

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on H.R. 2048, an act to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, John Cornyn, Ron Johnson, Dean Heller, Steve Daines, Cory Gardner, Johnny Isakson, Richard Burr, Tim Scott, James Lankford, Jeff Flake, Mike Lee, Lisa Murkowski, John Barrasso, Thom Tillis, Chuck Grassley, Richard C. Shelby.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to proceed to H.R. 1735.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 99, H.R. 1735, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 1735, an act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

Mitch McConnell, John McCain, Lindsey Graham, Kelly Ayotte, Jeff Sessions, Shelley Moore Capito, Joni Ernst, Deb Fischer, Thom Tillis, Roger F. Wicker, Tom Cotton, Dan Sullivan, Mike Rounds, James M. Inhofe, John Cornyn, Mike Lee, Cory Gardner.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to 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.

REMEMBERING BEAU BIDEN

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, my heart and the hearts of my entire family go out to Vice President JOE BIDEN and his family on the tragic loss of his son, Beau Biden.

As a mother of children about Beau's age I know that this is the age when our children are coming fully into their own and Beau Biden was already there.

He was a skilled attorney general, a promising candidate for Governor, and above all an extraordinarily loving family member.

The Vice President has suffered too many losses in his lifetime and each one has cut deep. I hope he knows that all of us who love him are praying that his faith and the deep love of his family will see him through this tragic loss.

I know the people of California join me in sending the deepest condolences to the Biden family.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO C. EDWARD BROWN

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I wish to recognize C. Edward "Ed" Brown, FACHE, on his election to the American Medical Group Association's Policy Hall of Fame. Ed has a long track record in Iowa and Washington as a leading advocate in health care policy reform. He also served in numerous leadership roles at the American Medical Group Association, chairing its public policy committee for 4 years and serving as chairman of its board.

Mr. Brown has had a distinguished career in health care in Iowa, where he has served for the last 21 years as chief executive officer of the Iowa Clinic, a multispecialty group practice in Des Moines. The Iowa Clinic is the largest physician-owned multispecialty group in central Iowa, with nearly 200 physicians and health care providers practicing in 40 specialties. The clinic serves a population area of 1.1 million, averaging 400,000 patient visits each year.

Ed has a long list of achievements in delivering cutting edge, quality-focused health care to the benefit of Iowans, and his achievements include the Iowa Clinic's adoption of electronic medical records and information technology systems. He holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Evansville and a master's degree in health administration from Washington University in St. Louis. Also, he is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, with more than 30 years of experience in executive and senior levels of health care management.

As an advocate for multispecialty medical groups and AMGA, Ed has been a leader in promoting a model of care delivery and an organization that represents some of the Nation's highest quality and most prestigious health care delivery systems. It is wonderful to see someone with such a distinguished health care record in Iowa recognized at the national level as a dedicated leader who is committed to improving health care at such an important time for our Nation's health care delivery system.

Ed's voice has been an invaluable contribution to the health care debate in this country, and I congratulate him on this deserved recognition for his countless achievements in the public policy realm. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate on January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 26, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1690. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2353. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the acting President pro tempore (Mr. BLUNT).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1470. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 188. A resolution expressing appreciation of the goals of American Craft Beer Week and commending the small and independent craft brewers of the United States; considered and agreed to.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 188—EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF THE GOALS OF AMERICAN CRAFT BEER WEEK AND COMMENDING THE SMALL AND INDEPENDENT CRAFT BREWERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. AYOTTE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 188

Whereas American Craft Beer Week is celebrated annually in breweries, brew pubs, restaurants, and beer stores by craft brewers, home brewers, and beer enthusiasts nationwide;

Whereas in 2015, American Craft Beer Week is celebrated from May 11 to May 17;

Whereas craft brewers are a vibrant affirmation and expression of the entrepreneurial