

(2) the term “Department” means the Department of Homeland Security.

(b) REVIEW.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security submits the first multiyear acquisition strategy required under section 836 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by section 2 of this Act, after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the strategy and analyze the viability of the effectiveness of the strategy in—

(1) complying with the requirements of such section 836;

(2) establishing clear connections between Department objectives and acquisition priorities;

(3) demonstrating that Department acquisition policy reflects program management best practices and standards;

(4) ensuring competition or the option of competition for major acquisition programs;

(5) considering potential cost savings through using existing technologies when developing acquisition program requirements;

(6) preventing duplication within Department acquisition workforce training requirements through leveraging already-existing training within the Federal Government, academic community, or private industry; and

(7) providing incentives for acquisition program managers to reduce acquisition and procurement costs through the use of best practices and disciplined program management.

(c) REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report on the review conducted under subsection (b), which shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 119—REQUIRING AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES TO HOLD ANNUAL HEARINGS ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS ON THE IDENTIFICATION, CONSOLIDATION, AND ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 119

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This resolution may be cited as the “Congressional Oversight to Start Taxpayer Savings Resolution” or the “COST Savings Resolution”.

#### SEC. 2. REQUIRING COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORTS.

(a) DUPLICATION REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Comptroller General of the United States transmits each annual report to Congress identifying programs, agencies, offices, and initiatives with duplicative goals and activities within the Government under section 21 of the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolu-

tion increasing the statutory limit on the public debt” (Public Law 111-139; 31 U.S.C. 712 note), each standing committee of the Senate (except the Committee on Appropriations) with jurisdiction over any such program, agency, office, or initiative covered by that report shall conduct hearings on the recommendations for consolidation and elimination of such program, agency, office, or initiative.

(b) HIGH RISK LIST.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Comptroller General of the United States publishes a High Risk List, or any successor thereto, each standing committee of the Senate (except the Committee on Appropriations) with jurisdiction over any agency or program area on the High Risk List shall conduct hearings on the vulnerabilities to fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, or need for transformation, of the agency or program area.

(c) JOINT HEARINGS.—For any program, agency, office, initiative, or program area over which more than 1 standing committee of the Senate (except the Committee on Appropriations) has jurisdiction, to the extent determined beneficial and appropriate by the Chairmen of the committees, the committees may hold joint hearings under subsection (a) or (b).

### SENATE RESOLUTION 120—DESIGNATING APRIL 20, 2017, AS “NATIONAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE DAY”

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 120

Whereas the United States should reduce dependence on foreign oil and enhance energy security by creating a transportation sector that is less dependent on oil;

Whereas the United States should improve the air quality of the country by reducing emissions from the millions of motor vehicles that operate in the United States;

Whereas the United States should foster national expertise and technological advancement in the development of cleaner, more energy-efficient alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles;

Whereas a robust domestic industry for alternative fuels, alternative fuel vehicles, and advanced technology vehicles will create jobs and increase the competitiveness of the United States in the international community;

Whereas the people of the United States need more options for clean and energy-efficient transportation;

Whereas the mainstream adoption of alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles will produce benefits at the local, national, and international levels;

Whereas consumers and businesses require a better understanding of the benefits of alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles;

Whereas numerous audiences, such as first responders, require comprehensive training to become fully prepared for any precautionary measures for working with alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles; and

Whereas the Federal Government can lead the way toward a cleaner and more efficient transportation sector by choosing alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles for the fleets of the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 20, 2017, as “National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day”;

(2) proclaims National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day as a day to promote programs and activities that will lead to the greater use of cleaner, more efficient transportation that uses new sources of energy; and

(3) urges the people of the United States—

(A) to increase the personal and commercial use of cleaner and energy-efficient alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles;

(B) to promote public sector adoption of cleaner and energy-efficient alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles; and

(C) to encourage the adoption of Federal policies to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil through the advancement and adoption of alternative, advanced, and emerging vehicle and fuel technologies.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 121—DESIGNATING APRIL 11, 2017, AS THE “NATIONAL BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE”

Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 121

Whereas, for 117 years, the broad strategic and tactical advantages created by the submarine force of the Navy (referred to in this preamble as the “Submarine Force”) have enhanced the national security of the United States through undersea missions;

Whereas, over the course of the last 11 decades, the submarines of the Navy have advanced through 4 generations;

Whereas the Navy first acquired a commissioned submarine, the USS Holland (SS-1), on April 11, 1900;

Whereas the first generation submarines of the Navy rapidly evolved from small, limited-capability submersibles to a dominant force in naval warfare;

Whereas the second generation submarines of the Navy, defined by the heroes of World War II, made a decisive difference in a war in which control of the sea was crucial;

Whereas the third generation submarines of the Navy, defined by the Cold War and the use nuclear power, helped prevent a nuclear world war and secured the interests of the United States;

Whereas the modern, fourth generation submarines of the Navy use long-range sensors and weapons to stay ahead of global threats and preserve freedom of navigation in the global maritime environment;

Whereas, in 2017, the Submarine Force consists of 52 attack, 14 ballistic missile, and 4 guided missile submarines that enable the Navy to win wars, prevent conflicts, and defeat threats posed by terrorists;

Whereas, throughout the history of the Submarine Force, the 1 constant has been the tremendous character, courage, and dedication of the men and women who maintain, equip, and train and fight in the submarines of the Navy; and

Whereas April 11, 2017, marks the 117th birthday of the Submarine Force and is an appropriate date to designate as the “National Birthday of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force”: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 11, 2017, as the “National Birthday of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force”; and

(2) acknowledges the critical role that the men and women of the submarine force of the Navy fulfill in defending the United States.