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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

September 5, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In the wake of a great American holiday, we ask Your special blessing on American workers: those fortunate to have jobs during these difficult economic times, and those desiring work. May they know and be confident of the nobility and sacredness of their labor.

Lord, the task facing the Nation's Congress is a difficult one, which will call upon each Member to consider what is best for American workers first. It is the challenge facing all Americans.

Give the Members wisdom in their work, that our economy might continue to rebound, and our countrymen and -women throughout these United States be able to provide for their families to build lives we have all come to expect for our citizens.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GAETZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GAETZ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

DACA

(Mr. GAETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I take to the floor of the House today to support President Trump's decision as it relates to DACA.

America must be a nation of laws, and those laws must be passed by the Congress. This is the promise made in our Constitution and ensured by our enduring liberty. President Obama was incorrect to unilaterally act in this program; President Trump is correct to put the power back in the hands of the people's representatives.

America must also be a nation of borders, and we erode the virtue and value of those borders when we draw people across those borders illegally. There is nothing compassionate about telling the rest of the world that, so long as a child arrives here, that child will be treated as if they have the same virtues and values of American citizens, if they committed the criminal offense of unlawful entry into the country.

Challenges we have seen with undocumented minors being sent has created humanitarian crises, and I believe

that DACA and other programs that draw those across our borders illegally have contributed to those crises. I support the President. We should end DACA.

DACA

(Ms. BARRAGÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I am fired up. I am angry about the decision that the President made today on DACA.

I want to thank the thousands of people who have risen up across this country—from Houston, to Philly, to Los Angeles, to Denver—to say that they are going to have their voices heard. They need to continue to sound that voice.

What about the promise the government made to these young people that said: If you come forward and come out of the shadows, we are going to protect your information? What about that promise?

I want every DREAMer to know that I stand with them and that I am going to fight like hell here in Congress to make sure that we protect them and to make sure that we honor the promise that we made. These people are our doctors, our teachers, our neighbors, and, in my case, my cousin.

I call on Congress and my colleagues across the aisle who have been speaking up on this issue in support of DACA protections to do more than speak, and to act—to act now and to act fast.

CONGRESS SHOULD MAKE IMMIGRATION POLICIES

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, today President Trump delivered on

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his promise to the American people. He said he would discontinue the DACA immigration program, which allows hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants to stay in the country and receive work permits.

By ending the unconstitutional DACA program, he has overturned the last of President Obama's amnesty agenda and returned to the rule of law. President Obama, a former constitutional law professor, said many times that DACA was unconstitutional.

Congress and the administration should strengthen our laws against illegal immigration and ensure that our immigration policies put unemployed Americans first. The U.S. labor participation rate is at a 40-year low.

President Trump is right to discontinue the DACA program and let Congress address immigration policies, including securing the border.

EDUCATION FUNDING

(Mr. MARSHALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss education: the building block to a successful future.

As a father and, now, a grandfather for the second time, I know our education system is of the utmost importance. Education is truly one of the pillars of my life.

I am a strong advocate for limiting the scope of the Federal Government in education decisions. Our school boards and teachers understand what works best for these individual students, and providing them control to make their own decisions ensures the best results for our students.

I am encouraged to see the House retain and increase many of the Federal funding levels for education, including funding for career and technical education State grants. I am very pleased to see Congress increase funding for IDEA, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, by \$200 million.

I urge my colleagues to also talk to their local teachers, administrators, and students to see what works and what doesn't.

Educating the next generation is one of the most sacred responsibilities, and I thank those like I met with who dedicate their lives to that cause.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

RESTRAINING EXCESSIVE SEIZURE OF PROPERTY THROUGH THE EXPLOITATION OF CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE TOOLS ACT

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1843) to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from carrying out seizures relating to a structuring transaction unless the property to be seized derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of another criminal law or regulation, to require notice and a post-seizure hearing for such seizures, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1843

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act" or the "Restraining Excessive Seizure of Property through the Exploitation of Civil Asset Forfeiture Tools Act".

SEC. 2. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE SEIZURE REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO STRUCTURING TRANSACTIONS.

Section 5317(c)(2) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "Any property" and inserting the following:

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Any property"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE SEIZURE REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO STRUCTURING TRANSACTIONS.—

"(i) PROPERTY DERIVED FROM AN ILLEGAL SOURCE.—Property may only be seized by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to subparagraph (A) by reason of a claimed violation of section 5324 if the property to be seized was derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of a criminal law or regulation other than section 5324.

"(ii) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after property is seized by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to subparagraph (A), the Internal Revenue Service shall—

"(I) make a good faith effort to find all persons with an ownership interest in such property; and

"(II) provide each such person with a notice of the seizure and of the person's rights under clause (iv).

"(iii) EXTENSION OF NOTICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.—The Internal Revenue Service may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for one 30-day extension of the notice requirement under clause (ii) if the Internal Revenue Service can establish probable cause of an imminent threat to national security or personal safety necessitating such extension.

"(iv) POST-SEIZURE HEARING.—If a person with a property interest in property seized pursuant to subparagraph (A) by the Internal Revenue Service requests a hearing by a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the date on which notice is provided under subclause (ii), such property shall be returned unless the court holds an adversarial hearing and finds within 30 days of such request (or such longer period as the court may provide, but only on request of an interested party) that there is probable cause to believe that there is a violation of section 5324 involving such property and probable cause to believe that the property to be seized was derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of a criminal law or regulation other than section 5324."

SEC. 3. EXCLUSION OF INTEREST RECEIVED IN ACTION TO RECOVER PROPERTY SEIZED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE BASED ON STRUCTURING TRANSACTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting before section 140 the following new section:

"SEC. 139G. INTEREST RECEIVED IN ACTION TO RECOVER PROPERTY SEIZED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE BASED ON STRUCTURING TRANSACTION.

"Gross income shall not include any interest received from the Federal Government in connection with an action to recover property seized by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to section 5317(c)(2) of title 31, United States Code, by reason of a claimed violation of section 5324 of such title."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting before the item relating to section 140 the following new item:

"Sec. 139G. Interest received in action to recover property seized by the Internal Revenue Service based on structuring transaction."

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to interest received on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. ROSKAM) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material for H.R. 1843, currently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, if a person deposits \$10,000 or more into a financial institution, that institution must submit a currency transaction report to the Treasury Department. Avoiding this reporting requirement by purposefully staying below the \$10,000 limit is a Federal crime known as structuring.

Structuring was made illegal in 1986 to prevent large-scale criminal enterprises, terrorists, and money launderers from hiding their illegally earned money from authorities by consistently depositing just shy of that

\$10,000 limit. This makes complete sense.

When structuring is believed to have occurred, the Internal Revenue Service can use its civil asset forfeiture authority to seize funds and force the owner of the funds to prove that they were obtained legally. Let me tell you, I am not laying awake at night, and neither are my colleagues here, worrying about terrorists and mobsters not being able to get access to their money. So far, so good. The law makes sense.

But now let me tell you about somebody who had their money seized by the IRS. Andrew Clyde served three combat tours in Iraq, and then he came home and opened a store in Georgia.

Mr. Clyde had an insurance policy that only covered up to \$10,000 in off-premise losses. So, like any reasonable person, Mr. Clyde never brought more than \$10,000 in cash with him when he made his nightly deposits. The IRS seized \$950,000 from him.

Now, just marinate in that for a minute, Mr. Speaker. Imagine trying to run your business, and one day the Federal Government comes in and takes away all of your money. You don't know why, but it is just gone. You would assume that the IRS would then talk to Mr. Clyde, hear his rationale, and say: Well, it is my mistake. You are clearly not a mobster or a terrorist. Thank you for your service. Here is your life savings back.

But that is not what happened. Instead, the IRS threatened him with criminal structuring charges until he agreed to settle with the agency, and gave them \$50,000, after he had spent nearly \$100,000 in legal fees.

Andrew Clyde lost \$150,000 simply because he wanted to make sure that his cash deposits were low enough to be insured.

We are here today to make sure this never happens again. The RESPECT Act makes commonsense changes to civil asset forfeiture practices. First and foremost, the IRS would have to show probable cause that the funds they are seizing were derived from or connected to an illegal source.

Additionally, it would provide protections for taxpayers whose money was taken, requiring a hearing within 30 days of the money being seized. These commonsense steps prevent the Federal Government from acting with impunity and harassing the very citizens that they are supposed to protect.

I want to thank a number of individuals for their work on this legislation. I would like to thank JOHN LEWIS, the ranking member of the Oversight Subcommittee. I want to thank my lead sponsor, JOE CROWLEY, the lead Democrat on this legislation. I want to thank Mr. NEAL for his leadership, and I want to thank Chairman BRADY.

We have been at this for a long time. We first started investigating this issue at an Oversight Subcommittee hearing in February of 2015, and we made some progress. IRS Commis-

sioner Koskinen apologized to the victims of this practice on behalf of his agency. In fact, a year later, he changed the IRS procedures to restrict the use of civil asset forfeiture cases in which the money was earned illegally, a commonsense decision that we will codify with this legislation.

I am also heartened to say that in March of this year, the IRS finished its process of reviewing all 454 contested cases that occurred before the rule change. The agency either returned or recommended that the Department of Justice return approximately 80 percent of those funds. The IRS returned over \$6 million to honest Americans who were victims of this government overreach.

While the IRS returned over \$6 million, they have also recommended that the Department of Justice return a whopping \$16 million. Unfortunately, the Department of Justice still has a long way to go in tackling the backlog of undecided cases. We will be addressing this issue with an amendment in the upcoming appropriations bill.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, Americans deserve a government that they can trust. I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this legislation to prevent future victims of abusive civil asset forfeiture practices, and fight for those who have been affected.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today in support of H.R. 1843, the Restraining Excessive Seizure of Property through the Exploitation of Civil Asset Forfeiture Tools Act—more simply, the RESPECT Act.

Fundamentally, this legislation is about stopping abusive civil asset seizure practices. Too often, honest small business owners were treated like criminals and had their bank accounts seized by the Federal Government for making frequent deposits from cash sales.

The law at issue today is the Bank Secrecy Act, which set up new reporting requirements for certain activities, like depositing more than \$10,000 in cash. The purpose of the law is to limit criminal business activity conducted in cash, money laundering, drug transactions, and criminal enterprises. Thus, systematically depositing amounts just short of this threshold, is deemed an illegal attempt to structure bank transactions to avoid the reporting requirement.

Over the past 2 years, a number of law-abiding small businesses with high volumes of cash sales testified before the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight describing just how this law was being applied by the IRS and the Department of Justice to seize their bank accounts. Congressmen on both sides of the aisle immediately denounced this practice and sought to have the seized amounts returned.

In October of 2014, the IRS changed its policy on enforcement. Now it only

will seize funds of taxpayers where the money is being deposited from an illegal source. H.R. 1843 codifies this policy change, excludes interest received by taxpayers on the return of seized property from tax, and provides notice and hearing rights to taxpayers.

The IRS, however, is only one side of the issue. United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions also must act to right this wrong against these small business owners. The IRS referred 255 petitions to the Department of Justice from small business owners seeking the return of their property. As of June 2017, the Department still had over 180 petitions to review. The Department of Justice should and must work faster.

I thank Congressman ROSKAM, my friend; and the Democrat lead cosponsor, my friend as well, Congressman JOE CROWLEY, for their hard work on this legislation; and also the ranking member of the Oversight Committee, JOHN LEWIS, for his leadership on this issue.

In closing, I want to take a look at how the position taken by the IRS and the Department of Justice affected a small bakery in Connecticut. For almost 100 years—three generations—the Vocatura family has operated a bakery in Norwich, Connecticut. They sell sandwiches and fresh bread, lots of low-dollar purchases. Until recently, they didn't accept credit cards; so most of their business was in cash.

According to press reports, between March 2007 and April 2013, the Vocatura brothers made hundreds of deposits in amounts ranging from \$7,000 to \$9,900. The bank tellers told them that they had to fill out lots of extra paperwork for deposits over \$10,000, so the Vocatura brothers made sure to deposit their receipts more often. They didn't realize they were breaking the law by consciously avoiding making deposits over \$10,000.

In May of 2013, the IRS enforced the structuring laws and seized the bakery's checking account with more than \$68,000 on hand. The IRS held on to the Vocatura's money for 3 years without ever bringing a case before a judge. The brothers filed a motion, demanding the return of their money; and in 2016, the IRS capitulated.

This story is similar to others that we have heard. This legislation would ensure that no other small business is put in this position. I urge support on both sides of the aisle for this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS).

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the chairman yielding me the time, the ranking member for being here, and also Mr. ROSKAM and Mr. CROWLEY, both for their sponsorship and cosponsorship of this legislation.

H.R. 1843, the Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act is one of those things

that you really, at times, have a hard time understanding why we are debating on the floor of the House. It is that much common sense. And as my grandmother used to say: Common sense is not common.

So here we are. If anyone has any doubt about the need to restrain the forfeiture power of the IRS, they need to look no further than what happened to one of my constituents, as has already been mentioned, Andrew Clyde, whose namesake is on the bill. He is a law-abiding small business owner who served multiple combat tours. He had and has a successful gun store in northeast Georgia when the IRS seized his business bank accounts under a little-known procedure called civil asset forfeiture.

Now, we already talked a moment about just what that means, but let me go into a little bit more depth about that. What actually happened here is that Mr. Clyde was not charged with a crime when they seized his assets. In fact, he was never charged with a crime. In fact, the government's only allegation against him was he regularly made large cash deposits.

In other words, following what his own insurance would protect when he made those off-premise accounts, he was following good business practices. Despite this, the IRS had the audacity to negotiate with him about how much of his own money they would give back to him. The law, as it stands today, gives them the authority to do so; thus, the need for the legislation.

Now, rules have been changed and put in place, but this needs to be codified. I sat with Mr. Clyde on several occasions and talked about this case, and to hear the pain in his voice when he had to spend \$100,000 in legal bills, plus, at the same time, to get the IRS to give back his money, he had to beg the government for his own property.

No one should have had to go through this, and that is why I respect the authors of this legislation, and I appreciate their hearings and concern about this. Because whether it is a bakery, a gun store, or any business, no American should have to face the IRS or the Justice Department when they have never been charged with a crime—they were never charged with a crime—and had their money taken from them.

This is one that I am proud of to see an American who stood up and said: No, this is not right.

Unfortunately, it cost him money, but today, this wrong is being righted. We are going to continue to see this pushed through.

Mr. Speaker, I respect Andrew Clyde, his business, and all the others who stood up and said: This is not right.

I applaud the authors, and I say: Now is the time to finish this. Let's make sure that this never happens to another American citizen.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Before I introduce the primary cosponsor of this legislation, I want to

respond to something the previous speaker said.

Commissioner Koskinen said a number of times in testimony before the Ways and Means Committee that he doesn't write the law. That is the question that is in front of us at this moment. He says that the IRS follows the law, which we expect agencies to do at the behest of those who are duly elected.

So in this instance, I would suggest that while we don't like what the IRS has done in these particular examples that have been correctly cited by both sides, we also have the obligation to alter, change, or amend the law so that this doesn't happen to the innocent going forward.

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So this was not simply about the Commissioner or IRS agents waking up one day and saying: What kind of havoc and peril can we create today? It was instead the prescription for law that we have offered to them.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY), who is a primary cosponsor of this.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts for yielding me this time, and I want to thank, as well, the cosponsor—actually, the lead sponsor—Mr. ROSKAM, for his work here today.

Today is a good day for the American taxpayers as, hopefully, the House of Representatives will soon, once again, pass the Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act to enact vital reforms to the Federal Government's civil asset forfeiture process.

Civil asset forfeiture is an important tool that the IRS and other Federal agencies use to go after ill-gotten funds from drug dealers, human traffickers, terrorists, and other criminals. This bill will not weaken that vital law enforcement tool one iota, and that is an important point to make. But this legislation will codify into law much-needed reforms to the process to stop what we believe is an abuse of the asset seizures practiced, abusive seizures such as the government's ability to take a person's bank account without ever charging them with a crime.

The Oversight Subcommittee on the Ways and Means Committee, under the guidance of Chairman PETER ROSKAM, undertook a painstaking, multiyear investigation to get to the bottom of these abusive practices. This investigation included holding a series of congressional hearings—that doesn't always happen anymore around here, PETER, as you know—meeting with officials from a number of Federal agencies, including the IRS. I want to thank Commissioner Koskinen for his input and frankness as well, as the ranking member has just indicated.

The subcommittee continued keeping pressure on the IRS and the Justice Department to proactively reach out and return any assets seized from peo-

ple who were never, ever charged with a crime. These actions culminated in this bipartisan legislation that passed the Ways and Means Committee unanimously.

This bill, the Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act, aims to take what we have learned and fix the system to better protect all law-abiding citizens. Specifically, it prohibits the IRS from taking any asset related to structuring unless the funds are from an illegal source or the funds were structured to conceal other criminal activity.

Additionally, to provide due process to affected taxpayers, the bill requires the IRS to notify an account holder of a seizure within 30 days—fairly reasonable. Once an account is seized, the bill allows the person whose assets were seized to seek a hearing within 30 days. Now, we know that those engaged in illegal activity and illegal actions will usually not contest the seizure. But for those who committed no crime, this bill simply levels the playing field for them.

My colleague, Mr. ROSKAM, and I will continue to keep the pressure on the Federal Government to quickly return the assets of those innocent taxpayers—those who are not charged with any crimes but whose bank accounts and other items are still being held by their own government.

But passage of this bill isn't the last part of the fight on wrongful asset forfeiture. This bill is expected to pass this House unanimously, as it did last year, because we all recognize and believe in the basic American judicial premise of innocent until proven guilty. However, I am concerned by the Trump administration's statements and those of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, in particular, that the government intends to increase these asset seizures without any intention of charging affected Americans with crimes.

Let me be clear: I support civil asset seizures when the government can make the case that the money was derived from illicit activity. As I said before, nothing in this bill hinders the ability of the government to do just that. But we must fight any effort by the Trump administration to expand wrongful civil asset forfeiture and continue to take innocent people's own money without charging them with a crime.

Finally, as I close, I want to remind my colleagues of the importance of a larger discussion on much-needed criminal justice reform and an issue I hope this Congress can begin to tackle this year.

Just like the Clyde family, the Hirsch family, and the Sowers family who we named this bill after, far too many American families have seen the U.S. justice system unfairly work against them rather than for them. We need to address that issue of criminal justice reform in the same bipartisan way that Chairman ROSKAM and the entire Ways and Means Committee dealt with this particular issue.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I look forward to passage of this bill. I thank Mr. ROSKAM, again, for the sponsorship of this legislation working together in a very bipartisan way to get this bill out of committee to the floor and pass the House.

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, we have no remaining speakers on this side, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I think that this is a good step in the right direction. I hope that we will also encourage the Department of Justice in addition to what we are attempting to do here. As Mr. ROSKAM knows, they are part of the challenge in front of us as well, but I think this is a certain, forthright step on behalf of those who have been maligned in terms of reputation and their business activities in this moment.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I think Mr. CROWLEY and Mr. NEAL hit the nail on the head, as did Mr. COLLINS.

Let me just sort of sum up then. This is a story about a citizen, a citizen who is scandalized by the Federal Government that is there to protect the citizen, and the citizen said: Do you know what? This doesn't seem right to me. You don't get to do this.

You can imagine what it was like for these people who got caught up in this and were told by IRS agents and Department of Justice lawyers the nature of that intimidation and how heavy-handed and aggressive that is. Yet these people said: No, no, no. That is not right. That is not the way this country is supposed to work.

So they brought it to people's attention, and, Mr. Speaker, people on both sides of the aisle were scandalized by what they heard about this and were troubled by it and said: We can do something about it.

So as a result of this, you have got something that is moving through. Look, it is a tumultuous time in our public life, and there are many deep divisions within this House and across the country about all kinds of issues. But do you know what? Nobody is here defending the status quo of how these people were treated.

So the institution worked. The institution heard what was going on, and now people have come together on both sides of the aisle to move forward on this basis.

I want to echo Mr. NEAL's admonition to the Department of Justice. It is not good enough for the Department of Justice to go into a passive-aggressive mode and to say: Well, we are just going to wait these people out.

That is not good enough. We need to make sure that the Department of Justice is acting forthrightly, is reviewing these cases, and is moving them with dispatch.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. NEAL, and Chairman BRADY. I urge passage of

the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RATCLIFFE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. ROSKAM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1843, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL INSURANCE MEMBER CONTINUITY ACT

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3110) to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3110

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act".

SEC. 2. FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL.

