

**SA 750.** Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_ . TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF EXTENDED PERIOD OF PROTECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF UNIFORMED SERVICES RELATING TO MORTGAGES, MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE, AND EVICTION.**

Section 710(d) of the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-154; 50 U.S.C. 3953 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “December 31, 2017” and inserting “December 31, 2019”; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking “January 1, 2018” and inserting “January 1, 2020”.

**SA 751.** Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2430, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 97, strike line 20 and all that follows through line 9 on page 98 and insert the following:

“(k) RELATION TO ORPHAN DRUGS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL; EXEMPTION FOR ORPHAN INDICATIONS.—Unless the Secretary requires otherwise by regulation, this section does not apply to any drug for an indication for which orphan designation has been granted under section 526, except as provided in paragraph (2).

“(2) APPLICABILITY DESPITE ORPHAN DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN INDICATIONS.—This section shall apply with respect to a drug or biological product for which an indication has been granted orphan designation under section 526—

“(A) if the pediatric cancer investigation described in subsection (a)(3) applies to the drug or biological product as described in subsection (a)(1)(B); or

“(B) if such orphan indication is limited to a pediatric subpopulation and such indication in the adult population does not qualify for orphan designation.

“(3) EFFECT OF APPLICATION.—Application of this section to drugs and biological products described in paragraph (2)(B) does not limit the applicability of section 526 to such drugs and biological products.”.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mrs. FISHER. Mr. President, I have 9 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to Rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are au-

thorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 2, 2017 at 5 p.m. to conduct a business meeting to report nominations.

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to hold an Executive Session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 10 a.m. in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing entitled, “FBI Headquarters Consolidation Project—What Happened and What's Next.”

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 2, at 11 a.m. in the President's Room. We will be considering the nominations.

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 11 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 2 p.m., to hold a briefing entitled “The Authorizations for the Use of Military Force: Administration Perspective.”

#### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate Wednesday, August 2, 2017 off the floor at the start of the first vote to conduct a business meeting.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Water and Power is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to hold a hearing on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 10 a.m. in Room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, Au-

gust 2, 2017, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Assessing the Colombia Peace Process: The Way Forward in U.S.-Colombia Relations.”

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 3, the Senate proceed to executive session for consideration of Calendar No. 103, the nomination of the Deputy Secretary at the Department of Energy. I further ask that there be 15 minutes of debate on the nomination equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on confirmation with no intervening action or debate, and that, if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

#### AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND REPRESENTATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 244, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 244) to authorize testimony, document production, and representation in United States of America v. Robert Menendez, et al.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 244) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to. (The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 115-31, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission: Marjorie Dannenfelser of Virginia and Clea Mitchell of North Carolina.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the

Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Thursday, August 3; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2430, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:40 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TED MCKINNEY, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURE AFFAIRS. (NEW POSITION)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOHN HENDERSON, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE MIRANDA A. A. BALLENTINE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

RYAN DOUGLAS NELSON, OF IDAHO, TO BE SOLICITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, VICE HILARY CHANDLER TOMPKINS.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

DANIEL M. GADE, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2021, VICE CONSTANCE S. BARKER, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JOHN MARSHALL MITNICK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE STEVAN EATON BUNNELL.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROBERT J. HIGDON, JR., OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE THOMAS GRAY WALKER, RESIGNED.

THOMAS L. KIRSCH II, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DAVID A. CAPP, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

MELISSA SUE GLYNN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (ENTERPRISE INTEGRATION), VICE LINDA A. SCHWARTZ.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

RICHARD GLICK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2022, VICE COLETTE DODSON HONORABLE, TERM EXPIRED.

KEVIN J. MCINTYRE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR

THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2018, VICE NORMAN C. BAY, RESIGNED.

KEVIN J. MCINTYRE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2023. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMIE MCCOURT, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate August 2, 2017:

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

MARVIN KAPLAN, OF KANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING AUGUST 27, 2020.

WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on August 2, 2017 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

GEORGE NESTERCZUK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE KATHERINE ARCHULETA, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MAY 25, 2017.

JAMIE MCCOURT, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 26, 2017.