

they got to see a lot of our troops, not only Alaska but Iowa National Guard, Hawaii troops, all training in the great State of Alaska.

You know that our troops are doing amazing work, not just the training in different bases throughout the country but keeping us safe throughout the world and risking their lives in combat throughout the world. I certainly don't have to mention to this body the number of troops we have deployed all over the world keeping us safe—in combat and risking their lives.

I mentioned the pride that Americans have in their military because it is really important to understand what just happened on the Senate floor about 20 minutes ago. What just happened? Sometimes it is hard to figure out the process. What did we just vote on? Let me put it bluntly. The minority leader of the Senate once again encouraged the Members of the other side of the aisle, of his party, to filibuster the funding for our troops. That just happened. The press will not report on it, but it is pretty remarkable given what we have going on in the world and one of the most sacred responsibilities of what we should be doing in this body. We just saw another filibuster of spending for the men and women who serve in the U.S. military. What a disappointment it is and what a disconnect between what is going on in the rest of America and here in DC.

I want to remind my colleagues of this. If you went back home, regardless of where you live, regardless of what party you are in, and you asked your constituents: Should we be funding our military right now, should we be funding the men and women who are overseas risking their lives, keeping this Nation safe, the answer, probably, of virtually every American in the United States of America would be yes.

I want to remind my colleagues that what just happened on the Senate floor—another filibuster of spending for our troops—wasn't the first time. Indeed, this is the bill that the minority leader of the Senate decided he wants to filibuster more than any other bill that we have brought up in the last year and a half.

This evening's vote was the sixth time that the minority leader of the Senate has led a filibuster against funding for our troops. He wasn't satisfied to do it one time or two times or three times or four times or five times—six times.

You and I and many other Members of the Senate were on the floor in July making the case that we shouldn't be doing this. We—I mean the Senate—should be focused on funding our troops. By the way, they read about this. For those who think the members of the military don't understand what is going on—that one party consistently denies them funding, that nobody understands that—that is not true. The troops know what is going on.

We were down here, like many other Members of the Senate, encouraging

our colleagues to support the troops, to stop the filibuster. This is what our troops want. This is what the American people want, and this is what the Senate of the United States of America should be doing—supporting our troops, not denying them funding.

I know my colleagues and I will continue to fight for this funding and fight these misguided attempts by the minority leader to undercut our troops, undercut our military, and undercut the funding that they desperately need and that should be a primary responsibility of this body.

I yield the floor.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:14 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### THE JUDICIARY

ABID RIAZ QURESHI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VICE ROSEMARY M. COLLYER, RETIRED.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

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

##### To be brigadier general

COL. CHARLES L. PLUMMER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. SAMUEL A. GREAVES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be general

LT. GEN. JAMES M. HOLMES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARK D. KELLY

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. JOSEPH F. JARRARD

THE FOLLOWING OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. LAUREL J. HUMMEL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be general

LT. GEN. GUSTAVE F. PERNA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE VICE CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 10505 AND 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. DANIEL R. HOKANSON

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

##### To be brigadier general

COL. ALFRED F. ABRAMSON III  
COL. PETER B. ANDRYSIAK, JR.  
COL. ROBERT W. BENNETT, JR.  
COL. JONATHAN P. BRAGA  
COL. JOHN W. BRENNAN, JR.  
COL. DAVID E. BRIGHAM  
COL. MIGUEL A. CORREA  
COL. CLEMENT S. COWARD, JR.  
COL. MARIO A. R. DIAZ  
COL. PATRICK J. DONAHOE  
COL. CHRISTOPHER T. DONAHUE  
COL. ROBERT L. EDMONSON II  
COL. SCOTT L. EFFLANDT  
COL. MICHAEL R. FENZEL  
COL. DAVID J. FRANCIS  
COL. PAUL H. FREDENBURGH  
COL. DAVID M. HAMILTON  
COL. NEIL S. HERSEY  
COL. LONNIE G. HIBBARD  
COL. JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, JR.  
COL. OMAR J. JONES IV  
COL. MARK H. LANDES  
COL. DAVID A. LESPERANCE  
COL. STEPHEN J. MARANIAN  
COL. DOUGLAS M. MCBRIDE, JR.  
COL. MATTHEW W. MCFARLANE  
COL. STEPHEN L. MICHAEL  
COL. CHRISTOPHER O. MOHAN  
COL. LAURA A. POTTER  
COL. ANTHONY W. POTTS  
COL. ROBERT A. RASCH, JR.  
COL. KENNETH T. ROYAR  
COL. DOUGLAS A. SIMS II  
COL. STEPHEN G. SMITH  
COL. JOHN C. ULRICH  
COL. ROBERT F. WHITTLE, JR.  
COL. DAVID WILSON

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. WILLIAM K. LESCHER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. JAMES G. FOGGO III

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be general

LT. GEN. JOHN W. RAYMOND

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

##### To be major

REBECCA L. POWERS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

##### To be major

WILLIAM L. WHITE

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

##### To be colonel

ANTHONY B. MULHARE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

##### To be major

ROBERT M. CLONTZ II

REBECCA K. KEMMET

##### IN THE ARMY

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

##### To be colonel

FREDDY L. ADAMS II  
PAUL E. ALESSIO  
RONNIE D. ANDERSON, JR.  
JOEL D. BABBITT  
DARIEN L. BAISLEY  
JEFFREY E. BAKER  
SEAN G. BARRETT  
STEPHANIE A. BARTON