Section 111(c) of the Financial Stability Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5321(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4) TERM OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a successor to the independent member of the Council serving under subsection (b)(1)(J) is not appointed and confirmed by the end of the term of service of such member, such member may continue to serve until the earlier of—

"(A) 18 months after the date on which the term of service ends; or

"(B) the date on which a successor to such member is appointed and confirmed."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3110, the Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act. I am proud to sponsor this legislation, which is a technical, but extremely important, correction to the Dodd-Frank Act.

I am very grateful for the support of my colleagues on the Financial Serv-

ices Committee for helping advance this bill. I especially want to thank Ranking Member WATERS, the lead cosponsor. In fact, we were able to unanimously report this bill out of committee 60 votes to zero when it was marked up in July.

The bill amends the Dodd-Frank Act to allow the Financial Stability Oversight Council's independent member with insurance expertise to remain a voting member of the council beyond his or her term until a successor is appointed. The extended term would conclude at the earlier of either 18 months or until Senate confirmation of a successor.

The Financial Stability Oversight Council, or FSOC, was created as part of the Dodd-Frank Act. The general purpose of this regulatory body is to provide a forum for discussion of our financial markets and coordination of financial regulations when appropriate.

Under existing law, the 10 voting members of the FSOC include an independent member with insurance expertise who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The independent member is the only member appointed by the President to specifically serve on the council and is the only voting member which is expected to have insurance expertise.

Dodd-Frank established a 6-year term for the independent member whose term expires on September 30, 2017. Absent the appointment and confirmation of a successor, the expiration of the independent member's term would leave the council without a voting member who has insurance expertise because Dodd-Frank did not make clear if the position can be filled by an acting official.

My legislation is about ensuring that the FSOC is able to benefit from the perspective of a voting member with insurance expertise without any unnecessary lapses, or to quote a letter that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners sent to the ranking member and me: "It is important that the council have members that have a deep understanding of the unique aspects of the insurance industry and our State-based insurance regulatory system."

I couldn't agree more. In the case of Illinois, we have a very robust insurance market because of the carefully crafted regulatory system we have developed. This allows great companies to thrive and protects the interests of their policyholders. This might not be the case if the FSOC lacks sufficient understanding of our insurance markets and regulatory system.

What was not intended by Dodd-Frank is for the position to be vacant while the President and Senate work to confirm a new appointee. Other voting positions on the FSOC have the benefit of somebody being able to serve in an acting capacity until someone new is confirmed. In fact, the Dodd-Frank Act clearly states that positions on the FSOC can be filled by someone in an acting capacity.

My legislation would simply bring continuity with other FSOC voting members.

This is especially timely given that the term of the individual currently filling this position, Roy Woodall, ends on September 30 of this year. Since President Trump has not yet announced who should fill this role, and given that the Senate will not likely have sufficient time to react between now and the end of September, we must have this signed into law without delay.

I understand that the Senate Banking Committee will be marking up companion legislation later this week, and I am hopeful it can quickly advance through this Chamber and the Senate Chamber so that this technical issue can be resolved before the end of Mr. WOODALL's term.

I again would like to thank Ranking Member WATERS and all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for working with me. I urge support of this noncontroversial legislation, and I am hopeful it can move swiftly to the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1730

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to thank Mr. HULTGREN and, as he mentioned, Ranking Member WATERS and a number of members of the committee who are supporting this. I, myself, am a cosponsor of the legislation.

This is a bill that is quite simple: it makes a technical correction to Dodd-Frank to address an issue regarding the term of the independent member with insurance expertise on the Financial Stability Oversight Council, or FSOC. The current term, as Mr. HULTGREN indicated, is set to expire on September 30, and it remains unclear as to whether a successor will be confirmed in a timely fashion.

Dodd-Frank does address how to fill a vacancy, pending the appointment of an agency head, but it does not address the question as it relates to the insurance member. As such, this bill would allow the current independent insurance member to remain a voting member of the FSOC for the earlier of either 18 months or the appointment of a successor. Of course, this will ensure that FSOC continues to have a member that can bring important insurance expertise to the discussions and that the entire roster of voting members on the FSOC is complete.

This legislation, I think, is a really good example of the cooperation that we can see across the aisle in order to make commonsense corrections to improve Dodd-Frank. Perhaps this is something that can form the basis of further work.

As my friend, Mr. HULTGREN, said, the bill passed the Financial Services Committee by a unanimous 60-0 vote. So I thank him for bringing this bill

up. I thank the many Democrats and Republicans who have joined us in cosponsoring this legislation, and I look forward to swift enactment.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, noting the bipartisan nature of this bill, I suppose I ought to learn to quit while we are ahead. This is good legislation. It is common sense. It fixes a problem. It continues the continuity of the FSOC and makes sure we have a full membership of that committee, including insurance representation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I echo much of what my good friend from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) has said. Again, I want to thank the ranking member for her work on this legislation with me.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3110.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

BOB DOLE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1616) to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Bob Dole, in recognition for his service to the nation as a soldier, legislator, and statesman.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1616

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Bob Dole was born on July 22, 1923, in Russell, Kansas.

(2) Growing up during the Great Depression, Bob Dole learned the values of hard work and discipline, and worked at a local drug store.

(3) In 1941, Bob Dole enrolled at the University of Kansas as a pre-medical student. During his time at KU he played for the basketball, football, and track teams, and joined the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, from which he would receive the "Man of the Year" award in 1970.

(4) Bob Dole's collegiate studies were interrupted by WWII, and he enlisted in the United States Army. During a military of-

fensive in Italy, he was seriously wounded while trying to save a fellow soldier. Despite his grave injuries, Dole recovered and was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with an Oak Cluster for his service. He also received an American Campaign Medal, a European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and a World War II Victory Medal.

(5) While working on his law degree from Washburn University, Bob Dole was elected into the Kansas House of Representatives, serving from 1951-1953.

(6) Bob Dole was elected into the U.S. House of Representatives and served two Kansas districts from 1961-1969.

(7) In 1969, Bob Dole was elected into the U.S. Senate and served until 1996. Over the course of this period, he served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Senate Minority Leader, and Senate Majority Leader.

(8) Bob Dole was known for his ability to work across the aisle and embrace practical bipartisanship on issues such as Social Security.

(9) Bob Dole has been a life-long advocate for the disabled and was a key figure in the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990.

(10) After his appointment as Majority Leader, Bob Dole set the record as the nation's longest-serving Republican Leader in the Senate.

(11) Several Presidents of the United States have specially honored Bob Dole for his hard work and leadership in the public sector. This recognition is exemplified by the following:

(A) President Reagan awarded Bob Dole the Presidential Citizens Medal in 1989 stating, "Whether on the battlefield or Capitol Hill, Senator Dole has served America heroically. Senate Majority Leader during one of the most productive Congresses of recent time, he has also been a friend to veterans, farmers, and Americans from every walk of life. Bob Dole has stood for integrity, straight talk and achievement throughout his years of distinguished public service."

(B) Upon awarding Bob Dole with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1997, President Clinton made the following comments, "Son of the soil, citizen, soldier and legislator, Bob Dole understands the American people, their struggles, their triumphs and their dreams . . . In times of conflict and crisis, he has worked to keep America united and strong . . . our country is better for his courage, his determination, and his willingness to go the long course to lead America."

(12) After his career in public office, Bob Dole became an active advocate for the public good. He served as National Chairman of the World War II Memorial Campaign, helping raise over \$197 million to construct the National WWII Memorial, and as Co-Chair of the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund, raising over \$120 million for the educational needs of the families of victims of 9/11.

(13) From 1997-2001, Bob Dole served as chairman of the International Commission on Missing Persons in the Former Yugoslavia.

(14) In 2003, Bob Dole established The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas to encourage bipartisanship in politics.

(15) Bob Dole is a strong proponent of international justice and, in 2004, received the Golden Medal of Freedom from the President of Kosovo for his support of democracy and freedom in Kosovo.

(16) In 2007, President George W. Bush appointed Bob Dole to co-chair the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning

Wounded Warriors, which inspected the system of medical care received by U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

(17) Bob Dole was the co-creator of the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, helping combat child hunger and poverty. In 2008, he was co-awarded the World Food Prize for his work with this organization.

(18) Bob Dole is co-founder of the Bipartisan Policy Center which works to develop policies suitable for bipartisan support.

(19) Bob Dole is a strong advocate for veterans, having volunteered on a weekly basis for more than a decade on behalf of the Honor Flight Network.

(20) Bob Dole serves as Finance Chairman of the Campaign for the National Eisenhower Memorial, leading the private fundraising effort to memorialize President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington, DC.

(21) Bob Dole was acknowledged by many organizations for his achievements both inside and outside of politics, including being awarded the "U.S. Senator John Heinz Award for Outstanding Public Service By An Elected Official", the Gold Good Citizenship Award, the American Patriot Award, the Survivor's Gratitude Award, the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Distinguished Service Award, a Distinguished Service Medal, the French Legion of Honor medal, the Horatio Alger Award, the U.S. Defense Department's Distinguished Public Service Award, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Teddy Roosevelt Award, the Albert Schweitzer Medal "for outstanding contributions to animal welfare", the 2004 Sylvanus Thayer Award, and honorary degrees from the University of Kansas, Fort Hays State University, and the University of New Hampshire School of Law.

(22) Throughout his life-long service to our country, Bob Dole has embodied the American spirit of leadership and determination, and serves as one of the most prolific role models both in and outside of politics.

SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the award, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appropriate design to Bob Dole, in recognition for his service to the nation as a soldier, legislator, and statesman.

(b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck under section 3 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.

(a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck under this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MAXINE WATERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 3 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, statesman, member of the Greatest Generation, lifetime public servant—these are fitting words as we consider S. 1616, unanimously passed legislation to honor Senator Bob Dole with a Congressional Gold Medal.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions that the Congress can bestow upon one of our fellow citizens.

I would like to thank Congresswoman LYNN JENKINS and the 86 bipartisan cosponsors for coming together to introduce this legislation to honor Bob Dole.

Recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal "have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient's field long after the achievement."

For Bob Dole's lifetime of public service—as a soldier wounded in battle; State legislator; United States Representative; United States Senator; nominee for both President and Vice President; tireless advocate for the disabled, our veterans, and the hungry—awarding this great American with a Congressional Gold Medal is the least we can do today. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a word about Mr. HULTGREN, who just took up the previous bill, H.R. 3110, the Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act. I enjoyed working with him. It was a wonderful experience. I think we can do a lot more of that.

Mr. Speaker, having said that, I am pleased to rise today in support of S. 1616, legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Bob Dole in recognition of his distinguished service to the Nation.

In his younger years, Bob Dole made clear that he truly exemplified the best of the Nation's Greatest Generation. When his studies were interrupted by World War II, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he risked his own life to save a fellow soldier. In recognition of his brave service, which left

him badly wounded by machine-gun fire and with a permanent disability, he was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with an Oak Cluster, among other honors.

Following his service in the U.S. Army, Senator Dole began a long and distinguished career in public office, serving first in the Kansas House of Representatives, followed by multiple terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1999, Dole was elected to the United States Senate, where he served for 27 years and rose to be majority leader before running for President.

Over the course of his political career, Senator Dole developed a reputation as an outspoken and pragmatic leader who was willing to work across party lines to advance the health and welfare of the American public.

For example, in speaking about the importance of Social Security and the need to protect Medicare for America's senior citizens, Dole said in a speech at the 1996 Republican National Convention: "And I have learned in my own life, from my own experience, that not every man, woman, or child can make it on their own. And that in time of need, the bridge between failure and success can be the government itself. And given all that I have experienced, I shall always remember those in need. . . ."

In addition to working to safeguard important programs like Social Security and Medicare, former Senator Dole was also a strong advocate for the disabled, and he played a central role in passing the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Nation's first comprehensive civil rights law to protect people with disabilities from discrimination in employment, public services, and public accommodations.

Although he was not elected President, as the nominee of the Republican Party, he made clear that he would not accommodate racial or religious intolerance, stating that if anyone had "mistakenly attached himself to our party in the belief that we are not open to citizens of every race and religion . . . the exits, which are clearly marked, are for you to walk out of. . . ."

After leaving the Senate in 1996, former Senator Dole continued to dedicate himself to a range of causes, particularly those aimed at helping those in need. For example, Senator Dole served as co-chair of the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund, which raised more than \$100 million for the educational needs of the families of victims of 9/11, and he served as the co-creator of the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, which aimed to alleviate child hunger.

While Senator Dole and I have had our share of policy differences over the years, it was always possible to have a civil disagreement that didn't lead to disrespect. A true gentleman, statesman, and legislator, Senator Dole could debate the issues with the best of

us, all while maintaining a good sense of humor.

For all of these reasons, it comes as no surprise that the legislation before us today has already garnered the unanimous support of the United States Senate, and it is fitting that the House today is doing its part to give the highest honor this body can bestow to former Senator Bob Dole. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in quickly passing this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, first, I would like to thank my friend, the ranking member, MAXINE WATERS, for her kind words.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. JENKINS), sponsor of the House companion legislation.

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal Act, which recognizes Senator Dole's service to this great Nation as a soldier, legislator, and statesman.

As a kid growing up in rural Kansas, there were many times I could be found wearing a Styrofoam cap and a sandwich board in support of my Senator. I introduced this legislation, which calls for the Secretary of the Treasury to strike a single gold medal of appropriate design in honor of Senator Bob Dole, and I am humbled to have the opportunity to honor him for his lifetime of service on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

Throughout Senator Dole's life, he has consistently exemplified humility, hard work, and leadership. He was born and raised in a small town, Russell, in north-central Kansas. As a young man, he served heroically in the Army during World War II, where he was gravely wounded while trying to save a fellow soldier during a military offensive in Italy.

Senator Dole later went on to carry out one of the most storied careers in politics, where he set the record as the Nation's longest serving Republican leader in the United States Senate. He is seen as a political statesman who reached across the aisle for the good of the country. To this day, Senator Dole continues to serve his country and fellow man by fighting for our veterans and working to help curb child hunger and poverty.

Senator Dole's passion, dedication, and service to our country is a testament to his character and a great blessing to the State of Kansas and our Nation. He is not only an American hero, but a role model, mentor, and a dear friend of mine. There is no person I would rather see be honored with the Congressional Gold Medal than Senator Bob Dole.

Please join me in supporting this legislation to honor Senator Dole for his unwavering service to our country.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. YODER).

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague, Ms. JENKINS, and I appreciate her support in leading this legislation as we support S. 1616, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Senator Bob Dole.

Service, sacrifice, and statesmanship—these are the words that describe Senator Bob Dole, one of Kansas' proudest native sons and one of the greatest men to serve and walk the Halls of Congress.

Born and raised in Russell, Kansas, Senator Dole attended my alma mater, the University of Kansas, where he excelled as a three-sport varsity athlete for the Jayhawks.

His college career was interrupted by World War II, when he answered his country's call and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He would distinguish himself in the service, earning several decorations and becoming seriously wounded in combat in Italy.

Although those wounds would cause a lifelong disability for him, Senator Dole did not shy away from the challenges they presented. He instead used that personal experience to help others, becoming a fierce advocate for disability rights and the father of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

His career in public service spanned over 46 years, with his first election to the Kansas House of Representatives in 1951 and ending with his Presidential campaign and retirement from the Senate in 1996. His legislative and political accomplishments during that time are almost too many to count.

His top priority has always been service to others, whether it is people with disabilities, Kansas farmers, or his fellow veterans. Senator Dole has always put his country ahead of himself, and he stayed grounded in his strong Kansas roots.

I can think of no one more fitting to be recognized with a Congressional Gold Medal. As a member of the Kansas delegation, I am truly honored to follow in the footsteps of Senator Dole by serving our great State and our great country in Congress. He is an inspiration to me and an enduring example of what statesmanship and public service should look like.

I ask my colleagues in the House to support this bill and to join me in working daily to uphold Senator Dole's legacy of service and civility in Congress.

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Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN).

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation my colleague, the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. JENKINS), has introduced that would give Bob Dole the Congressional Gold Medal.

I am a liberal from Massachusetts, but Bob Dole is one of my heroes. I ad-

mire him not only for his statesmanship and for his civility, but I particularly admire him because he has led the effort in this country and around the world to end hunger.

Nobody that I can think of, other than George McGovern, who worked with Bob Dole during the 1970s, did more to try to strengthen our nutrition programs and to make sure that nobody in this country, the richest country in the history of the world, went hungry. And he worked in a bipartisan way and ensured that these programs were strengthened so that we were making great progress toward ending hunger in America.

And then he joined with George McGovern in the formation of the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education Program. Essentially, this is a program that expands school feeding initiatives all around the world, and millions and millions and millions of children are not only getting fed and getting a nutritious meal, but they are getting fed in a school setting. So they are getting the nutrition they need, and they are getting the education that they need so they can be literate and hopefully lead their countries out of poverty.

The developing world cannot develop with an illiterate population, and Senator Dole understood the importance of education but also the importance of nutrition in helping people develop to their potential.

And this McGovern-Dole program has also been incredible in getting more young girls into schools. In some countries where education isn't valued for girls, all of a sudden parents are sending their girls to school because they will get fed, and they will get the nutrition that they need.

So Senator Dole, in my opinion, not only deserves this, but he deserves the respect and admiration of everybody in this Chamber, Democrat and Republican alike.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, he should be an example and an inspiration to us all. These are very difficult times for our country, and these are very tumultuous times in Washington, but you look at the example of Senator Dole and you realize how good this place can be, how good Congress can be, and how effective Congress can be.

You don't have to agree on everything to agree on something, and I think that was Senator Dole's guiding principle. Where he could agree with people on the other side of the aisle, he reached across and got things done. Where there were disagreements, you know, he fought passionately for his point of view.

But he represents the kind of civility and the kind of decency that we need more of in Washington, and so I am

proud to support this legislation. I congratulate my colleague, Congresswoman JENKINS, for leading this effort, and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. ESTES).

Mr. ESTES of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero and one of Kansas' most treasured sons.

I am pleased the House is acting today to award Bob Dole with our Nation's highest civilian honor, the Congressional Gold Medal. Bob's life and legacy stands strong, constant reminders of the fundamental values that are at the very core of Kansas and our Nation: honor, hard work, sacrifice, and a constant yearning to preserve our liberty and many blessings for future generations.

When Bob was wounded by enemy fire in the mountains of Italy while trying to save a fellow soldier, his brothers in arms didn't know if he was going to make it.

Bob, of course, wouldn't give up. He spent years recovering in hospitals and continued putting his life in service to others. He did so with distinction right here in this House and in the United States Senate. He also served in the Kansas House of Representatives and as chair of the Republican National Committee.

Through it all, Bob Dole, a true servant leader, has stood as an example of how things are when our politics are at our best, when mutual respect is never lost, and when joy and good humor always have a seat at the table.

Today, as Republicans and Democrats, we come together to honor Bob, not because we always agree, but because, like Bob, we agree that there are greater causes than ourselves.

Addressing the Republican National Convention as Presidential candidate in 1996, Bob closed his remarks by saying: "My life is proof that America is a land without limits. And with my feet on the ground and my heart filled with hope, I put my faith in you and in the God who loves us all. For I am convinced that America's best days are yet to come."

Thank you, Bob, for your faith, for your most honored service to Kansas and to our country, and for all you sacrificed to bring America closer to her best days.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL).

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kansas' favorite son, a hero and mentor of mine, and the former occupant of the congressional office I now hold, Robert J. Dole. Senator Bob Dole never forgot where he is from, Russell, Kansas. Perhaps that is

what made him so effective and so beloved by his constituents.

Now at 94 years young, Senator Dole continues to work every day for the causes he supports. He continues as a shining example of international leadership, whether it is in the causes he still champions or the work he did in Congress to help feed millions of people around the world. All this work, he does with humility and wit that endeared him to the Nation and that has been engrained in him as a Kansan.

Many weekends, he can still be seen greeting our Nation's veterans at the World War II Memorial, which he helped build, and he works today on promoting the national memorial to President Eisenhower, his hero and another great Kansan.

I cannot think of one living American more deserving of Congress' highest civilian award, which is why I am thrilled that tonight, this very night, the House will join the Senate in passing the Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal Act.

I encourage the President to quickly sign this. I look forward to this vote as much as any I have taken. I am honored to call him friend. I am honored to participate in this vote.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I also have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1616.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DIRECTING THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION TO ALLOW CERTAIN ISSUERS TO BE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2864) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to allow certain issuers to be exempt from registration requirements, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2864

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF EXEMPTION.

