BENNETT, and ending CHEOL YI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN493 NAVY nominations (54) beginning CALEB D. AABERG, and ending DMITRIY YAKUBOV, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN494 NAVY nominations (3) beginning WILLIAM J. DEAN, and ending BRENTON W. HEISSERER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN495 NAVY nominations (57) beginning JESSICA L. ABBEY, and ending WILLIAM Z. XU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN496 NAVY nominations (134) beginning CHRISTINA M. ACOSTA, and ending ANYA L. ZAPF, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN497 NAVY nominations (67) beginning ABRAHAM D. AGUS, and ending DAVID ZHU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 2025.

PN507 NAVY nominations (28) beginning ADAM E. BAYER, and ending ZACHARY B. ZUMWALT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN508 NAVY nominations (33) beginning DAMIAN R. ALLEN, and ending MICHAEL S. YEARY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN509 NAVY nominations (121) beginning TEDDY G. AJERO, JR., and ending KENNETH E. ZITNIK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN510 NAVY nominations (35) beginning AMY T. ALFARO, and ending JEREMY P. WADE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN511 NAVY nominations (53) beginning ALEXANDER ALBA, and ending SOBONDO J. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN512 NAVY nominations (23) beginning ZACHARY P. BRANCH, and ending SHARLENA Y. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN513 NAVY nominations (65) beginning KARA L. BALLAS, and ending JUSTIN K. WOOLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN514 NAVY nominations (45) beginning ADAM M. ALLEMAN, and ending ROSANNE M. WITT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN515 NAVY nomination of Scott A. Metcalf, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

PN516 NAVY nominations (2) beginning JOHAN BAIK, and ending BRETT K. CARTWRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2025.

#### IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN426 SPACE FORCE nominations (98) beginning MICHAEL D. ALBERT, and ending RICK H. YUAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 21, 2025.

PN427 SPACE FORCE nominations (115) beginning ROSALINDA M. ALFARO, and ending WILLIE A. YOUNGBLOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 21, 2025.

PN428 SPACE FORCE nominations (59) beginning BRIAN G. ALLEN, and ending DAVID C. ZESINGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 21, 2025.

PN429 SPACE FORCE nominations (60) beginning DANIEL N. BANAKOS, and ending JULIUS A. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 21, 2025.

PN430 SPACE FORCE nominations (53) beginning JOHN M. AGUIRRE, and ending DEREK B. WORTH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 21, 2025.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that 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.

#### THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION

Mr. WELCH. Madam President, I support Senator MERKLEY's resolution

calling on the President of the United States to recognize an independent and sovereign State of Palestine, alongside a secure State of Israel. This is a long-held position of the United States, of both Republican and Democratic administrations, which must not be abandoned.

The choice before us is clear: either we embrace the two-state solution or continue to support today's relentless military occupation. This horrible death and destruction in Gaza must stop. That is why the time for two states can be delayed no longer.

Calling for this does not create a state, but rather reinforces the commitment of the two-state solution.

I am deeply committed to a safe, secure, democratic Israel. But this outcome is only possible if there is also an independent, demilitarized, and sovereign Palestinian state.

While the Senate cannot diplomatically recognize an independent Palestine, my colleagues make a reasoned plea in this resolution for President Trump to listen to the American people, to listen to our allies, and to listen to our partners around the world. This step is critical for the peace and security of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

This resolution reinforces the fact that Israel's neighbors want peace. Saudi Arabia has led the entirety of the Arab League in reaffirming that it seeks full normalization and peace with Israel—if and when Israel is willing to recognize that Palestinians deserve what all people deserve: the right to self-determination, sovereignty, freedom, and dignity.

Saudi Arabia and France have also led a multinational initiative this year underlining that the entire Middle East is willing to build a regional security framework that assures the safety of the people of Israel, but Israel must take unequivocal steps toward a Palestinian state.

I urge my colleagues to join us on this timely resolution, which aligns with the objective of nearly 80 years of U.S. policy: two independent states and lasting peace in the Middle East.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:08 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5371. An act making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 452. An act to award 3 Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at