The Securities and Exchange Commission shall amend—

(1) section 230.251 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, to remove the requirement that the issuer not be subject to section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) immediately before the offering; and

(2) section 230.257 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, with respect to an offering de-

scribed in section 230.251(a)(2) of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, to deem any issuer that is subject to section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as having met the periodic and current reporting requirements of section 230.257 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, if such issuer meets the reporting requirements of section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MAXINE WATERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2864, the Improving Access to Capital Act. I want to start by thanking the Democrat and the Republican who are the chief sponsors of this bill, the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH). It is always a pleasure to bring good bipartisan legislation to the House floor, especially when the bill is sponsored by my colleagues on the Financial Services Committee.

To continue this job growth and ensure that we have a stronger and healthier economy with opportunities for all Americans, we must encourage small business growth, and this starts with ensuring that they have access to the capital and credit that they need to grow.

This bipartisan bill will help the American economy. It will make it easier for companies, particularly small businesses, to access capital. This is incredibly important because small businesses are the heart and soul of the American economy.

In fact, they help to create more than 60 percent of the Nation's net new jobs over the past 2 decades. This bipartisan bill before us today carries forward the mission of another bipartisan bill, the JOBS Act of 2012, to increase capital formation in our U.S. markets so more American workers would be able to find good paying jobs.

As part of the JOBS Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission was directed to expand something called Regulation A, which is a critical tool for companies that are trying to raise small amounts of money. And the aptly named "Regulation A-Plus" the SEC came up with has been effective.

With Regulation A-Plus, prospective issuers have publicly filed 147 offerings seeking up to \$2.6 billion in financing. As a comparison, in the 12 months leading up to Regulation A-Plus, there were only about 50 filings seeking to raise \$159 million.

As we are seeing, Regulation A-Plus has opened up an avenue for these small companies to seek financing through the capital markets that will help grow their businesses.

And according to the SEC, these companies are small, early-stage businesses with median assets of \$100,000 in limited collateral, which often restricts their ability to obtain a bank loan or other financing.

Unfortunately, not all are able to benefit from Regulation A-Plus. As part of its final rule implementing the JOBS Act, the SEC excluded some small companies. This was contrary to the intent of Congress when we approved the JOBS Act.

As a result of the SEC's final rule, some smaller and midsize companies have been shut out from the benefits of Regulation A-Plus.

Additionally, smaller investors also suffer by not having the opportunity to participate in the public markets for early-stage companies and share in their growth.

H.R. 2864 is a simple bill that fixes the problem I just described. H.R. 2864 would amend Regulation A-Plus to direct the SEC to include companies that are fully reporting under the Securities Exchange Act. This will help more small businesses gain access to capital so they can grow and hire more workers. At the same time, it will give small investors greater investment opportunities.

H.R. 2864 was approved by the Financial Services Committee with the overwhelming support of both Republicans and Democrats. In fact, the vote in committee to favorably report H.R. 2864 was 59-0.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of H.R. 2864, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to start off by thanking Representative SINEMA and Representative HOLLINGSWORTH for working together to craft bipartisan legislation that will help smaller public companies raise the funds necessary to grow and thrive.

Specifically, H.R. 2864, the Improving Access to Capital Act, would narrowly expand the relief that we provided in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, the JOBS Act, to allow public companies to raise money under Regulation A-Plus.

Currently, Regulation A-Plus allows private companies to raise up to \$50 million in capital by selling unregistered but freely tradable stock to the public as a quicker and less expensive alternative to a fully registered securities offering.

Extending Regulation A-Plus eligibility to public companies would provide them with an additional efficient method of raising a small fixed amount of capital. To be eligible to use this faster and cheaper fundraising alternative, public companies must be up to

date in their public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition, public companies must comply with all of the other regulatory requirements in Regulation A-Plus, including SEC approval or qualification of the offering, disclosure of the offering information to investors, and limitations on sales per investor.

Importantly, bad actors who have committed certain felonies, misdemeanors, or other misconduct within the past 5 years are disqualified from using Regulation A-Plus.

These restrictions help ensure that investors in Regulation A-Plus offerings are informed about their purchases and protected from fraud.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 2864 for providing targeted relief to public companies that balances their need to raise capital with the protection of their investors.

□ 1800

I remain concerned that the Financial Services Committee has adopted a piecemeal approach to private and public market regulation.

Going forward, I hope that we thoughtfully review the securities laws to ensure that our legislative efforts appropriately incentivize companies to become public.

Again, I want to thank the bill's sponsors, especially Ms. SINEMA, for their work on this bipartisan piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2864, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH), a sponsor of this legislation and a member of the Financial Services Committee.

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I spent the last 30 days traveling Indiana's best district—that is the Ninth District—and I had many memorable conversations with many Hoosiers. But one thing came through, and that was we need to work together right here in D.C. in order to get better outcomes for our businesses back home.

Nowhere is this better exemplified than this bill, the Improving Access to Capital Act. It is about getting small businesses engaged and empowered with the capital that they need in order to grow, in order to hire, in order to invest. That is exactly what we want them to do.

And on the second point, it is exciting to me to be able to reach across the aisle and work with Representative SINEMA, who has been nothing but great in her leadership in her fervent desire to help small businesses all the way across this country.

The Improving Access to Capital Act sounds like it might be something esoteric, and sounds like it might be something that isn't immediately practical to the small businesses across the Ninth District and across this country, but, in fact, it is something that they

can use tomorrow. This creates another avenue for small businesses across the country to be able to raise the money that they need in order to innovate, in order to grow, in order to expand, in order to hire more Americans. This is just simply another arrow in the quiver for them to be able to grow and develop.

Small businesses account for the bulk of hiring across this country, they account for the bulk of innovation across this country, and we need to be doing everything we can to continue to promote them. That is exactly what Representative SINEMA and I have done with this particular legislation, is work hard to develop a bipartisan solution, one that was supported unanimously out of the Financial Services Committee in order to provide those companies with more options and more opportunities to be able to grow.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation and let's get America back to work again.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, again, I would like to thank the cosponsors for their vision, for their work, and for the bipartisan effort that they so successfully put together.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the lead sponsor of this bill.

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairmen HULTGREN and HENSARLING, Ranking Member WATERS, and Congressman HOLLINGSWORTH for working with me on this bipartisan legislation to improve our capital markets and help more small companies succeed.

As part of the JOBS Act, Congress directed the Securities and Exchange Commission to amend Regulation A to allow small companies to raise up to \$50 million in offerings exempt from full SEC registration. These amendments, known as Regulation A-Plus, exclude certain potential issuers, including Exchange Act reporting companies.

As a result, thousands of companies that already meet the SEC's high disclosure requirements are ineligible to use Regulation A-Plus to cost-effectively raise the funds they need to grow and hire employees.

That is why I have introduced this legislation with Congressman HOLLINGSWORTH to allow SEC reporting companies access to Regulation A-Plus. It is a valuable pathway for small businesses to raise money in an efficient, public, and transparent manner.

I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure that Arizona's innovative small businesses have every opportunity to thrive, and I hope that Members will join us today in support of this bipartisan legislation.

Again, I thank Congressman HOLLINGSWORTH for working with me on this commonsense, bipartisan bill.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, again, I thank Congresswoman SINEMA and Congressman HOLLINGSWORTH for their great work on this. This is an important step that will help our small businesses access the capital that they need to grow and to hire more workers.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage support on this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2864, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3110, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2864, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL INSURANCE MEMBER CONTINUITY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3110) to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 1, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 439]

YEAS—407

Abraham	Crowley	Huffman
Adams	Cuellar	Huizenga
Aderholt	Culberson	Hultgren
Aguilar	Curbelo (FL)	Hunter
Allen	Davidson	Hurd
Amash	Davis (CA)	Issa
Amodei	Davis, Danny	Jackson Lee
Arrington	Davis, Rodney	Jayapal
Babin	DeFazio	Jeffries
Bacon	Delaney	Jenkins (KS)
Banks (IN)	DeBene	Jenkins (WV)
Barietta	Demings	Johnson (GA)
Barr	Denham	Johnson (LA)
Barragán	Dent	Johnson (OH)
Barton	DeSantis	Johnson, E. B.
Bass	DeSaunier	Johnson, Sam
Beatty	DesJarlais	Jones
Bera	Deutch	Jordan
Bergman	Diaz-Balart	Joyce (OH)
Beyer	Dingell	Kaptur
Biggs	Doggett	Katko
Bilirakis	Donovan	Keating
Bishop (GA)	Doyle, Michael	Kelly (IL)
Bishop (MI)	F.	Kelly (MS)
Bishop (UT)	Duffy	Kelly (PA)
Black	Duncan (SC)	Kennedy
Blackburn	Duncan (TN)	Khanna
Blum	Dunn	Kihuen
Blumenauer	Ellison	Kildee
Blunt Rochester	Emmer	Kilmer
Bost	Engel	Kind
Boyle, Brendan	Eshoo	King (IA)
F.	Españat	King (NY)
Brady (PA)	Estes (KS)	Kinzinger
Brady (TX)	Esty (CT)	Knight
Brat	Evans	Krishnamoorthi
Brooks (AL)	Farenthold	Kuster (NH)
Brooks (IN)	Faso	Kustoff (TN)
Brown (MD)	Ferguson	Labrador
Brownley (CA)	Fitzpatrick	LaHood
Buchanan	Fleischmann	LaMalfa
Buck	Flores	Lamborn
Bucshon	Fortenberry	Lance
Budd	Foster	Langevin
Burgess	Fox	Larsen (WA)
Bustos	Frankel (FL)	Larson (CT)
Butterfield	Franks (AZ)	Latta
Byrne	Frelinghuysen	Lawrence
Calvert	Fudge	Lawson (FL)
Capuano	Gabbard	Lee
Carbajal	Gaetz	Levin
Cárdenas	Gallagher	Lewis (GA)
Carson (IN)	Gallego	Lewis (MN)
Carter (TX)	Garamendi	Lieu, Ted
Cartwright	Gibbs	Lipinski
Castor (FL)	Gomez	LoBiondo
Castro (TX)	Goodlatte	Loebach
Chabot	Gosar	Lofgren
Cheney	Gottheimer	Long
Chu, Judy	Gowdy	Loudermilk
Cicilline	Granger	Love
Clark (MA)	Graves (GA)	Lowenthal
Clarke (NY)	Graves (LA)	Lowey
Clay	Graves (MO)	Lucas
Cleaver	Green, Al	Luetkemeyer
Clyburn	Green, Gene	Lujan Grisham,
Coffman	Griffith	M.
Cohen	Grothman	Luján, Ben Ray
Cole	Guthrie	Lynch
Collins (GA)	Hanabusa	MacArthur
Collins (NY)	Handel	Maloney,
Comer	Harper	Carolyn B.
Comstock	Harris	Maloney, Sean
Conaway	Hartzer	Marchant
Connolly	Hastings	Marino
Conyers	Heck	Marshall
Cook	Hensarling	Massie
Cooper	Hice, Jody B.	Mast
Correa	Hill	Matsui
Costello (PA)	Himes	McCarthy
Courtney	Holding	McCaul
Cramer	Hollingsworth	McClintock
Crawford	Hoyer	McCollum
Crist	Hudson	McEachin

McGovern	Rice (SC)	Stefanik
McHenry	Richmond	Stewart
McKinley	Roby	Stivers
McMorris	Roe (TN)	Swalwell (CA)
Rodgers	Rogers (AL)	Takano
McNerney	Rogers (KY)	Taylor
McSally	Rohrabacher	Tenney
Meadows	Rokita	Thompson (CA)
Meehan	Rooney, Francis	Thompson (MS)
Meeks	Rooney, Thomas	Thompson (PA)
Mitchell	J.	Thornberry
Moolenaar	Ros-Lehtinen	Tiberi
Mooney (WV)	Rosen	Tipton
Moore	Roskam	Titus
Moulton	Ross	Tonko
Mullin	Rothfus	Torres
Murphy (FL)	Rouzer	Trott
Murphy (PA)	Roybal-Allard	Tsongas
Nadler	Royce (CA)	Turner
Neal	Ruiz	Upton
Newhouse	Ruppersberger	Valadao
Noem	Rush	Vargas
Nolan	Russell	Veasey
Norcross	Rutherford	Vela
Norman	Ryan (OH)	Velázquez
Nunes	Sánchez	Visclosky
O'Halleran	Sanford	Wagner
O'Rourke	Sarbanes	Walberg
Palazzo	Schakowsky	Walden
Pallone	Schiff	Walker
Palmer	Schneider	Walorski
Panetta	Schrader	Walters, Mimi
Pascarella	Schweikert	Walz
Paulsen	Scott (VA)	Wasserman
Payne	Scott, Austin	Schultz
Pearce	Scott, David	Waters, Maxine
Pelosi	Sensenbrenner	Watson Coleman
Perlmutter	Serrano	Weber (TX)
Perry	Sessions	Webster (FL)
Peters	Sewell (AL)	Welch
Peterson	Sherman	Wenstrup
Pingree	Shuster	Westerman
Pittenger	Simpson	Williams
Pocan	Sinema	Wilson (FL)
Poliquin	Sires	Wilson (SC)
Polis	Slaughter	Wittman
Posey	Smith (MO)	Womack
Price (NC)	Smith (NE)	Woodall
Quigley	Smith (NJ)	Yarmuth
Raskin	Smith (TX)	Yoder
Ratcliffe	Smith (WA)	Yoho
Reed	Smucker	Young (AK)
Reichert	Soto	Young (IA)
Rice (NY)	Speier	Zeldin

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—25

Bonamici	Gonzalez (TX)	Olson
Bridenstine	Grijalva	Poe (TX)
Carter (GA)	Gutiérrez	Renacci
Costa	Herrera Beutler	Scalise
Cummins	Higgins (LA)	Shea-Porter
DeGette	Higgins (NY)	Shimkus
DeLauro	Meng	Suozi
Garrett	Messer	
Gianforte	Napolitano	

□ 1852

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 439.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING SERVICEMEMBERS LOST ON THE USS "JOHN S. MCCAIN"

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on August 21, the USS *John S. McCain* collided with an oil tanker near

Singapore, taking the lives of 10 of our sailors:

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Kenneth Aaron Smith of Cherry Hill, New Jersey;

Electronics Technician 1st Class Charles Nathan Findley, St. Joseph, Missouri;

Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class Abraham Lopez, El Paso, Texas;

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Kevin Sayer Bushell, Gaithersburg, Maryland;

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jacob Daniel Drake, Cable Township, Ohio;

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Timothy Thomas Eckels, Jr., Manchester, Maryland;

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Corey George Ingram, Poughkeepsie, New York;

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Dustin Louis Doyon, Suffield, Connecticut;

Electronics Technician 3rd Class John Henry Hoagland III of Killeen, Texas;

My constituent from Decatur, Illinois, Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class Logan Stephen Palmer.

Although I never had the chance to meet Officer Palmer, his parents and his friends remember him as a committed sailor, a loving son, and a brother.

The service and sacrifice of these brave men is not lost on this House and will always be remembered by the country they dedicated their lives to serve and protect. This accident is a grave reminder of the risks our service-members and their families take on for our country and all of us each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in a moment of silence to honor these sons, brothers, fathers, and patriots for their service to our Nation and to pray for their family and friends during this difficult time.

DIRECTING THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION TO ALLOW CERTAIN ISSUERS TO BE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of Georgia). Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2864) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to allow certain issuers to be exempt from registration requirements, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 3, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 440]

YEAS—403

Abraham	DeFazio	Johnson, Sam
Adams	Delaney	Jordan
Aderholt	DelBene	Joyce (OH)
Allen	Demings	Kaptur
Amash	Denham	Katko
Amodei	Dent	Keating
Arrington	DeSantis	Kelly (IL)
Babin	DeSaulnier	Kelly (MS)
Bacon	DesJarlais	Kelly (PA)
Banks (IN)	Deutch	Kennedy
Barletta	Diaz-Balart	Khanna
Barr	Dingell	Kihuen
Barragán	Doggett	Kildee
Barton	Donovan	Kilmer
Bass	Doyle, Michael	Kind
Beatty	F.	King (IA)
Bera	Duffy	King (NY)
Bergman	Duncan (SC)	Kinzinger
Beyer	Duncan (TN)	Knight
Biggs	Dunn	Krishnamoorthi
Bilirakis	Ellison	Kuster (NH)
Bishop (GA)	Emmer	Kustoff (TN)
Bishop (MI)	Engel	Labrador
Bishop (UT)	Eshoo	LaHood
Black	Españillat	LaMalfa
Blackburn	Estes (KS)	Lamborn
Blum	Esty (CT)	Lance
Blumenauer	Evans	Langevin
Blunt Rochester	Farenthold	Larsen (WA)
Bost	Faso	Larson (CT)
Boyle, Brendan	Ferguson	Latta
F.	Fitzpatrick	Lawrence
Brady (PA)	Fleischmann	Lawson (FL)
Brady (TX)	Flores	Lee
Brat	Fortenberry	Levin
Brooks (AL)	Foster	Lewis (GA)
Brooks (IN)	Fox	Lewis (MN)
Brown (MD)	Frankel (FL)	Lieu, Ted
Brownley (CA)	Franks (AZ)	Lipinski
Buchanan	Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo
Buck	Fudge	Loeb
Bucshon	Gabbard	Lofgren
Budd	Gaetz	Long
Burgess	Gallagher	Loudermilk
Bustos	Galleo	Love
Butterfield	Garamendi	Lowenthal
Byrne	Gibbs	Lowe
Calvert	Gohmert	Lucas
Capuano	Gomez	Luetkemeyer
Carbajal	Goodlatte	Lujan Grisham,
Cárdenas	Gosar	M.
Carson (IN)	Gottheimer	Luján, Ben Ray
Carter (GA)	Gowdy	Maloney,
Carter (TX)	Granger	Maloney, Sean
Cartwright	Graves (GA)	Marchant
Castor (FL)	Graves (LA)	Marino
Castro (TX)	Graves (MO)	Marshall
Chabot	Green, Al	Massie
Cheney	Green, Gene	Mast
Chu, Judy	Griffith	Matsui
Ciavarella	Grothman	McCarthy
Clark (MA)	Guthrie	McCaul
Clarke (NY)	Hanabusa	McClintock
Clay	Handel	McCollum
Cleaver	Harper	McEachin
Clyburn	Harris	McGovern
Coffman	Hastings	McHenry
Cohen	Heck	McKinley
Cole	Hensarling	McMorris
Collins (GA)	Hice, Jody B.	Rodgers
Collins (NY)	Hill	McNerney
Comer	Himes	McSally
Comstock	Holding	Meadows
Conaway	Hollingsworth	Meehan
Connolly	Hoyer	Meeks
Conyers	Hudson	Mitchell
Cook	Huffman	Moolenaar
Correa	Huizenga	Mooney (WV)
Costello (PA)	Hultgren	Moore
Courtney	Hunter	Moulton
Cramer	Hurd	Mullin
Crawford	Issa	Murphy (FL)
Crist	Jackson Lee	Murphy (PA)
Crowley	Jayapal	Nadler
Cuellar	Jeffries	Neal
Culberson	Jenkins (KS)	Newhouse
Curbelo (FL)	Jenkins (WV)	Noem
Davidson	Johnson (GA)	Nolan
Davis (CA)	Johnson (LA)	
Davis, Danny	Johnson (OH)	
Davis, Rodney	Johnson, E. B.	

Norcross	Rouzer	Thompson (MS)
Norman	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (PA)
Nunes	Royce (CA)	Thornberry
O'Halleran	Ruiz	Tiberi
O'Rourke	Ruppersberger	Tipton
Palazzo	Rush	Titus
Pallone	Russell	Tonko
Palmer	Rutherford	Torres
Panetta	Ryan (OH)	Trott
Pascarella	Sánchez	Tsongas
Paulsen	Sanford	Turner
Payne	Sarbanes	Upton
Pearce	Schakowsky	Valadao
Pelosi	Schiff	Vargas
Perlmutter	Schneider	Veasey
Perry	Schrader	Velázquez
Peters	Schweikert	Visclosky
Peterson	Scott (VA)	Wagner
Pingree	Scott, Austin	Walberg
Pittenger	Scott, David	Walden
Pocan	Sensenbrenner	Walker
Poliquin	Serrano	Walorski
Polis	Sessions	Walters, Mimi
Price (NC)	Sewell (AL)	Walz
Quigley	Sherman	Wasserman
Raskin	Shuster	Schultz
Ratcliffe	Simpson	Waters, Maxine
Reed	Sinema	Watson Coleman
Reichert	Sires	Weber (TX)
Rice (NY)	Slaughter	Webster (FL)
Rice (SC)	Smith (MO)	Welch
Richmond	Smith (NE)	Wenstrup
Roby	Smith (NJ)	Westerman
Roe (TN)	Smith (TX)	Williams
Rogers (AL)	Smith (WA)	Wilson (FL)
Rogers (KY)	Smucker	Wilson (SC)
Rohrabacher	Soto	Wittman
Rokita	Speier	Womack
Rooney, Francis	Stefanik	Woodall
Rooney, Thomas	Stewart	Yarmuth
J.	Stivers	Yoder
Ros-Lehtinen	Swalwell (CA)	Yoho
Rosen	Takano	Young (AK)
Roskam	Taylor	Young (IA)
Ross	Tenney	Zeldin
Rothfus	Thompson (CA)	

NAYS—3

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NOT VOTING—27

Aguilar	Gianforte	Napolitano
Bonamici	Gonzalez (TX)	Olson
Bridenstine	Grijalva	Poe (TX)
Cooper	Gutiérrez	Posey
Costa	Herrera Beutler	Renacci
Cummings	Higgins (LA)	Scallion
DeGette	Higgins (NY)	Shea-Porter
DeLauro	Meng	Shimkus
Garrett	Messer	Suozi

□ 1907

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present due to the funeral of my mother. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 439 and No. 440.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend Floor votes due to the expected birth of my child. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 439, and "yea" on rollcall No. 440.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 69) authorizing the

use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 69

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR D.C. SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN.

On October 6, 2017, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly designate, the 32d annual District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (in this resolution referred to as the "event") may be run through the Capitol Grounds to carry the Special Olympics torch to honor local Special Olympics athletes.

SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITY OF CAPITOL POLICE BOARD.

The Capitol Police Board shall take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the event.

SEC. 3. CONDITIONS RELATING TO PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS.

The Architect of the Capitol may prescribe conditions for physical preparations for the event.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1697

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH) be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1697, as his name was added in error.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

SUPPORT DREAMERS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the tragic announcement made by the Trump administration to kill the DACA program is heartbreaking, reckless, and wrong. This decision means that our country is turning its back on 800,000 young, hardworking immigrants who only know America as their home. Each of these DREAMers has a compelling story and a desire to pursue their educational and professional opportunities, while strengthening our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I am proud to have introduced the DREAM Act along with my good friend, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, to give these young individuals the certainty to plan for a future in our great country, their great country. For too long, their dreams have been put on hold and they have been living under constant fear.

I call on each one of my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, to come together so that we can pass a legislative solution that is humane. This is long overdue, Mr. Speaker. Let's not wait months for a vote. The lives of hundreds of thousands of bright, talented, and patriotic young men and women are at stake.

Mr. Speaker, let's show now that Congress does indeed have a heart.

HURRICANE HARVEY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, to all of my colleagues and the American people, thanks so much for the outpouring of love from volunteers, first responders, and so many rescuers that came to Hurricane Harvey.

Let me thank my mayor, Mayor Turner; the county judge, Judge Emmett; all of the commissioners and council members. Let me thank, most of all, our first responders and all of those who sacrificed their lives; some who died, an officer who died. Let me thank the Marines, the Navy, the Army, and the Texas National Guard. Let me thank the people who suffered through and are still suffering through this disaster, the most significant historic natural disaster in the history of the United States.

They are needing food and shelter still. They are needing the help of this great Congress. They are needing love and prayers, and I am prayerful that we will go together, walking together, and providing the money that these victims need.

Let me give you a sad story. As I left Houston today, announcements were coming to those in apartments: You are evicted, with no place to go.

Yes, the apartments were destroyed, but there is no place to go. We need a continuing effort to be able to help them. We need the EPA to inspect the various chemical plants, and we need

FEMA to be staffed more, and to be able to address some of the funding needs that we have.

The debris is unbelievable; maybe \$200-plus billion, but all I can say is that the lives were lost, but we are still prayerful.

To the Saldivar family who lost four children in a drowning: My prayers are with you.

We continue to lift them up, and work as Americans to make sure they are whole.

God bless the people in the southeast where Irma might come.

Mr. Speaker, I conclude by simply saying: Please don't let the DACA young people be thrown out in this devastating time. They, too, need to be embraced.

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ANNUAL AUGUST BUS TOUR

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, each August, I conduct a bus tour of South Carolina's Second Congressional District with my wife, Roxanne, and dedicated staff members from all offices. I would like to specifically recognize scheduler Emily Saleeby for this year's very meaningfully coordinated schedule.

It was humbling and inspiring to meet with constituents and visit 30 locations from small businesses and schools to local chambers of commerce and large employers. I took the opportunity to thank employees for their service, and employers for creating jobs in all five counties I represent.

Many of the businesses were multi-generation success stories, such as Form Tool Technology in Elgin founded by Mike and Roxann Robbins; The Marwin Company in West Columbia led by Andy Davis; Anovotek in Barnwell founded by Don Alexander; and Hansen International in Lexington led by Lisa Beebe. The pro-development policies of South Carolina were also highlighted by Kimberly-Clark corporation's largest manufacturing facility in North America located in Beech Island with 2,000 employees.

I am additionally grateful for Principal Anna Miller of Chapin Middle School; Dr. Sandra Jordan, chancellor of USC-Aiken; Director Sandra Sigmon of North Family Community School; and Principal Jacqueline Kasprowski of Cardinal Newman High School for their emphasis on proactive education across the district.

A final stop was to thank Gary David of WVOC Radio in promoting relief efforts for the recovery of Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

Additional stops included BAE Systems hosted by Michael Eaton, Aiken Rotary Club hosted by John McMichael, Jr., Hubbell Power Systems hosted by Pete Swales, Ahh Sunshine hosted by Jim Hanna, CVS Caremark

Distribution Center hosted by Elizabeth Brooks, Frank Donaghy, and Tom Moriarty, Alley Downtown Taproom hosted by Norman Dunagan, Irmo Chamber of Commerce hosted by Kerry Powers, K2Tech hosted by Zach Minton, Cayce-West Columbia Rotary hosted by Marnie Robinson, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt hosted by Jorge Gonzales, Mathnasium hosted by Annette Sudduth, Coca-Cola hosted by Alison Patient, FN America hosted by Greg Butler, South Carolina Vocations & Individual Advancement (SCVIA), a division of Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands, SC, Inc. hosted by Mike Adams, Duck Donuts hosted by Katie McCanna, Brittons of Columbia hosted by Perry Lancaster, Shealy's Bar-B-Que hosted by Tommy Shealy, and Ansaldo STS hosted by Joseph Eiseman.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

ENDING THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS PROGRAM

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, from its earliest days, the Trump administration has embraced disastrous immigration policies. First was the unconstitutional Muslim ban rooted in fear rather than fact. Then came the obsession with an ineffective and expensive border wall. But today we have reached a new low.

In our justice system, people are held responsible for their actions. With the announcement of the end of DACA, we are throwing aside this principle. Instead, we are punishing youth who, through the actions of their parents, happen to be in the country without authorization. The average DACA recipient was barely 6 when she came to the U.S., yet the administration today has said that she should be deported to a land that she has never called home.

DACA recipients—the students, workers, and servicemembers in Rhode Island and around the Nation—are our friends. They are our neighbors. We cannot and we must not abandon them.

RECOGNIZING U.S. FOREST SERVICE CHIEF TIDWELL ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, who has dedicated himself to public service for more than 40 years. Tom retired on Friday, September 1.

Over the last four decades, Chief Tidwell climbed the ranks, starting as a firefighter and becoming a district ranger, then forest supervisor, before leading more than 30,000 employees of the U.S. Forest Service.

Chief Tidwell worked on collaborative approaches to combat wildfires, maintain support for forests and grasslands, and support community-based partnerships to reduce appeals and increase work.

Since Tom was named chief in 2009, the Forest Service has enhanced treatments to improve and protect the health and strength of our forests and grasslands. Because of Chief Tidwell's vision, we have seen an emphasis on active management, forest products, and clean water.

Under Tom's leadership, the agency has made strides in helping the ecosystem remain sustainable while addressing the many challenges threatening America's forests, grasslands, and rural communities.

We are deeply grateful for Tom's 40 years of commitment and service. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chief Tidwell for his friendship and his service, and I wish him the best in his retirement.

PROTECTING DREAMERS

(Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today the President made clear that he refuses to protect DREAMers. It is now imperative that Congress acts to protect DREAMers before DACA ends.

This issue is personal for me because I, too, was brought to our country by my parents as a child. The hope for a better life which carried my parents here from oceans away was no different from that of the parents of DREAMers and generations of immigrants before.

DREAMers play a vital role in our economy, and ending DACA would cost our country nearly half a trillion dollars over 10 years. But the contributions of DREAMers go beyond any single statistic: DREAMers have built their lives here, started families here, built businesses here, and bled in uniform for the only home they have ever known.

I urge Speaker RYAN and my colleagues from both parties to come together to defend DREAMers and to develop a comprehensive approach to immigration built on American values.

HONORING SHERIFF THOMAS MILLS ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. FASO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and congratulate Delaware County Sheriff Thomas Mills of Meredith, New York, on the occasion of his retirement from a 54-year career of service to his Nation and local community.

A lifelong resident of Delaware County, Sheriff Mills enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps for 3 years after graduating from Franklin High School, and

he was also deployed to Santo Domingo during the Dominican Civil War in 1965.

Sheriff Mills attained the rank of corporal before returning to upstate New York, where he dedicated himself to protecting his local community through law enforcement at the State and local levels.

Sheriff Mills retired on August 28, 2017, after more than 18 years of service as sheriff of Delaware County, during which time he built the new public safety building and jail as well as implemented the countywide 9/11 system.

Sheriff Mills is a pillar of our Delaware County community, and I thank him and salute him and his family for their service, sacrifice, and never-ending desire to give back to their neighbors.

TERMINATING DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's decision to end the DACA program is wrong. Today's announcement impacts over 22,000 New Jerseyans and over 800,000 people across the country. The primary beneficiaries of DACA are young people who were brought here to this country by no decision of their own.

In New Jersey, most DACA recipients are in the group of 18 to 21 years of age. At that age, they should be focused on college, developing trades, and overall sharpening their skills that will ultimately benefit our Nation.

Unfortunately, their future is now at the mercy of Congress. This issue transcends party, Mr. Speaker. Our decisions in the next 6 months will determine the future of hundreds of thousands of young people. We must make the right decision to protect DREAMers.

RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITNEY POINT LAKE AND DAM

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Whitney Point Lake and dam in Broome County, New York.

A popular tourist destination, Whitney Point Lake welcomes more than 115,000 people annually. The 4,578-acre lake offers fishing, swimming, trails, playgrounds, and more than 100 picnic sites.

As an important fixture in our communities, Whitney Point Lake and dam brings more than \$3 million annually to our local economy and plays a pivotal role in limiting flooding.

Unfortunately, as we have seen this year, our region is also subject to devastating floods. While it is impossible

to prevent all floods, we can see some mitigation from the effects of flooding due to Whitney Point Lake and dam this year.

Since Whitney Point Lake was completed in 1942, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' project has prevented more than \$717 million in potential flood damage.

For its continued benefits both to the local and downstream communities, as well as the hundreds of thousands that enjoy its recreational opportunities, it is an honor today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Whitney Point Lake and dam.

RECOGNIZING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIXTH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

(Mr. McEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a pillar of the Richmond community. This year, Richmonders and parishioners celebrate the 150th anniversary of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church has been a central institution in our community since its founding in 1867 by Reverend John Jasper. The church was founded in an abandoned Confederate horse stable on Brown's Island and, since then, has been a pillar of our community.

The long history of supporting the community has continued under the leadership of six distinguished leaders, including the current pastor, Reverend Tyrone Nelson.

Reverend Nelson is a fellow alumnus of Virginia Union University's Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, a member of Henrico County Board of Supervisors, and a longtime friend.

Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church has addressed the social concerns of the city's residents and was one of the first Black churches to have an organized charity with a staff social worker available to help our community.

Mr. Speaker, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church continues to assist community members with resources necessary to overcome life's obstacles.

I pray that Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church will thrive in our community for another 150 years.

FIRES IN THE WEST

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, appropriately and necessarily, we will be addressing the issue of Hurricane Harvey and its devastating effects on Texas, Louisiana, and our American colleagues down there. But also we have a crisis going on in the West. Tens of thousands of acres of our forests are going up in smoke this year just like every year. The inability of the Forest

Service to act due to lawsuits and lack of will is inexcusable.

Our people are suffering in the West as well: Montana, tens of thousands of acres; northern California and many other areas. It ruins the habitat, it ruins the air quality, it ruins the water quality, and it ruins the people's assets of what they own in their Federal land and the Forest Service.

It eliminates jobs. It is harmful to our part of the country. We need to do something about this crisis that happens every year and is happening right now to the people of the West, to the habitat of the West, and to our natural lands.

Mr. Speaker, we must take action very soon on this and not continue to ignore it. It is hardly even in the news of what a devastating effect this is of wildfire every year in our forests in our Western States.

FIRES IN OREGON

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I support my friend from California in urging that this body focus on this crisis in the West. With the outrage that has happened with the DACA students and with the tragedy in Houston, there are lots of things to occupy our time. But the firefighting in the West has impacted thousands of people. I have people who are forced to evacuate in my community.

We have 24 large fires in Montana, 19 in Oregon, and 17 in California. But what is really outrageous is that the Republican leadership in the House refuses to treat these disasters the same way we would treat Hurricane Harvey or Hurricane Katrina being able to put disaster funding on the table.

We are going to completely exhaust those resources in a matter of days, and then we are going to cannibalize the Forest Service budget that could be used to strengthen forest protections, put people to work, and avoid problems in the future. That is outrageous.

We have bipartisan legislation that would pass if the Republican leadership would allow it on the floor of the House. But at a minimum, we should not have any disaster relief that doesn't have money for these tragic fires in the West.

LET US VOTE ON DACA

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today the Trump administration announced that it intends to crush the hopes of 800,000 DREAMers and cause them to live in fear each and every day, because that is what ending the DACA program will do.

Despite his many promises and saying that he has a heart, the President

is persecuting young people who have done nothing more than come to this country in their parents' arms. They know no other language. They know no other country.

Ending the DACA program is opposed by the leadership of both parties and by the majorities in both Chambers. It is opposed by the clear majority of the American people.

But this Congress can do something to fix this. I am confident that if we put the BRIDGE Act, the American Hope Act, and the American Dream Act on the floor, if the Republican leaders would allow a vote, then it would pass.

DACA is in our court now. Let's have a vote and keep this lifeline to the American Dream alive.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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LCWR ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ON U.S.-DPRK CRISIS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, during World War II, a wise admonition from our military read: "Loose lips sink ships." In other words, beware of unguarded talk.

Of late, our world has witnessed an unprecedented escalation in tension with North Korea and its deranged tyrant, including North Korea's recent firing of a missile over Japan. Yet President Trump's reaction to the ongoing North Korean crisis has been an unguarded yielding of dangerous words of war. His improvised remarks have stunned experts, allies, and even his own advisers.

Instead of thorough diplomatic pressure and international consensus building, President Trump has done the opposite. His unpredictable rhetoric lacks strategic thought. It puts American troops stationed in South Korea and our regional allies at greater risk.

This administration is understaffing the State Department, weakening its ability to handle the sort of diplomacy I am speaking of. In the President's 2018 budget, the State Department is really an afterthought, with major accounts cut to the bone.

Thankfully, there are voices of reason, including the respected Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD their statement against fear-mongering and advising dialogue is more productive than rhetoric, and connection more transformative than threats of destruction.

LCWR ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ON THE US—DPRK CRISIS

This week, while tensions between the governments of the United States and the People's Republic of Korea quickly escalated,

approximately 650 members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious meeting in Orlando, FL issued a public statement imploring President Donald J. Trump to engage in dialogue and negotiation:

At this critical moment for our country and global community, we—the approximately 650 members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious gathered in assembly—have discerned the Gospel call to embody love for the sake of the world.

We believe that love is more powerful than fear, dialogue more productive than rhetoric, and connection more transformative than threats of destruction.

We call on President Trump to engage in constructive dialogue and negotiation to resolve the current crisis between the governments of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in a manner that guarantees the peace and security that all people seek.

We commit ourselves to promote non-violence and a compassionate response to the thirst of the world for integrity and communion.

DACA TERMINATION

(Ms. CLARKE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to the administration's cruel and inhumane decision to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

President Obama first implemented DACA in 2012, to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of immigrant children, many of whom are young adults and have lived in the United States for years and known no other home other than the United States, have a place here in America. This program was rooted in the best of our political tradition and intended as a temporary fix until Congress chose to take action.

In 2013, the Senate rose to the challenge and passed a bipartisan reform proposal. However, this Chamber callously refused to even consider the Gang of Eight proposal and instead let it die a slow and painful legislative death.

We are now being called upon to resume the fight, and we must not squander this opportunity. What my colleagues need to understand here and now is that this is not a game. The fate of nearly a million people hangs in the balance. Today's coldhearted decision will impact their health, wellness, families, and earning potential for years to come. DREAMers are generally beginning the most productive years of their lives.

This is not a hypothetical question. It is real. We need to get to work, Mr. Speaker, right away.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRBACHER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, before I get into a rather elongated discussion about one fundamental issue that we are having to decide in the next few days, I would like to just mention that we have just heard severe criticism of our President.

Let me just note about President Trump and his rhetoric supposedly making things worse in Korea. The rhetoric of our President has not made the situation worse in Korea.

What made the situation in Korea a major threat to our country and to our people and to the world was that, during the Clinton administration, President Clinton pushed through this Congress a package of aid for North Korea. Yes, we gave billions of dollars of aid in the form of energy and other types of issues and things that they needed. We gave them billions of dollars of aid under the agreement that North Korea would not be developing their nuclear weapons.

At that time, Chris Cox, a Member of the House of Representatives at the time, and myself fought aggressively against that deal. The North Koreans ended up being the recipient of billions of dollars of aid, even though they were the most antidemocratic institution, the greatest threat, and the greatest tyrants in that part of the world.

Yes, they knew that they didn't have to worry about the United States of America. That is when they, again, slowly but surely, after receiving billions of dollars from us, pushed through by President Clinton, that is how they have gotten to this point now where they are exploding weapons and launching rockets.

They are blaming that on our President, who just recently became President, and they are blaming it on his rhetoric rather than his policy? It is ridiculous.

The other thing we have heard about our President again is how heartless he is because he is not permitting young people who have been designated as DREAMers to stay here in the United States, even though they are in this country illegally, and they were brought here illegally.

Now, what is the impact? What will be the impact to those young people, who are probably wonderful young people? Most of them, I am sure, are wonderful young people. But the bottom line is, our interests and our moral obligation must be to the well-being of American young people. That includes American young people who are of every race and every religion and every ethnic group.

Approving the people who have come here illegally will hurt American young people, especially American-Hispanic young people. The DREAMers will be competing with their jobs and, yes, bidding down the wages of our own young people and our other people who are trying to struggle right now to get by. No, what the President has done is watch out for the right young people: Americans.

Yes, we have had millions of people—in fact, for the last few years, over a million people—legally immigrate into our country. We have nothing to be ashamed of, nothing to apologize for. We are the most generous when it comes to legal immigration into our society of any country in the world. In fact, at times recently, the amount of legal immigration we have been allowing into our country represents more than all the other countries of the world in what they have permitted to legally immigrate into their society.

We all feel for young people throughout the world who deserve a better life. But if we permit people to come here as young people illegally, and then legalize their status, every parent in the world will see that decision. Every parent in the world will say: Oh, my gosh, that young person who comes from Guatemala, or wherever it is, made it to America. He went in illegally, and now he is going to a junior college. He has had some health problems. The American taxpayers have paid for it. Why can't I bring my children there?

Well, it will dawn on them that millions of people—hundreds of millions, perhaps—that if they are going to come to the United States illegally, you better bring the kids, because Americans think more of those kids than they do their own kids.

I applaud the President for what he has done to slow down this betrayal of American young people by allowing young people to come in here illegally and thus expect that they are going to get legal status by wearing us down and appealing to our emotions.

One thing we have to note, in closing on this issue, those young people, if they are legalized, that is not the end of the game. At that point, when they are legalized, they have a right to make applications so that their parents can have their status legalized. They can bring in family that they left back in their home countries. Now they can apply to have them come in under family reunification.

This isn't just about a group of young people who came in. Even to legalize their status would be wrong. Otherwise, millions of other people will come here. Remember the trainloads of young people who were put on trains headed to the United States? Yes, we can expect more of that. Why not? If you love your children and you live anywhere else than the United States and you are living a poor life, of course you want to bring your kids here.

We should not be encouraging that, and we should not be attacking the President of the United States for standing up for our own young people, rather than trying to bring a massive flood of illegal immigrant children into our society and pay for their education and their healthcare, et cetera.

With that said, the issue that I am hoping to discuss in detail tonight is something on a totally different level, in terms of issue. This is an issue, whether you are Republican or Democrat, you go across the board; whether

liberal or conservative, there should be a close look at what is happening right now in the House of Representatives.

A decision will soon be made by the House Rules Committee—they are meeting tonight and tomorrow—that will have a dramatic and direct impact on the lives of millions of Americans. Although the issue will have such severe consequences on so many people, Members of Congress may or may not have had the opportunity and may not have the opportunity in the future to vote on the provision that is being discussed tonight.

What I am talking about at issue is an amendment submitted to the Rules Committee. For those who don't know, the Rules Committee is a committee here in Congress that decides what will come to the floor for a vote—what bills—and what will be included; what amendments will be permitted, what amendments won't, and if there will be any.

That is their job. They do a good job of it, but it is important that they do a job that reflects the American people and the interests of the American people.

So what we have is an amendment that has been submitted to the Rules Committee for consideration with this week's appropriations bill. What I am talking about is an amendment which prohibits any of the money or resources in the appropriations bill for the Department of Justice; it prevents that money or the resources that come from the Department of Justice, purchased by that revenue; it says that the Department of Justice can't use that money that is being given to them in the appropriations bill to supersede a State law when that State has legalized the medical use of marijuana.

Now, that is my amendment. That amendment has been around. As many of my colleagues know, this amendment has a long history. The House has considered this issue numerous times since former Representative Maurice Hinchey of New York introduced the first amendment of this nature in 2001. I joined him and supported that provision.

Eventually, I became the lead sponsor of the amendment when Mr. Hinchey left. That year, in 2012, my amendment failed in the House by a vote of 162-262.

So, in 2012, my amendment, which would have legalized medical marijuana—basically, saying that you can't have the Federal Government supersede States when they have legalized medical marijuana—lost by 162-262.

Two years later, I teamed up with Representative Sam Farr, who is also now retired, and saw the amendment pass—the very same amendment we were able to reach out to our colleagues and say that we do not want any of the money that is being allocated for the Department of Justice to be used to supersede States' rights. That cannot supersede a State that has legalized the medical use of marijuana.

The passage of the amendment in 2004 led to the inclusion of this provision in last year's omnibus appropriations bill, which was signed into law December 2014. The following year, the amendment passed by an even larger margin. Let me note that the last time it came here for a vote on the floor, it passed by 242-186.

What we are talking about is that the people of the United States, over these years, over and over again, have expressed themselves to the Federal Government by passing laws in their own States to legalize the medical use of marijuana.

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And now we have a move to try to prevent those reforms that we put into place for the last 6 years that insisted that the Federal Government respect the State laws that have been changed so that the State laws that have given their own people permission to use medical marijuana for medical purposes, now what we see is an effort to try to prevent that from happening.

In other words, the status quo for 4 years has been the Federal Government will not interfere because the Department of Justice is not permitted to use its resources to supersede a State that has legalized the medical use of marijuana. And the States, in these 4 years, over and over and over again, have reaffirmed and have sometimes put in place brand-new law that permits their people to use medical marijuana.

Changing the status quo here by not adding that amendment that has been in the bill for the last 4 years, we are changing the status quo in a way that undermines the rights of the States and the people therein to make their policy, a right that we had acknowledged for the last 4 years.

Since it was first enacted into law, the provision has been updated and extended through a series of continuing resolutions. That is the bill that says we will respect State marijuana laws and omnibus appropriations bills, the last of which was signed into law by President Trump on April 5.

So, on April 5, we signed the omnibus bill. In that bill was the amendment that said the Justice Department will not use its resources to supersede State law. And since the first vote in 2014, the Senate Appropriations Committee has taken up the issue and has adopted this amendment on a bipartisan basis every year for the last few years.

As a result of this provision, the Federal Government has been prohibited from arresting or attacking those providing cannabis for medical purposes in the States that have passed such laws through their State legislature or through a direct vote of their own people.

So, to date, what are we talking about? We are talking about 46 States that have legalized some form of cannabis for medical purposes.

Yet we see, today, this Republican Congress is seriously considering what?

Superseding those States, 46 States that have actually said: We will determine what is good for our people, and our people have voted overwhelmingly to permit medical marijuana to be used by the people of this State.

We are considering changing the status quo tonight by not permitting the amendment that always gave the rights to the States to make that decision.

With this movement by the States, we have witnessed the emergence of a new and a major industry in America. Billions of dollars now are being invested in the exploding cannabis industry, an industry where now marijuana is being grown to provide clinics, which then they work on the cannabis itself. They put it into and they catalog it in terms of strength and in terms of dosage, and they work with doctors to make sure that this can be used for helping people with their maladies.

Those involved, all who are doing this, the ones who are providing the cannabis, the guys who are processing it, the people who are selling it, the people who want to make sure that everything is designated right, the strength and the character of what is being sold, and, of course, a book-keeping system that makes sure everybody knows, total, who is doing what, all those involved in this new industry, billions of dollars' worth of industry, are respectable businessmen and -women.

Yes, they are seeking profit, but these are men and women who are eager to be, yes, seeking profit and to be responsible and transparent; and just like any other member of the business community, they want to do a business efficiently, and they want to be held accountable for what they are doing.

Money should be accounted for, yes. Ingredients of products must be verified and labeled. Standard business practices ought to be applied, and, of course, taxes and regulations are part of that equation.

Well, throughout the country, this industry is taking the public away from gangsters, away from criminal drug dealers. Now, who is being helped? But first let me note on that.

If we eliminate this right of the States to basically legalize the medical use of marijuana and put it in the hands of those people whom I have just described, honest businessmen who are going to be held accountable and held with transparent types of operations, no, they will be replaced by whom? They will be replaced by drug dealers. They will be replaced by the Mexican drug cartel. That is who is being helped if we eliminate this provision that has been part of the appropriations bill for the Department of Justice for the last 3 years.

So why are we thinking about helping, not only just superseding what the people locally have voted for—why aren't we thinking about that?—but worse than that, why are we thinking

about transferring those billions of dollars now in this industry directly into the pockets of the drug cartels? That is what the vote is.

The vote is not, oh, we are going to stop anybody from using marijuana because marijuana is bad. That is not the vote. That is not the result of the vote. The result of the vote will be billions of dollars immediately transferred into the pockets of the drug cartel. That is what will happen.

So I implore my colleagues to look closely with this vote. I hope that the Rules Committee will see the error of its ways and permit a vote on the floor on this issue. If not, I will be calling on my colleagues to join me in opposing the rule that is coming to the floor that prohibits us from voting on this issue.

If we vote on the issue, let's all vote on the issue and let the voters hold us accountable for our vote, but don't just let nobody have a vote on it and hide behind anonymity. No, let's let the people know what side we are on.

Do we want to have drug cartels being handed billions of dollars? That is what this is about.

Oh, yes, we are going to say, well, fewer people will use marijuana. No, I do not believe that for an instant. And especially people who are using it for medical purposes, there won't be fewer of them. Those people still need medical marijuana, and they have arthritis and all kinds—the Vietnam—actually, not Vietnam vets, but the vets coming back from the Gulf. The veterans are coming back, and they know that this can help them.

We are now turning off the supply of medical marijuana to people who can be helped, and then what are we doing? We are giving the money that is being made by honest businessmen now in a transparent way, trying to run something where taxes are paid and everybody is held accountable, anything they sell is labeled—no, no. All of that is out the window because someone thinks marijuana, itself, is evil.

Children, especially those who are afflicted by seizures, have been treated through the use of CBD oils. That is a derivative of cannabis, and it appears to be effective.

Senior citizens are both physically and psychologically assisted in dealing with some of the challenges that often come with old age. Alzheimer's, arthritis, chronic pain, these are things that our seniors, when they are sitting in old folks homes or wherever, they suffer, and we say: No, you can't try marijuana; no, we are not going to let you legally be able to obtain that as something that might help you with your suffering. How ridiculous is that?

All Americans who suffer from diseases ranging from Crohn's disease to cancer, the potential to receive medical benefit from cannabis is clear.

And the wounded American soldiers coming home from the Middle East, they have come to our offices. They have been in my office, and I am sure

they have been in other people's offices to explain the positive effects of cannabis in dealing with PTSD.

In fact, the American Legion, an organization chartered in the aftermath of World War I to represent veterans, adopted a resolution last month urging the Federal Government to allow VA physicians to discuss and to recommend the use of medical marijuana in accordance with State laws.

My goodness, I will just have to say that for us to turn our back on these seniors, to say that these people who have young children who had seizures and they couldn't stop them and to turn our back on those people, to turn our back on our veterans, that is what this vote is all about.

This isn't about, oh, well, somebody can just go smoke marijuana.

And, by the way, if an adult is smoking marijuana in their backyard, yes, I don't think that we should waste police resources and billions of dollars of law enforcement money to try to stop an adult from using marijuana in his backyard.

But that is not the issue. The issue is whether States that have legalized the medical use of it should be superseded by us here, by the vote that we are going to have here in the next few days.

Let me tell you something about how I didn't know how the public would respond to the fact that I am one of the leaders in this whole effort to legalize the medical use of cannabis.

You know, I was Ronald Reagan's speechwriter, and I have been a Republican all my life. I get the top score on conservative groups that, you know, are giving you a score of how you voted and everything. I have received very high marks in all of those groups, and I have been a conservative voter. I have a conservative, libertarian background. I was Ronald Reagan's speechwriter for 7½ years in the White House.

I got elected in 1988, the last year of Reagan's term in the White House, and I sort of slipped into this issue because it is a principled issue to me. The principle is freedom, liberty, justice, and if you are not hurting somebody else; but especially we should let people who are suffering, at the very least give them some leeway when it comes to medical uses.

Well, I knew that I was getting a lot of publicity on this, and a fellow came into my office to talk to me about a totally different issue, about an aerospace issue. I am one of the senior members of the Science Committee, and I said—now, this guy represents, to me, my typical voter, my conservative voter in Canton, California.

The conservative voter was a guy who has been a commander or a captain in the U.S. Navy, a pilot. He was now in aerospace, and I am sure he always voted Republican. And so I asked him, I said: Look, what do you think about the fact that the guy you have been voting for all this time is now the leader in the fight to legalize medical

marijuana for the people of this State and this country?

He looked at me, and he said: DANA, you really don't know me very well.

I said: Well, I know you are a former pilot in the Navy and you are now in aerospace and you are a conservative vote.

And he says: Yeah, but you don't know that I have three sons—three sons—and the day after 9/11, they all marched off and joined the military. And then what you don't know also is, a few years later, two of them came back, but the third one who came back wasn't my son anymore. The third one that came back was on the floor in seizures because he had been in some kind of an explosion that had rattled his brain, and he was on the floor over these seizures and they wouldn't stop. How would you feel about your child on the floor having seizures that you cannot stop?

And now when I tell these people: We don't care about that; you are not going to get to try medical marijuana—well, this guy said he tried everything. He took him to the VA, and it didn't help. After about a year, this guy said one of the guys at the VA hospital pulled him aside and said: Hey, you want to help your son? See me off campus.

They saw him in his office off the VA hospital, and the guy said: Look, your son needs marijuana. Here is the prescription. Here is how to use it. Go do it.

And do you know what the guy said to me there in my office? He said: My son hasn't had a seizure since that day. You wonder what I want to do about you being the point man on legalizing medical marijuana? I want to go over and give you a big hug.

That is what he said.

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Now, I hope that my colleagues take this seriously because there are children on the floor having these seizures. There are veterans waiting there in seizures. There are old folks who are having arthritis and they can't move their hands, or they have lost their appetites in these senior citizen homes.

There is nothing wrong with us using cannabis to help alleviate their pain. We have been doing that for 3 years, and now the Rules Committee may not even permit us to have a vote on it, and they will take it out of this bill. We will be taking this away, without even having our people have to vote on it or not.

Well, I say if you disagree with me, that is fine. If you don't think the drug cartels will be enriched, fine. Come up and make your arguments.

When I lost this vote on a number of occasions, before we won 3 or 4 years ago, I lived with it. I said: Fine; I lost the vote. I respect those people's opinion, and they beat me.

Well, I expect that is what a democracy is supposed to be all about. That is what it is supposed to be all about.

Let people be held accountable for this. Don't take it out of the bill. If they take it out of the judiciary appropriations bill, I am asking my colleagues to stand up and vote against a rule that is shielding us from accountability, shielding us from having to have, basically, responsibility for handing billions of dollars over to the drug cartels.

Now the argument, of course, is: Oh, there is an opiate—you know, some kind of, what do they call it, an epidemic. An epidemic that is crossing America is opiates. Well, yes, there is.

When young people, or old people, are given opiates by their doctors, that is what happens: they get addicted to the opiates. If their doctors have no alternative, like cannabis, to provide their patients with something that might help them with their challenge, well, then you are going to get opiates, and that is what has happened. Our doctors have been passing out opiates as if they are candy.

It is the legalization of medical marijuana that makes it more likely that we will defeat the opiate epidemic and get our people back to a point where they can actually control their own lives. No one has ever died from an overdose of marijuana.

Now, I can tell you this. I understand that people really want to help young people, and others, not to get addicted to drugs. And I will say, no one has ever overdosed on cannabis. Yes, there are some serious concerns of why you don't want young people, in particular, using cannabis.

But to make it illegal, to put people in jail for using this, for basically leaving the distribution of marijuana in the hands of criminals, is far worse in what happens than any of the things that happen if young people—or, well, if anybody—start smoking a joint.

And let me just say, I think young people, we need to talk to them seriously. When we tell them we don't even think marijuana should be used for medical purposes, they tune out. But if we say, we know there are some legitimate uses for this, but when you are 20 years old, it is going to hurt your mind development, do not use marijuana until at least you are over 20 years old, and we are only making it legal now in this bill, or if you have some medical problems.

Well, the fact is that young people can understand that. That is one of the reasons why we have got to have research into cannabis, other than just leaving these opiates as the easy answer for doctors. In fact, one of the greatest sins, I believe, committed against the American people in the last 100 years has been really a lack of research into cannabis as a potential healthcare device or, shall I say, entity so that, instead of doing research into cannabis for the last 100 years, research has been suppressed.

There could be some really wonderful things, and we are learning about them now. A few years ago, for example,

Israel had to lead the way on this and introduce a major research effort into cannabis, and their results have been spectacular.

Why does that happen in Israel and not here? Don't we care about whether those things that they discovered there that affects their people will help our people as well? No, no. We couldn't do that because we have people who are still living in the 1960s when to them cannabis—marijuana—means everybody growing their hair long, smoking dope in the park, and fornicating in the park, and failing in life, becoming hippies, and all of that.

The bottom line is that image is destroying the well-being of millions of Americans today. We have got to get over that image because that is not what medical cannabis is all about.

And as I say, young people under 20 years of age, I have no problem outlawing it for them and having some kind of severe penalty for people selling that to them. We need to protect them because it does impact negatively on kids who are under 20 years of age, or in that age group.

But let me also note: those kids shouldn't be drinking as well. The same studies that show that marijuana will really hurt the development of their brains and affect their electrical system also says that when they overdrink at an early age it has that same type of impact.

So those trying to protect us Americans from ourselves are well-intentioned. They certainly understand these negative impacts, and there are negative impacts of everything. There are negative impacts of too much sugar; there are negative impacts of eating the wrong things, or not getting any exercise, or sitting down in front of your computer, or only sitting and watching TV.

But if we go down the road and we let the government just protect us from ourselves, and that we are saying the government needs to just control our lives for us, no, that is not going to happen. That is not what our Founding Fathers were all about, and that is not what this country is all about.

Yes, there are things that we don't want young people to be involved with when it comes to cannabis. It is true with so many other things. And, also, we can't control that if we leave the drug cartels as the major player.

Perhaps the most serious downside of using cannabis over the last 50 years has been the financing of these drug cartels in Mexico and developing countries. But now, with the continued enactment of Rohrabacher-Farr, the vast majority of States have charted another course, rather than what we have had before, before our things passed. Well, the billions of dollars, this multi-billion-dollar industry has been taking shape, and it is taking a huge market share away from the cartels and the gangs.

Number one, it is important that we make sure young people, veterans,

older people, people who need this, people who are infirmed and need this help with cannabis and it can help them, first and foremost, let's let the States decide whether or not that is going to be a right for people to try to treat themselves with cannabis in those States. Okay, that is number one.

But, number two, let's make sure that the money that is now being spent and organized to try to provide those people with their supply, and doing it in a very professional way with how much and what strength they are getting, et cetera, and people held accountable, let's not turn that off and eliminate that and just send these people to the drug cartels. It is ridiculous.

And, finally, for me and many of my conservative colleagues, this has always been an issue of federalism and freedom. This has always been an issue that goes right back to the fundamentals.

Our Founding Fathers did not expect that the Federal Government would assume such a prominent role when it comes to policing our lives. Rather, they intended the States to take the lead when exercising police powers.

The 46 States have, thus far, sought a different course when it comes to medical cannabis. These States should not be stymied by an all-powerful Federal Government dictating what we, and the citizens of this country, shall do in our private lives. The States, and the people therein, should be left to make these decisions and to regulate these activities, or not regulate them, as they see fit.

What has happened now, because we have gotten away from this idea that Federalism will decide, the issue of Federalism, the 10th Amendment, what we have now are situations where we have different armies, like the DEA and others, who have had raids taking place throughout our country. This was not what our Founding Fathers had in mind.

This effort to try to put in jail anybody who is even using marijuana for anything, what we have done is in the Black and Chicano communities, in particular, minority communities who have less money, they have suffered the most because if their children—let's say a 20-year-old young man gets arrested in the ghetto, well, he is not going to have a lawyer like that, like people who live in more affluent areas. So that record will stick with him for the rest of his life.

We have wasted billions of dollars of their lives that they could be having better jobs 10 years down the road by hanging this on their back. We wonder why people can't get jobs. Well, somebody from a more affluent home, there is a lawyer waiting for them at the police station if he is ever caught with a baggy of marijuana.

Well, that is not good to have that young man in the ghetto, or anywhere else, or even in the affluent communities, to have to have a criminal record for something that, yes, might

have a negative impact on him. We should instead—let me just offer this as a solution. Let's go forward with some positive programs, rather than superseding State law with a heavy-handed, iron-fisted enforcement of laws controlling people's private behavior and their private consumption of what they want to consume. Let's put our effort into offering a positive alternative.

For example, in high schools and colleges, and even in grade schools, we can have drug testing. In our military, we can have drug testing. But it is not drug testing to put someone in jail. If you do it that way, you can't do that legally. You can't force someone to testify against themselves. But if you say: We want to see if you have a problem, and you are not going to get a driver's license if you don't pass drug free; and you can be given a drug test in high school at any time, and if your test comes back negative, you talk to the family of a young person who has been tested and has been using some kind of drug.

We can do those types of things. We can do those things that aren't aimed at obliterating someone's future by giving them a felony conviction for having a little bit of marijuana on them. That is ridiculous.

And we don't need to give the drug cartels all the money in making sure that people in the old folks' home down the street don't get to smoke marijuana to take care of their arthritis. That is all ridiculous.

Now we are facing this challenge here. This will be a vote this week. I would ask my colleagues: Please, let us have the amendment that we have had for 3 years, keep the status quo of letting the States handle this issue, let the States do that. This is a States' rights issue. Thomas Jefferson would be for us.

At the same time, if we do not get a vote on this and they try to hide behind it—we are not even going to get a chance to vote on it, thus we are not going to be held accountable for eliminating this freedom that we have and this federalism that we have—if we don't get that vote, I am asking my colleagues, especially my Republican colleagues—and I ask the public to pay attention to how people vote—a vote for the rule if this amendment, if the Rohrabacher-Blumenauer amendment is not permitted, then a vote for the rule is a vote for giving money to the drug cartels, it is a vote for eliminating the law as it is today, which is leaving it up to the States and bringing the Federal Government back to our local and State areas in an enforcement mode. We don't need that.

If we don't get this, if my amendment, the Rohrabacher amendment, is not permitted, I would hope that my colleagues would join me in voting against the rule, which sends that bill back to the committee, to the Rules Committee, where they will then either add it or not, but at least gives us a

chance to have a direct vote on it again if we defeat it the first time.

So I say strike a blow for freedom, make sure we have reaffirmed the idea of federalism, personal responsibility, not government controls over our lives, let's do what our Founding Fathers did, let's strike a blow for liberty.

That is what this is about: liberty. And it is not about having power in the hands of the Federal Government to come down and tell us how to run our lives and centralizing power in Washington, D.C.

So I ask my colleagues to join me in voting for my amendment if it is permitted on the floor and, if it is not, to vote against the rule on the appropriations bill for the Justice Department.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOODALL) at 11 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3354, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES; AND WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. COLE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-295) on the resolution (H. Res. 500) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LAMBORN (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of flight delays.

Mr. CUMMINGS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical leave.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of husband's health.

Mr. SUOZZI (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of mother's funeral.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2348. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Volatile Organic Compounds Rule Revision and Stage II Vapor Recovery [EPA-R06-OAR-2013-0167; FRL-9965-62-Region 6] received August 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2349. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Major New Source Review [EPA-R03-OAR-2016-0052; FRL-9966-78-Region 3] received August 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2350. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0798; Amendment No.: 71-49] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2351. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Hilo, HI [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0222; Airspace Docket No.: 17-AWP-8] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2352. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Incorporation by Reference of ICAO Annex 2: Removal of Outdated North Atlantic Minimum Navigation Performance Specifications [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9154; Amdt. No.: 91-348] (RIN: 2120-AK88) received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2353. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D

and E Airspace; Mosinee, WI [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0355; Airspace Docket No.: 17-AGL-12] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2354. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace, Hawthorne, NV [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0297; Airspace Docket No.: 16-AWP-4] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2355. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Vivian, LA [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0298; Airspace Docket No.: 17-ASW-7] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2356. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9575; Product Identifier 2016-NM-168-AD; Amendment 39-18992; AD 2017-17-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2357. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Wayne, NE [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0287; Airspace Docket No.: 17-ACE-6] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2358. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-7 and V-67; TN [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0109; Airspace Docket No.: 16-ASO-13] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2359. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0477; Product Identifier 2016-NM-112-AD; Amendment 39-18990; AD 2017-16-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2360. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31145; Amdt. No.: 3757] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2361. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Mis-

cellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31146; Amdt. No.: 3758] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2362. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31148; Amdt. No.: 3759] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2363. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31149; Amdt. No.: 3760] received August 31, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2364. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0174; Directorate Identifier 2014-SW-059-AD; Amendment 39-18973; AD 2017-15-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 25, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2365. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; AK: Adoption Updates and Rule Revisions [EPA-R10-OAR-2017-0184; FRL-9966-80-Region 10] received August 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2366. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Permits, Approvals, and Registrations [EPA-R03-OAR-2016-0576; FRL-9966-79-Region 3] received August 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2367. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval and Quality Designation; TN; Redesignation of the Knoxville 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area to Attainment [EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0086; FRL-9966-93-Region 4] received August 18, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BRADY of Texas: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1843. A bill to amend title

31, United States Code, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from carrying out seizures relating to a structuring transaction unless the property to be seized derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of another criminal law or regulation, to require notice and a post-seizure hearing for such seizures, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-286, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3115. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-287). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2316. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to repeal provisions relating only to the Allegheny National Forest (Rept. 115-288). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2083. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-289). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2611. A bill to modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-290). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2768. A bill to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as "Fowler Peak" and "Boskoff Peak" (Rept. 115-291). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2864. A bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to allow certain issuers to be exempt from registration requirements, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-292). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3110. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (Rept. 115-293). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALDEN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3388. A bill to provide for information on highly automated driving systems to be made available to prospective buyers; with amendments (Rept. 115-294). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COLE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 500. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 115-295). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Financial Services discharged from further consideration.

H.R. 1843 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.R. 3672. A bill making supplemental appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 3673. A bill to impose a ban on the importation of certain petroleum products from Venezuela; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 3674. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to allow small business concerns, homeowners, or nonprofit entities to use certain Superstorm Sandy grant funds or other disaster assistance received to repay certain disaster assistance provided by the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 3675. A bill to provide that Members of Congress shall be paid last whenever the Treasury is unable to satisfy the obligations of the United States Government in a timely manner because the public debt limit has been reached; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 3676. A bill to provide that human life shall be deemed to exist from conception; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NORCROSS:

H.R. 3677. A bill to designate the Peter J. McGuire Memorial and Peter J. McGuire Gravesite located in Pennsauken, New Jersey, as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3678. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to designate the District of Columbia as an empowerment zone; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 3679. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for major disasters declared in any of calendar years 2012 through 2015, to make certain tax relief provisions permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ZELDIN:

H.R. 3680. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VEASEY:

H. Res. 501. A resolution expressing support for designation of the month of September as

"National Voting Rights Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.R. 3672.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law. . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States. . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 3673.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 states that "The Congress shall have the power to regulate commerce with foreign Nations, and among several States, and with the Indian Tribes."

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 3674.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. COOPER:

H.R. 3675.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Sections 8 and 9 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 3676.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, and Article III, Section 1 which give the Congress power to establish and limit the jurisdiction of lower federal courts as well as Article III, Section 2 which gives Congress the power to make exceptions to Supreme Court regulations.

By Mr. NORCROSS:

H.R. 3677.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3678.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. REED:

H.R. 3679.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. ZELDIN:

H.R. 3680.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 19: Mrs. WAGNER.

H.R. 154: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DONOVAN, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 203: Mr. RICHMOND and Mr. SARBANES.

H.R. 246: Mr. WOMACK, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 252: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 265: Mr. MESSER.

H.R. 350: Mr. ROSKAM.

H.R. 365: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.

H.R. 384: Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 389: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 392: Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. ROSS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. CORREA, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. FUDGE, and Mr. LONG.

H.R. 398: Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

H.R. 453: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 548: Mr. DONOVAN.

H.R. 681: Mr. BABIN and Mr. RATCLIFFE.

H.R. 747: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 772: Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 785: Mr. DUNN.

H.R. 807: Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. COOK, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. PEARCE.

H.R. 819: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 845: Mr. TED LIEU of California.

H.R. 919: Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 980: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 982: Mr. DONOVAN.

H.R. 1017: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. RUSH, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, and Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 1038: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. TROTT, and Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 1041: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 1057: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1065: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. DONOVAN.

H.R. 1111: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 1148: Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. LANCE.

H.R. 1150: Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 1155: Mrs. COMSTOCK.

H.R. 1164: Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 1222: Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 1223: Ms. SHEA-PORTER and Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 1232: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 1241: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 1251: Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. SABLON, and Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 1266: Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1360: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. STIVERS, and Mr. BACON.

H.R. 1368: Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 1406: Mrs. LOWEY and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1456: Mr. CUMMINGS and Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas.

H.R. 1465: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 1468: Mr. LANCE and Mr. COLLINS of New York.

H.R. 1519: Ms. DEGETTE.
H.R. 1542: Mr. TED LIEU of California.
H.R. 1555: Mr. MCEACHIN.
H.R. 1563: Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 1575: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.
H.R. 1651: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania and Mr. MCNERNEY.
H.R. 1661: Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. YODER, and Mr. ESTES of Kansas.
H.R. 1664: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1676: Mr. COLLINS of Georgia and Ms. JAYAPAL.
H.R. 1686: Mr. KIND.
H.R. 1731: Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 1749: Mr. JONES.
H.R. 1759: Miss RICE of New York, Mr. KHANNA, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 1789: Mr. GARAMENDI.
H.R. 1817: Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 1819: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 1824: Ms. GABBARD.
H.R. 1825: Mr. LOEBACK and Mr. HIMES.
H.R. 1840: Mr. LANCE.
H.R. 1861: Mr. POSEY, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART.
H.R. 1896: Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1897: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut and Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1898: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1899: Mr. DEFazio.
H.R. 1939: Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 1953: Mr. SMITH of Missouri and Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 2000: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. KHANNA, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.
H.R. 2001: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. YARMUTH, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.
H.R. 2037: Ms. BORDALLO.
H.R. 2044: Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 2092: Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 2121: Mr. HUIZENGA.
H.R. 2123: Mr. WELCH.
H.R. 2147: Mr. THOMPSON of California and Mr. MEEHAN.
H.R. 2149: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
H.R. 2150: Mr. FASO, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. TED LIEU of California.
H.R. 2167: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee.
H.R. 2186: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.
H.R. 2197: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. LEE.
H.R. 2224: Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona.
H.R. 2259: Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. LAMALFA.
H.R. 2260: Mr. TED LIEU of California and Mr. KHANNA.
H.R. 2262: Mr. ELLISON.
H.R. 2293: Mr. REED.
H.R. 2318: Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 2319: Mr. BUDD, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, and Mr. OLSON.
H.R. 2321: Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.
H.R. 2334: Ms. DEGETTE.
H.R. 2340: Mr. REICHERT.
H.R. 2375: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.
H.R. 2397: Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico.
H.R. 2412: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.
H.R. 2421: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 2428: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2465: Mr. BARLETTA and Ms. MOORE.
H.R. 2501: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 2519: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SIRE, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. VELA, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. WESTERMAN, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. LONG, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. ROSS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. O'HALLERAN, and Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 2540: Mrs. RADEWAGEN.
H.R. 2566: Mr. DEFazio.
H.R. 2598: Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 2641: Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 2642: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.
H.R. 2657: Mr. KING of Iowa.
H.R. 2658: Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 2712: Mr. HASTINGS.
H.R. 2736: Mr. JONES.
H.R. 2740: Mr. NEAL, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. LOBIONDO.
H.R. 2747: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 2790: Mrs. DAVIS of California.
H.R. 2797: Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 2821: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan.
H.R. 2840: Mr. PETERS, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 2851: Mr. COLLINS of New York.
H.R. 2855: Mr. SABLAN.
H.R. 2856: Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. ROTHFUS, and Mr. HIGGINS of New York.
H.R. 2871: Mr. OLSON, Mr. BARR, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. COFFMAN, and Mr. ROKITA.
H.R. 2899: Mr. SARBANES.
H.R. 2915: Mr. AGUILAR.
H.R. 2925: Mr. MAST and Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 2943: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 2948: Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
H.R. 2968: Mr. CARSON of Indiana and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
H.R. 2976: Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. GAETZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 2997: Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas.
H.R. 3029: Mr. ELLISON, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mrs. BEATTY.
H.R. 3032: Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KIHUEN, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. FORTENBERRY.
H.R. 3048: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.
H.R. 3059: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 3067: Mr. KHANNA.
H.R. 3079: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 3101: Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 3174: Mr. PETERS.
H.R. 3212: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
H.R. 3236: Mr. DEFazio and Mr. MARSHALL.
H.R. 3248: Ms. LEE and Mr. KHANNA.
H.R. 3274: Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. FASO, Mr. DELANEY, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. MENG, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. WELCH, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. COHEN, Ms. PINGREE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. TROTT, Ms. GABBARD, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. CRIST, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. KILDEE,

Mrs. HANDEL, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. TONKO, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. GALLAGHER.
H.R. 3282: Mr. CHABOT and Mr. PETERSON.
H.R. 3304: Ms. CLARKE of New York.
H.R. 3305: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3320: Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico.
H.R. 3332: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DELANEY, and Mr. LANCE.
H.R. 3342: Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.
H.R. 3356: Mr. WALKER.
H.R. 3365: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.
H.R. 3378: Mr. COLE and Mr. SMITH of Missouri.
H.R. 3380: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 3388: Mr. HARPER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. LANCE, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. KINZINGER, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BARTON, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. FLORES, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 3394: Mr. HARPER, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. ROSKAM.
H.R. 3395: Mr. MAST.
H.R. 3484: Mrs. COMSTOCK.
H.R. 3497: Mr. LAMALFA and Mr. BUCSHON.
H.R. 3503: Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 3533: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 3536: Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. CUMMINGS.
H.R. 3550: Ms. MOORE.
H.R. 3551: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 3570: Mr. SCHRADER.
H.R. 3576: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 3605: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.
H.R. 3611: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas.
H.R. 3638: Mr. MAST, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. BUCHANAN.
H.R. 3641: Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. DELANEY, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, and Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia.
H.R. 3671: Mr. ELLISON and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.J. Res. 74: Mr. RASKIN.
H. J. Res. 75: Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota.
H. Con. Res. 25: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H. Con. Res. 27: Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. LEE, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. ELLISON.
H. Con. Res. 73: Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, and Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.
H. Res. 69: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.
H. Res. 129: Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia.
H. Res. 443: Mr. GROTHMAN.
H. Res. 464: Miss RICE of New York and Mr. PAULSEN.
H. Res. 479: Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. PALLONE.
H. Res. 486: Mr. GOSAR and Mr. MCGOVERN.
H. Res. 495: Ms. LEE.
H. Res. 496: Mr. MOULTON.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 1697: Mr. RUSH.



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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal and sovereign God, the Earth in its fullness belongs to You. Teach us to live by Your precepts and follow Your plans. Guide our lawmakers in the challenging decisions they face. May they build up rather than tear down, using their powers to keep dreams from becoming nightmares. Give them the wisdom to know that history will judge them by whether they act with courage or cowardice.

Lord, lead our Senators in their efforts to guide our citizens to the better angels of our nature. May our lawmakers make the commitment to stand for right though the heavens fall.

And, Lord, we pray for those affected by Hurricane Harvey and for those bracing for Hurricane Irma.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1757

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1757) to strengthen border security, increase resources for enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER RELIEF AND OTHER ISSUES BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I want to begin by extending the Senate's heartfelt sympathies to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We have seen the devastation across Texas, Louisiana, and the gulf coast. We know the recovery will not be easy, nor will it be quick.

We also understand the Federal Government's important role in assisting impacted communities. Last week, the President submitted a supplemental emergency funding request that will allow this critical work to continue. It will also allow our country to be better prepared for future natural disasters. It is especially important, given the potential for another major hurricane to strike our country this very week.

As I said when the President submitted his emergency funding request, the Senate will work closely with his administration and the House of Representatives to deliver that much needed relief. I am glad to see the House Appropriations Committee has already taken important steps to get us there, and I look forward to the House sending over legislation so the Senate can act on it as soon as possible.

I know that securing this emergency funding is very important for the

President, and I know that preventing a default or shutdown amidst such a historic natural disaster is also very important to him—and even more so now with another major hurricane on the way.

These are the President's immediate priorities: pass disaster relief, prevent a default, and fund the government. These are my immediate priorities as well, and I am sure all of our colleagues feel the same way. We have to get all three of these things done, and we have to do it very quickly.

In the case of the debt limit, we need to act quickly, given the new uncertainty from the large costs of storm recovery. As the President's Budget Director wrote in his letter to Congress last week, "Given the need for additional spending as a result of disaster response and initial recovery from Hurricane Harvey, the Administration continues to urge Congress to act expeditiously to ensure that the debt ceiling does not affect these critical response and recovery efforts. Otherwise it may not be possible to get those critical resources to Americans who desperately need them."

Here is why. As Treasury Secretary Mnuchin explained, "[O]ur first priority is to make sure that the state gets money, it is critical, and to do that we need to make sure we raise the debt limit. So if Congress appropriates the money, but I don't have the ability to borrow more money and pay for it, we're not going to be able to get that money to the state."

He called for Congress to "put politics aside" and get these things done as quickly as possible. That was the Secretary of the Treasury.

I look forward to continuing to discuss these important issues with the President's team and congressional leaders of both parties at the White House tomorrow. I look forward to discussing other important and shared priorities as well.

Nominees, for instance. It was good to see the Senate clear a large package

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of nominees before we left for the State work period. Now our work continues. There are other vacancies to fill. There are nominees, for instance, for positions that are critical to recovery from Hurricane Harvey. We have to work together to get those nominees confirmed quickly, and we have to keep working together to fill other vacant positions in the Federal Government as well.

Another issue of extraordinary importance is tax reform. We will actually have another meeting at the White House today on that issue specifically. It is clear the President is very engaged on this issue. As he wrote in an op-ed over the weekend, "Our self-destructive tax code costs Americans millions of jobs, trillions of dollars and billions of hours spent on compliance and on paperwork. . . . We owe it to the American people to fix this broken system. American businesses want to prosper on our shores, and middle-class families are ready for more growth, more jobs, and higher pay."

That is the aim of tax reform, and that is the message I hope the President will continue to take around the country, including his trip this week to North Dakota. In the meantime, work will continue among Members and committees in both Chambers to keep moving forward on this important issue.

In addition to these issues, I also look forward to tomorrow's discussion about the national security challenge that is before us. Administration officials will be coming to Congress later that day to give a briefing on challenges like North Korea and Afghanistan. I am looking forward to that important meeting. These are complicated issues, and they will require smart responses from both the administration and from Congress.

Here in Congress, we will have an opportunity to address some of them soon as we work to pass related legislation such as the annual Defense authorization bill. The chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Senator MCCAIN, will take the lead on that legislation. We have kept Senator MCCAIN and his family in our thoughts over the State work period. We are glad to have him back with us. We know he will again manage this year's legislation with skill and dedication.

There are obviously other important issues before us as well. There are many goals we share with the administration. There is a lot we want to get done, and we have three critically important things before us right now that we need to do quickly: pass disaster relief, prevent a default so those emergency resources can actually get to Americans who need them, and keep the government funded. Those are the three important things before us now.

We will continue working with the administration and our friends on both sides to accomplish those things.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TILLIS). The Democratic leader is recognized.

HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER RELIEF AND OTHER ISSUES BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, first, I welcome the Presiding Officer and every other Senator back from the district work period. As we all know, much has happened since we last were here.

North Korea has tested several ballistic missiles and reportedly tested a nuclear weapon, alarming well-meaning nations around the world.

In Charlottesville, neo-Nazis and White supremacists marched through the streets, reminding us we are not done fighting the darkest elements of American society—racism, bigotry, hate.

Right now, large parts of the fourth largest city in our country remain underwater. I extend my most heartfelt sympathies to the people of Houston and to those across parts of Texas and Louisiana who are just beginning a long road to recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Having lived through Hurricane Sandy in my home State of New York, I remember the agonies of families who lost their homes, lost their businesses, and, particularly in the first month, had a sense of helplessness about what had happened to them. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in Houston.

We thank all the first responders and the rescue organizations—the police and fire departments—that are on the scene, as well as those everyday American heroes. Americans always rise to the occasion to lend a hand, such as the folks who drove to Houston with boats hooked to their cars to help rescue stranded families. In rough times, Americans pull together, and Congress will do its part to provide relief and aid to the people of Houston this month.

Needless to say, we have a busy work period ahead of us. In addition to a recovery package for Houston, we have to pass appropriations to keep the government open, raise the debt ceiling, protect the Dreamers, provide certainty on the cost-sharing program that helps keep healthcare premiums down, and much more. The to-do list is lengthy. Nearly all the items I mentioned will require votes from Senators from both sides of the aisle. The best way to tackle and ultimately pass legislation on those issues is for us to work in a bipartisan way this month.

Mr. President, on taxes, unfortunately, we are off to a very bad start because President Trump has scheduled a meeting on tax reform today with only Republican legislative leaders. Just as they did with healthcare, Republicans seem to be excluding Democrats from the legislative process from the very beginning.

The majority leader announced prior to the break that he would likely pursue changes to the Tax Code on reconciliation, meaning the Republicans would only need the votes of their own party. Now they are meeting about the issue without even inviting Democrats to join in preliminary discussions.

Very simply, if Republicans hope to avoid the same pitfalls that ultimately brought down their effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, they ought to abandon the misguided idea that one party can enact major changes to the Tax Code. An effort such as this requires two parties, and the result for the American people will be better if we all work together. The American people understand clearly that if Democrats were included in the debate, tax reform would be much more likely to help the middle class. If Republicans are the only ones in the room on tax reform, the vast majority of the benefits are likely to go to those at the very top. That is what the Republican Party has stood for for years.

Mr. President, on another matter, over the past 6 weeks, North Korea has repeatedly tested the resolve of the United States with the launch of several ballistic missiles. The rogue regime has threatened to launch a missile in close proximity to Guam, a U.S. territory, and has, in fact, fired a missile over the territory of our ally Japan.

The United States must respond to these increasingly bellicose actions with firmness and levelheadedness. The President of the United States has to lead the way. The President of the United States should be firm, level, and above all else, credible. The President's words matter—especially on issues of national security—but thus far, President Trump has responded to North Korea with bluff and bluster, hyperbole and exaggerated language: "fire and fury like the world has never seen." That is the kind of language we typically hear from the North Korean regime, not from the President of the United States.

The harsh fact is that because President Trump bluffs and blusters, he will be much less effective in dealing with North Korea in the long run. Foreign leaders—especially our allies—don't know whether they can trust his words when there is so much hyperbole involved, and it undermines his ability to lead in a geopolitical crisis.

I urge the President to speak with caution, to speak with prudence, and to always speak credibly as well as strongly. It is paramount that North Korea understand the position of the United States and that when the President of the United States makes a statement, it believe we are prepared to act accordingly.

Mr. President, finally, on the DACA Program, today the administration announced it would terminate the program after a period of 6 months. Most Americans know how heartless this DACA decision is, ripping families

apart, telling people who worked so hard for years to become Americans that they now have to leave the country. These are folks who were brought here as children through no fault of their own. They may have known no other country but ours and have voluntarily registered themselves with the government in order to live, work, and give back to our great country. Make no mistake—they contribute greatly to our country. These hard-working people and their contributions are vital to our economy, vital to our communities, schools, and institutions, such as the military.

They are also vital to tens of thousands of businesses, small and large, that will be hurt if the administration's order stands. Ninety-one percent of DACA recipients are employed, paying taxes and paying into Social Security. A study by the Center for American Progress earlier this year found that ending DACA would drain \$433 billion from our national GDP over 10 years. Even the Libertarian Cato Institute estimated that ending DACA would cost employers nearly \$2 billion over 2 years. The human and economic toll of rescinding DACA will be far-reaching.

It is telling that Attorney General Sessions—not President Trump—made the announcement today that the administration would be ending DACA, and he did it without taking a single question. It shows that President Trump is not proud of what the administration has done today; otherwise he would have come forward himself. It shows that he is probably ashamed of this decision.

It was with unbelievable hypocrisy that both Attorney General Sessions and the White House Press Secretary said today that the decision was about upholding the rule of law. If this White House had such reverence for the rule of law, the President would not have fired Jim Comey or attacked the Federal judiciary for ruling against the travel ban or pardoned Sheriff Joe Arpaio for no reason other than he was a political ally.

Congress now has an ability and an obligation to act. Democrats will do everything we can to prevent President Trump's terribly wrong order from becoming reality.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

H.J. RES. 76

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the information of the Senate, pursuant to

the order of August 3, 2017, the Senate received H.J. Res. 76 from the House of Representatives on August 4, 2017, and the joint resolution was passed, and the motion to reconsider was considered made and laid upon the table.

The Senator from Texas.

HURRICANE HARVEY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I just returned from Texas, where, as the world knows, Hurricane Harvey has devastated the gulf coast and now ranks among the costliest natural disasters in American history. Today I want to share with you what my State has experienced in the wake of this storm that has battered so many homes and broken so many hearts. The storm calamitously resulted in the loss of at least 60 lives, with probably more to come as the water recedes and as people's bodies are discovered. Of course, we mourn with those families who have lost loved ones.

You have seen the pictures, but let me describe what my fellow Texans have experienced firsthand. It started when Harvey ran into a patch of warm water in the Gulf of Mexico the week before last. As Harvey rumbled toward Texas, the ocean churned and the storm grew in size and strength. By the time it made landfall in the Coastal Bend region south of Houston, the hurricane was a Goliath—Category 4. The rain fell, the wind howled, and the water rose in towns like Rockport, Port Lavaca, and Aransas Pass. Streets became swamps, and homes filled up like bathtubs.

First were those smaller coastal communities that I just mentioned, but then one of the largest cities in the Nation, Houston, and nearby areas were hit. Third, let's not forget places like Port Arthur, Beaumont—where I was yesterday with Majority Leader MCCARTHY from the House of Representatives and my other colleagues—as well as other parts of Jefferson and surrounding counties that were hit when the storm barreled east and then finally abated.

Five days and 50 inches of rainfall—every known record was shattered. The National Hurricane Center was awed by the storm that it called “relentless.” The Washington Post appropriately called it “merciless” because it was. Sunday, August 27, was the wettest day ever in Houston, where nearly a third of the yearly rainfall came in 24 hours. A third of our annual expected rainfall in Houston came in 24 hours. Not only that, we now know Harvey was the most extreme rain event in the history of the continental United States, a catastrophe so unheard of that it comes perhaps only once in 1,000 years. Let that sink in for a moment—a 1,000-year rain event.

The storm's intensity easily could have overwhelmed first responders. Medical, law enforcement, and rescue personnel easily could have said: You know, I am exhausted. I haven't slept

for days. I haven't been able to change my clothes. I can't do this anymore.

They could have easily said all of those things, but instead they kept wading into the water—the Harris County sheriff's water rescue team, the Texas National Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard, people like Sergeant Steve Perez, a 34-year veteran of the Houston Police Department who drowned in his patrol car during the storm. His wife told him not to go to work on that day, but Sergeant Perez's response was “We've got work to do.” He drove for over 2 hours trying to find a safe route to allow him to report for duty and to protect the community he loved. I hope Sergeant Perez's sacrifice will serve as an example to the rest of us to strive to serve others indiscriminately, no matter the potential cost.

Texas's neighbors could have easily stayed home too—after all, our friends in Louisiana learned tough lessons of their own from Hurricane Katrina—but they did not. They quickly mobilized. Calling themselves the Cajun Navy and the Cajun Coast Search and Rescue, they hitched their fishing boats to their pickup trucks and said: “GTT,” “gone to Texas”—gone to Texas to join the other rescuers, both uniformed and volunteers.

What did they all do?

They saved people who were floating on air mattresses, the few belongings they could carry that were stuffed into garbage bags, and people who were stranded on rooftops. They navigated around submerged trees and stop signs and cars, working with little to no sleep, dripping wet with sweat pouring from their faces, and smelling like the murky water that surrounded them. It seems that I heard about these stories over and over and over again during my trips to Corpus Christi, Rockport, Austin, and all around the State. These are the stories I heard in Houston, Beaumont, and other cities—all of them devastated, but in none of them was their spirit destroyed.

My State and our Nation have responded to this terrible natural disaster. As I did a small part in loading bags of ice and water and serving spaghetti to evacuees in Austin, I was struck by how many people—public officials, volunteers, businesses, and nonprofits, great and small—had offered and given their support, and I want to say that we are grateful to all of them.

In particular, Governor Greg Abbott's leadership has been critical. He and his team of emergency management personnel, led by Chief Nim Kidd, were well prepared in advance, and they moved swiftly following the state of emergency being declared in more than 50 of the 254 Texas counties. Yet it was not just State and local officials who acted with such dispatch. The Federal Government stepped up, too, starting with the President of the United States, who personally, along with the First Lady, made two trips to the affected region. He brought members of his Cabinet, who had previously called

me and my other colleagues from the Texas delegation over and over and over again, asking: What more can we do?

I thank the President and the Vice President, who also came personally, clearing brush in Rockport, TX, in a demonstration of how to be a good neighbor and in his concern and commitment to the affected region.

I want to say that FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, also deserves recognition as part of this effort. Throughout the storm and in the days following, Administrator Brock Long has been a steady hand at the helm in his support of State and local teams with strategy, equipment, and personnel. Yet it was not just FEMA. It was the Small Business Administration, HUD, and the Department of Homeland Security. All of the heads of those agencies were there in person in Texas, asking over and over again: What more can we do?

It is not just government and government officials. It is organizations like the Red Cross, which ran shelters around the State, faith-based organizations, and people who just wanted to be good neighbors, doing anything and everything they could to volunteer—to serve food, provide dry clothes, and a safe place to sleep.

Now we know that FEMA's flood insurance programs, while they are being implemented, are about to run out of money by the end of this week. In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, the inspections have begun, and recovery housing teams are on the ground. Countless others—local, State, and Federal actors—are working around the clock to aid rescue and recovery efforts. Yet, as I said in Texas last week, the road ahead is going to be long and winding. In many ways, once the TV cameras leave and the waters recede, as people are just now coming home, the depth of their losses will just be sinking in with their places of business gone, all of their possessions destroyed, their cars inoperable. People are hurting. Housing and food, water and electricity, and transportation are a few of the things people have lost that most of us take for granted but not those who suffered at the hands of Hurricane Harvey.

This is why I am working with Senator CRUZ and the entire Texas congressional delegation on an appropriations request for disaster recovery. The many communities that have been impacted by this massive storm will need our help and need it quickly. As I said, FEMA, literally, will run out of funds at the end of this week. Unless we act with dispatch to appropriate an emergency supplemental this week, as the House will do tomorrow, and unless we raise the debt ceiling, there will not be any way that Congress will be able to actually appropriate that emergency funding and get it to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to help those who are in so much need. But working together, we are going to deliver that help.

As President Trump said last week, "Texas can handle anything." I think the President is pretty much right. We have seen our share of catastrophes, and we have always bounced back. Texans are tough and resilient, and we always, always band together.

A few years ago, after another tragedy in West Texas that took the lives of a number of first responders in a terrible explosion, I remember running into a county commissioner who said: Texas doesn't just describe where you are from; it describes who your family is.

I know we all love our States, and we love our country, but I am particularly proud of how my State and Texans have stepped forward to help each other in this time of need. I know that all of my colleagues in this Chamber have spent time with their families and their friends this past weekend in honor of Labor Day. As the summer now draws to a close, let's remember that many in Texas were not celebrating that holiday. They are struggling in shelters, not knowing what is left of their homes that they have been forced to flee.

With August now behind us, our work, like theirs, is just beginning. Tomorrow, as I said, the House will vote on a, roughly, \$8 billion aid package—the first of several steps toward delivering relief to Texans. I appreciate House Majority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY, who traveled with me yesterday to Houston and Beaumont to survey the damage in Texas. He had previously been with me and the Governor in Austin and talked about coordinating the Federal and State response. I look forward to working with Leader MCCARTHY and all of my colleagues in both Chambers of the Congress on addressing the needs caused by this terrible storm.

By the way, I appreciate all of the texts, the phone calls, and the emails that I have received from colleagues on both sides of the aisle throughout this terrible storm, expressing their concerns and offering their prayers and their help. I appreciate it.

My colleagues, I will just say this. Let's remember Sergeant Steve Perez, the police officer who died in Houston, whom I described earlier, the officer who could have stayed home. As his wife said: It is just too dangerous to go out there amidst the flood. Like him, let's do our duty and look for a way to work together.

Friends, let's get to work and do our job, not only in providing relief for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, but there is so much more that we need to do, working together.

I will close because I see the distinguished Democratic whip here, who I know has made the condition of the Dreamers—the children who came with their parents when they came to the United States in violation of our immigration laws. Of course, children are not responsible for what their parents have done. I actually believe that the

President has given us an opportunity by what he did today. After all, what President Obama did, no matter how much we understand it, was essentially declared illegal by a Federal court. The President has no authority to do this unilaterally. That is what the Federal courts told President Obama, so President Trump has appropriately now said: Congress, you do your job. And we will.

I look forward to the debate. I look forward to working on this important issue, but I dare say that just addressing DACA and the Dreamers by themselves is not acceptable. We are going to do as much as we can to address our broken immigration system, to restore public confidence in our border security and the enforcement of our laws, and, once again, become a nation that is, yes, a nation of immigrants but also a nation of laws.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, at the outset, let me say that I share the feelings of so many across the Nation who really try to understand and appreciate the immensity of the tragedy that struck Texas, Louisiana, and nearby places with Hurricane Harvey.

We followed the news. I have family in Texas who, through emails, kept us informed as to what was occurring and the horrible stories of people who lost their homes, their businesses, their lives. There is the story that Senator CORNYN has told about Officer Perez, who lost his life in service to the people whom he represented as a law enforcement officer. It touched us. It touched us dearly. We know that there have been extraordinary cases of heroism and bravery by individuals across the board. Many of them will never be reported and will be known only to a handful of people, but it really was an endorsement of the American spirit—the Texas spirit—when it comes to fighting this disaster.

So I say to the Senator from Texas that I am not one of those Senators who picks and chooses natural disasters only in my State to support. I have supported Federal assistance for natural disasters all across the United States because I know what happened when they hit Illinois and when I needed others to stand by me. I am prepared to stand by Texas, stand by Louisiana, stand by all of those who are victims of Hurricane Harvey. I believe that, as an American family, we have a responsibility to stand together, and I thank the Senator from Texas for his statement.

DACA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I want to tell a story about one of the great volunteers in Texas. His name is Jesus Contreras. He is a young man who has a great story, who was one of the heroes of Hurricane Harvey in his own small way.

At the age of 6, Jesus was brought from Mexico to the United States by his parents. It was not a family decision. His mom and dad made the decision and brought him to Houston, TX, where he grew up and got good grades in school. He wanted to go to college. He went to the Lone Star College in Houston and became a paramedic—a paramedic who responded to Hurricane Harvey.

He spent 6 straight days out there, helping people who were in desperate need. Because of his training as a paramedic, he was able to give them emergency first aid and insulin when they were suffering from the impact of diabetes, and he did it day after day after day. He would go home, take a shower, and go right back out again. He finally took a day off and got some rest, and he went back and did it all over again.

The important part of this story is that Jesus Contreras is a paramedic because of the DACA Program, which you have just heard described on the floor by the Senator from Texas. It was President Obama's DACA Program that allowed him to stay in the United States, after having been brought here as a 6-year-old, and to go to school and become a paramedic. The DACA Program did that because it protected him from deportation, and it allowed him to legally work here in the United States as a paramedic. It was only because of DACA that this young man was able to step up and be part of that huge group of people who came forward in Houston, TX, and other cities and made such a difference in the lives of so many people.

So when I hear the DACA Program dismissed as just overreach by a President, illegal, and unconstitutional, I beg my colleagues: Take a look at the human side of this story for a moment. Take a look at the human side of 780,000 people, just like Jesus, who have been protected from deportation, and what they have done with their lives. He didn't vote to leave Mexico. His parents did. He didn't vote for them not to file papers once he arrived in the United States. His parents did. That is what the Dream Act and DACA are all about.

If I am speeding down the highway and a patrolman pulls me over and gives me a speeding ticket, they don't give a ticket to my grandson sitting in the backseat. He wasn't driving the car.

In this situation, the Dreamers and those protected by DACA were young people brought to this country and who know no other country.

For year after year, he stood up in the classroom and pledged allegiance to the only flag he knew. He believes himself to be American. Listen to what he wrote to me. This is what Jesus Contreras wrote to me:

Houston is my home and these are my people. I love my career—it's given me an opportunity to help people in ways I never imagined I could. DACA means everything to me—I would lose my license and certifi-

cations without it. I would be sent back to a country I don't know and would lose everything.

Is that what we want to see happen here? Do we want to set up a circumstance where this young man doesn't have a chance to continue to serve people as he did during Hurricane Harvey in Houston, TX? Of course not.

The announcement by the President today that he is going to bring an end to DACA, I guess, came as no major surprise, but I listened carefully to what President-Elect Trump and what President Trump said about DACA and Dreamers over the months. He said to me personally—he looked me in the eye and said: Don't worry about these kids. We are going to take care of the Dreamers. He said publicly: We love the Dreamers. Well, now we have a chance to do something about it.

I just had a press conference with Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM, Republican, of South Carolina. He and I have come together to introduce the Dream Act, which says, once and for all, that we need permanent law to protect these young people. It is not a new concept. I introduced the bill 16 years ago. If you said someone was a Dreamer 16 years ago, they would have said: Is he with the British rock group? People didn't know what a Dreamer was. They know today. It is people like Jesus, brought to this country as kids and who are just asking for a chance to be part of America—and they are willing to sacrifice.

When he went through Lone Star College, as an undocumented student, Jesus Contreras didn't qualify for one penny of Federal assistance—no government loans for him. He had to work his way through school. It takes that kind of determination to make it through school and to become an important part of America.

So today I am disappointed by what has happened—the announcement by Attorney General Sessions, who has never ever, in my time in the Senate, supported any immigration reform. He has never voted for the Dream Act. The fact that he was the first public voice saying that he was going to rescind—that the administration would rescind—DACA was no surprise. That is where he has been for as long as I have known him, publicly and politically. But I hope that the President now, because of the good things he said in the past about the Dream Act and DACA, will be part of the solution and will help us in the 6 months to pass something that makes a difference.

I listened to the Senator from Texas stack up a whole list of things we need to have before we can help people like Jesus. There are a lot of things we need to do. Comprehensive immigration reform is one of them. I was one of the persons who put it together and voted for it when it had 68 votes in the Senate a few years ago. We need that. But, for goodness' sake, we have a time-sensitive issue now with the Dreamers and DACA. We need to do something about

it and do it quickly. That is why Senator GRAHAM and I are calling for passing the Dream Act in this September session. We know it is there. We have heard positive things said about it by Speaker RYAN, the Republican Speaker of the House, and even by Senator MCCONNELL, Senator HATCH, and many who cosponsored it. We have to bring this measure up and get it done, once and for all.

In the meantime, 780,000 young people in America protected by DACA heard the news today, and their hearts were broken. They know now that the clock is running. It is the deportation clock. If we don't act—and act in a timely fashion—young people like this man here, who risked his life and helped the people in Houston during Hurricane Harvey, may be deported, and he will certainly lose any opportunity he has to continue to be a licensed paramedic.

Will America be better if Jesus Contreras has to leave the United States? Would Houston have been better during this crisis if he had not been there? I don't think so. We know better. We know that these young people really care and really want to be a part of our Nation. They are willing to turn in all their family information, go through background checks, and pay a filing fee under DACA. You know they want to be a part of this country. They want to serve in the military. They want to be of service to the people they live with in their communities. Now it is up to us.

So let's not make excuses. Let's make some law. Let's do it the right way. Let's pass the Dream Act now. Let's make this a priority as we return this September. Let's get it done with the other priorities we need to consider this month.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. STRANGE). The clerk will call the roll. The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session for the consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Timothy J. Kelly, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form.

The Senator from Arkansas.

HURRICANE HARVEY AND THE AMERICAN SPIRIT

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, today I join my colleagues and all Arkansans in support of and in prayers for the people of Southeast Texas and all of the victims of Hurricane Harvey. I also want to express our thanks on behalf of a grateful nation. All of you reminded us of the American spirit at a time when we needed it pretty badly.

August was not an easy month for our country. First, in Charlottesville, then in Berkeley, we saw some pretty disgusting things—racism, anarchism, mob violence. If all you knew about America was what you saw on cable news and social media, you might think it was disintegrating into two armed camps of Communists and neo-Nazis. Images reminiscent of dark days in the last century appeared on our screens—torchlight marches, black-masked thugs, political violence in the streets, beatings, and even a murder—but none of these contemptible people represent America, certainly not what is best about America. They cannot even begin to understand what makes this country great because this country's destiny was always to be more than a new battleground for old hatreds. It was meant to be a mighty fortress for the rights of all Americans. Our destiny is to be the home of mankind's aspiration for freedom, not the twisted delusions of grandeur of pathetic losers. The vast majority of Americans—whatever color, faith, age, or region—celebrate this creed, and they welcome this destiny.

That is exactly why we should not amplify irrelevant, fringe voices. It creates the illusion that a trivial, impotent minority is, in fact, a large and powerful movement against the dictates of common sense and experience. To my knowledge, I have never met a neo-Nazi, a White supremacist, or a leftwing anarchist, nor have the Arkansans with whom I spoke in the last month, but while watching TV or surfing the web in the last month, you would think they number in the tens of millions. The drive for ratings and clicks seemed to leave a lot of Americans wondering, Is this America? Is this whom we have become?

Then Hurricane Harvey made landfall. The stories and the images that followed, once again, proved the old maxim: Adversity does not teach character; it reveals character. What it revealed is an American spirit as strong, as brave, and as loving as ever.

Law enforcement and other first responders performed bravely and skillfully, as always, but what was striking was how ordinary citizens answered the call to duty. There was Jim McIngvale, better known as Mattress Mack. Anyone who has ever lived in Houston knows that you cannot watch TV without seeing a Mattress Mack commercial, but Mack was not selling mattresses that day—he was saving families. He turned two furniture stores into relief centers and opened his doors to anyone who sought shelter. Soon, he

had 400 people at each store, sleeping on recliners, sofas, love seats—you name it. He gave out his personal cell number for people to call for help. If they could not reach his store because of the flooding, he sent his delivery trucks to go get them. When asked about his generosity, Mattress Mack replied: "I'm a big believer that it's better to give than to take."

But not everyone had a Mattress Mack to go to. Some people had to call their local Chick-fil-As. Jeffrey Urban went to work just to make sure that everything was all right when he noticed a familiar phone number flashing across the caller ID. It was J.C. Spencer, a regular customer, who called that morning to place a once-in-a-lifetime order: two grilled chicken burritos with extra egg—and a boat. Urban called the owner, Cindy Smith, who sent her husband with his boat to the Spencers' home, but there was not enough room in the boat for both of them and their possessions. Luckily, two heroes on jet skis arrived—Keith Christensen and Winston Savice, Jr. When J.C. took a photo of his wife Karen sitting atop a jet ski while Winston sped her to safety, an internet sensation was born.

After weeks of our living rooms being filled with the sounds and imagery of hatred, we were suddenly overcome by stories of bravery and self-sacrifice. There was local reporter Brandi Smith, who flagged down a rescue crew to help a truckdriver who was trapped in his vehicle. There was Houston SWAT Officer Daryl Hudeck, who carried a young mother, Catherine Pham, and her 13-month-old son Aiden to dry land. There was Catholic priest David Bergeron, who kayaked around his neighborhood and offered to say Mass for anyone in town. Then there was an unknown man from Texas City, who said, when asked what he was doing with his boat under a flooded underpass, that he and his friends were there to save some lives.

So many of these images have already become iconic: Sheriff's Deputy Rick Johnson carrying two children through the floodwaters and the Cajun Navy from Louisiana being lined up like soldiers on a highway, as far as the eye could see, readying for battle. Yet perhaps the most telling image of all was the human chain. When Andrea Smith went into labor in her flooded apartment, her neighbors formed a human chain to help her reach a dump truck that had come to take her to the hospital. There was no pride of place, no rank, no distinction—just humble, selfless Americans who joined hands to help a neighbor in time of need.

You could say that human chain was a symbol because, when you step back and soak it all in, you realize this is America, that this is who we are as a nation, not those ideological zealots, not racists and Communists. Their blinded eyes cannot see the dignity and love in that unbroken human chain.

We have never lost this spirit of America, but we do occasionally lose

sight of it, which is why we ought to pay tribute to these normal, public-spirited Americans—the people in that human chain, the people who heeded the call, who put their stranded countrymen first. They do not mistake malice for power, and they understand that the greatest power of all is love. They are an inspiration to all of us in this Chamber and, indeed, to all the world. They are the reason we can look to Houston, a city much embattled though not embittered, and take pride in what we see—not human devastation but human valor.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JOHNSON). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I am pleased to support the nomination of Tim Kelly to be a judge on the DC district court. Tim serves as my chief counsel for national security, senior crime counsel, and majority staff director for the Caucus on International Narcotics Control. That is quite a professional title, isn't it? And he has done an excellent job serving not only this chairman of the Judiciary Committee but all of the Judiciary Committee.

Tim's career boasts a wide range of legal experience. After Tim graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1997, he served as a law clerk to Judge Buckwalter of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He worked as an associate at Arnold & Porter, and he dedicated 6 months of his career to work for the Legal Aid Society. Tim spent a significant portion of his career serving as a Federal prosecutor, including several years as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, where he prosecuted a wide range of criminal cases in the very court for which he is being considered today. He also served as trial attorney in the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice, where he prosecuted public corruption cases. He has tried approximately 30 cases during his career, as well as negotiated dozens of guilty pleas.

Tim is a very talented attorney and is well liked by everyone—by staff and Members on both sides of the aisle. His collegiality and ability to get along with folks will serve him well on the bench. I know he will show proper respect to the litigants and attorneys who appear before him, as well as the staff who will serve his court.

Tim's counsel and advice have served the members of the Judiciary Committee well. Just to point to one example of his work on behalf of this committee, I would note he was the lead Senate Republican Judiciary staffer on

the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of last year, which happened to be signed into law by President Obama. This bill will help countless numbers of folks struggling with drug addiction.

Tim's vast legal experiences and his thoughtful approach to his work will help him be an excellent Federal judge. I believe he has the temperament to hear any case that will come before him with a fair mind, seeking to do justice for all.

Of course, others have recognized Tim's merits as well. The American Bar Association gave him a unanimous "well qualified" rating, which is the highest rating the ABA gives, and he has received awards for his work from the Department of Justice, the Department of Energy, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Tim will make an excellent judge, and I am honored to support his nomination today. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of his nomination.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

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

All time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kelly nomination?

Mr. RUBIO. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 2, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 188 Ex.]

YEAS—94

Alexander	Boozman	Casey
Baldwin	Brown	Cassidy
Barrasso	Burr	Collins
Bennet	Cantwell	Coons
Blumenthal	Capito	Corker
Blunt	Cardin	Cornyn
Booker	Carper	Cortez Masto

Cotton	Isakson	Roberts
Crapo	Johnson	Rounds
Cruz	Kaine	Rubio
Daines	Kennedy	Sanders
Donnelly	King	Sasse
Duckworth	Klobuchar	Schatz
Durbin	Lankford	Schumer
Enzi	Leahy	Scott
Ernst	Lee	Shelby
Feinstein	Manchin	Stabenow
Fischer	Markey	Strange
Flake	McCain	Sullivan
Franken	McCaskill	Tester
Gardner	McConnell	Thune
Graham	Merkley	Tillis
Grassley	Murkowski	Toomey
Harris	Murphy	Udall
Hassan	Murray	Van Hollen
Hatch	Nelson	Warner
Heinrich	Paul	Whitehouse
Heitkamp	Perdue	Wicker
Heller	Peters	Wyden
Hirono	Portman	Young
Hoeben	Reed	
Inhofe	Risch	

NAYS—2

Gillibrand

Warren

NOT VOTING—4

Cochran
Menendez

Moran
Shaheen

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the nomination of Timothy Kelly, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. 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.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 17-32, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Thailand for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$24.9 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

GREG M. KAUSNER

(For Charles W. Hooper,

Lieutenant General, USA, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-32

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: The Government of Thailand

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$23.2 million.

Other \$ 1.7 million.

Total \$24.9 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Five (5) RGM-84L Harpoon Block II Surface Launched Missiles.

One (1) RTM-84L Harpoon Block II Exercise Missile.

Non-MDE includes: Also included are containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives technical assistance, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (XX-P-AKR).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: TH-P-AKP.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 9, 2017.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Government of Thailand—RGM-84L Harpoon Surface Launched Block II Missiles

The Government of Thailand has requested the possible sale of up to five (5) RGM-84L Harpoon Block II Surface Launched Missiles and one (1) RTM-84L Harpoon Block II Exercise Missile. Also included are containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives technical assistance, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$24.9 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to strengthen the U.S.-Thai strategic relationship and to improve the security of an important partner.

The proposed sale will provide enhanced capabilities in effective defense of critical sea lines. Thailand intends to use the missiles on its DW3000 Class Frigate. The proposed sale of the Harpoon Block II missiles

and support will increase the Royal Thai Navy's maritime partnership potential. Thailand has purchased Harpoon missiles previously and will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be the Boeing Company, St. Louis, MO. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to Thailand involving U.S. Government personnel and contractor representatives for technical reviews, support, and oversight for approximately five years.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-32

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The RGM-84L Harpoon Surface Launched Block II missile system, to include publications, documentation, operations, supply, maintenance, and training to be conveyed with this proposed sale have the highest classification level of CONFIDENTIAL. The Harpoon Block II missile is a non-nuclear tactical weapon system currently in service in the U.S. Navy and in 29 other foreign nations. It provides a day, night, and adverse weather, standoff surface-to-surface capability and is an effective Anti-Surface Warfare missile. The RGM-84L incorporates components, software, and technical design information that are considered sensitive.

2. The following components being conveyed by the proposed sale are considered sensitive and are classified CONFIDENTIAL:

- a. The Radar Seeker
- b. The GPS/INS System
- c. Operational Flight Program Software
- d. Missile operational characteristics and performance data

These elements are essential for the Harpoon Block II missile to selectively engage hostile targets under a wide range of operational, tactical and environmental conditions. With respect to GPS, Thailand has been approved for Precision Positioning Service (PPS).

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the Government of Thailand can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary to the furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification. Moreover, the benefits to be derived from this sale, as outlined in the Policy Justification, outweigh the potential damage that could result if the sensitive technology were revealed to unauthorized persons.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Thailand.

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of

the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 17-36, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Romania for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1.25 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,

Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-36

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Romania.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$.900 billion.

Other \$.350 billion.

Total \$1.250 billion.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Fifty-four (54) High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) Launchers.

Eighty-one (81) Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS) M31A1 Unitary.

Eighty-one (81) Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS) M30A1 Alternative Warhead.

Fifty-four (54) Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) M57 Unitary.

Twenty-four (24) Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data Systems (AFATDS).

Fifteen (15) M1151A1 HMMWVs, Utility, Armored.

Fifteen (15) M1151A1 HMMWVs, Armor Ready 2-Man.

Non-MDE includes:

Fifty-four (54) M1084A1P2 HIMARS Resupply Vehicles (RSVs) (5 ton, Medium Tactical Cargo Vehicle with Material Handling Equipment).

Fifty-four (54) M1095 MTV Cargo Trailers w/ RSV kit.

Ten (10) M1089A1P2 FMTV Wreckers (5 Ton Medium Tactical Vehicle Wrecker with Winch).

Also included are thirty (30) Low Cost Reduced Range (LCRR) practice rockets, support equipment, communications equipment, sensors, spare and repair parts, test sets, batteries, laptop computers, publications and technical data, facility design, training and training equipment, systems integration support, Quality Assurance Teams and a Technical Assistance Fielding Team, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army.

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc. Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 17, 2017.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Romania—High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) and Related Support and Equipment

The Government of Romania has requested the possible sale of fifty-four (54) High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) Launchers, eighty-one (81) Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS) M31A1 Unitary, eighty-one (81) Guided Multiple

Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS) M30A1 Alternative Warhead, fifty-four (54) Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) M57 Unitary, twenty-four (24) Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data Systems (AFATDS), fifteen (15) M1151A1 HMMWVs, Utility, Armored, and fifteen (15) M1151A1 HMMWVs, Armor Ready 2-Man. Also included with this request are: fifty-four (54) M1084A1P2 HIMARS Resupply Vehicles (RSVs) (5 ton, Medium Tactical Cargo Vehicle with Material Handling Equipment), fifty-four (54) M1095 MTV Cargo Trailer with RSV kit, and ten (10) M1089A1P2 FMTV Wreckers (5 Ton Medium Tactical Vehicle Wrecker with Winch), thirty (30) Low Cost Reduced Range (LCRR) practice rockets, support equipment, communications equipment, sensors, spare and repair parts, test sets, batteries, laptop computers, publications and technical data, facility design, training and training equipment, systems integration support, Quality Assurance Teams and a Technical Assistance Fielding Team, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$1.25 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally that has been, and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress within Europe. The proposed sale of the HIMARS system will support Romania's needs for its own self-defense and support NATO defense goals.

The Government of Romania intends to use these defense articles and services to modernize its armed forces and strengthen its homeland defense and deter regional threats. This will contribute to Romania's military goal of updating its capabilities while further enhancing interoperability with the United States and other NATO allies. Romania will have no difficulty absorbing this system into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be Lockheed Martin in Grand Prairie, Texas and Camden, Arkansas. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require approximately the assignment of up to 10 U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to Romania for a period of up to one year for equipment de-processing/fielding, system checkout, training, and technical and logistics support.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-36

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) is a highly mobile, all-weather indirect area fire artillery system. The HIMARS mission is to supplement cannon artillery to deliver a large volume of firepower within a short time against critical time-sensitive targets. At shorter ranges, HIMARS complements tube artillery with heavy barrages against assaulting forces as well as in the counter-fire, or defense suppression roles. The highest level of classified information that could be disclosed by a proposed sale, production, or by

testing of the end item is SECRET; the highest level that must be disclosed for production, maintenance, or training is CONFIDENTIAL. Reverse engineering could reveal SECRET information. Launcher platform software, weapon operational software, command and control special application software, and command and control loadable munitions module software are considered UNCLASSIFIED. The system specifications and limitations are classified SECRET. Vulnerability data is classified up to SECRET. Countermeasures, counter-countermeasures, vulnerability/susceptibility analyses, and threat definitions are classified SECRET.

2. The highest classification level for release of the ATACMS Unitary M57 FMS Variant is SECRET, based upon the software. The highest level of classified information that could be disclosed by a sale or by testing of the end item is SECRET; the highest level that must be disclosed for production, maintenance, or training is CONFIDENTIAL. Reverse engineering could reveal CONFIDENTIAL information. Fire Direction System, Data Processing Unit, and special Application software is classified SECRET. Communications Distribution Unit software is classified CONFIDENTIAL. The system specifications and limitations are classified CONFIDENTIAL. Vulnerability Data, countermeasures, vulnerability/susceptibility analyses, and threat definitions are classified SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL.

3. Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System Alternative Warhead (GMLRS-AW) M30A1. The GMLRS-AW, M30A1, is the next design increment of the GMLRS rocket. The GMLRS-AW M30A1 hardware is over 90% common with the M31A1 GMLRS Unitary hardware. Operational range is between 15-70 kilometers. Accuracy of less than 15 meters Circular Error Probability at all ranges, when using inertial guidance with Global Positioning System (GPS) augmentation. Uses a proximity sensor fuze mode with a 10 meter height of burst. The Alternative Warhead carries a 200 pound fragmentation assembly filled with high explosives which, upon detonation, accelerates two layers of pre-formed tungsten fragments optimized for effectiveness against large area and imprecisely located targets. The GMLRS-AW provides an area target attack capability that is treaty compliant (no un-exploded ordnance). It provides a 24 hour, all weather, long range attack capability against personnel, soft and lightly armored targets, and air defense targets. The GMLRS-AW uses the same motor, guidance and control systems fuze mechanisms, and proximity sensors as the M31A1 GMLRS Unitary. The highest classification level for release of the GMLRS-AW is SECRET, based upon the software, sale or testing of the end item. The highest level of classification that must be disclosed for production, maintenance, or training is CONFIDENTIAL.

4. The GPS PPS component of the HIMARS munitions (GMLRS Unitary, Alternative Warhead, and ATACMS Unitary) is also contained in the Fire Direction System, is classified SECRET, and is considered SENSITIVE. To that end, no GPS PPS design information, including GPS software algorithms, will be disclosed in the course of this sale to country. Susceptibility of GMLRS to diversion or exploitation is considered low risk. GMLRS employs an inertial navigational system that is aided by a Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) equipped GPS receiver. To that end, this system requires encryption keys controlled by, and issued by, the National Security Agency.

5. AFATDS is a multi-service (U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps) automated, expert decision support system used for Command, Control, Communications and integration

and synchronization of fires on ground targets during all phases of military conflict. AFATDS provides the automated tools that significantly augment the capability of fire support coordinators, fire support assets commanders, and their respective staffs at every echelon during the planning and execution of fire support on the dynamic battlefields in support of the Maneuver Commander and his plans.

6. The classification of the request for assistance and customized AFATDS with sanitized and customized JMEM and LMM, and/or with functionally compatible but UNCLASSIFIED modular substitutes for COMSEC, JMEM, and LMM capabilities, is available for Foreign Military Sales (FMS) with the following restrictions and caveats. The software source code and design specifications are UNCLASSIFIED but considered highly sensitive and are not available for EMS. The following items, while they are unclassified they are not individually freely and openly releasable, however, they can be offered for FMS as individually and specifically included items of complete system procurements: executable code, training manuals, user manuals, and system documentation such as external system architecture diagrams, high level internal software architecture diagrams, the Version Description Document, and the System Administrator Manual as customized for each individual FMS customer. The highest level of information that is necessarily disclosed during maintenance of these sanitized systems and applications is UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO. The highest level of sensitive information that is necessarily disclosed by the sale of these sanitized systems and applications is UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO. The highest level of information that is necessarily disclosed to allow system administration of these sanitized systems and applications UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO. The highest level of information that is necessarily disclosed in training of these sanitized systems and applications is UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO. The highest level of information that could be revealed by reverse engineering or testing of these systems is UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO. Through scanning or testing these sanitized systems and applications, specific vulnerabilities could be disclosed, and will be treated at UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO. The identification of these vulnerabilities with U.S.-only systems is CLASSIFIED, per Section 6.3. Participants of the FMS process shall not make references to U.S.-only system maintenance, administration, or technical details because they could be considered SECRET.

7. Susceptibility of ATACMS Unitary M57 FMS Variant, GMLRS M30A1 and M31A1 to diversion or exploitation is considered low risk. Components of the system are also considered highly resistant to reverse engineering. Detailed knowledge of the technical capabilities of the system could enable an enemy to tailor defenses and adjust tactics and procedures to minimize the effectiveness of the system.

8. Susceptibility of AFATDS to diversion or exploitation is considered low risk. Software of the system are also considered highly resistant to reverse engineering. Detailed knowledge of the technical capabilities of the system could enable an enemy to tailor defenses and adjust tactics and procedures to minimize the effectiveness of the system. Training and user manuals are unclassified but considered sensitive and not for general release to foreign nationals, except that they will be provided with the system when the system is procured through FMS.

9. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software, the information could be used to develop countermeasures, which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

10. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the enclosed Military Policy Justification. Moreover, the benefits to be derived from this sale outweigh the potential damage that could result if the sensitive technology were revealed to unauthorized persons. A determination has been made that Romania can provide the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government.

11. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Romania.

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 17-45, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$360 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,
CHARLES W. HOOPER,
Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Enclosures:

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-45

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Australia

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0 million.
Other \$360 million.
Total \$360 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE includes: Ten-year upgrade program for twenty-four (24) MH-60R Multi-Mission Helicopters and associated training devices, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, engineering and technical services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs), ECPs for training devices, classified software (JMPS/MDLs), Engineering Technical Assistance (ETA), Logistics Technical Assistance (LTA), Other Technical Assistance (OTA), supply support, support equipment, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (AT-P-GRS).

(v) Prior Related Cases. If any: AT-P-GXO, AT-P-SCF, AT-P-GTC.

(vi) Sales Commission. Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 30, 2017

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—Upgrade Program for (24) MH-60R Multi-Mission Helicopters

The Government of Australia has requested a follow-on case for a possible ten-year upgrade program for twenty-four (24) MH-60R Multi-Mission Helicopters and associated training devices, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, engineering and technical services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs), ECPs for training devices, classified software (JMPS/MDLs), Engineering Technical Assistance (ETA), Logistics Technical Assistance (LTA), Other Technical Assistance (OTA), supply support, support equipment, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$360 million.

This sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a major non-NATO ally that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Western Pacific. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed upgrades to the MH-60R helicopters will improve Australia's antisubmarine and surface warfare capability, provide an improved search and rescue capability, enhance its anti-ship surveillance capability, and will help it carry out international commitments for transport, surveillance, and search and rescue operations with the United States and other allies. The proposed upgrades will also provide Australia the resources necessary to properly maintain its multi-mission helicopters. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company, Stratford, CT and Lockheed Martin, Owego, NY. There are no offsets proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Australia.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-45

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Commonwealth of Australia requirement for spiral upgrades to the twenty-four (24) Multi-Mission MH-60R Helicopters could include:

a. Mission Capability Areas: Surface Warfare/Surveillance/Flight Management, Navigation & Communication/Data Management & Fusion

b. Mission Capability Areas: Anti-Submarine Warfare/Flight Management, Navigation & Communication

c. Mission Capability Areas: Flight Management, Navigation & Communication/Data Management & Fusion

d. Mission Capability Areas: Flight Management, Navigation & Communication/Data Management & Fusion/Air Vehicle Service Life

e. Mission Capability Areas for Development: Kinematic Performance/Airborne Survivability

f. Mission Capability Areas for Development: Obsolescence Management

g. Mission Capability Areas: Surveillance/Data Management & Data/Air Vehicle Service Life

h. Software Lab

1. USN Test Maintenance Cost

2. The spiral development case may contain sensitive technology; however, defined requirements are not known at this time and will be assessed on a case by case basis.

3. A determination has been made that Australia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Australia.

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, September marks National Senior Center Month. More than 11,000 senior centers across the country serve more than 1 million older adults every day. For many older Americans, senior centers are the heart of their communities, offering a place for everything from meals to recreational activities to health and wellness programs. Senior centers also create a sense of comity and community, giving older Americans a place to connect while reducing the social isolation that often burdens our older citizens.

This summer, as ranking member of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, I visited numerous senior centers across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in rural, urban, and suburban areas, to discuss the issues on the minds of older Pennsylvanians. At each stop, older Pennsylvanians told me about the important role that senior centers play in their daily lives, as a gathering place and a resource, providing not only necessary nutrition programs, but also benefits counseling, employment assistance, volunteer opportunities, transportation assistance, and so much more.

Senior centers and senior center staff deserve our support. Communities piece together numerous sources to fund their senior center operations, including Federal, State, and local government resources, private-sector donations and grants, and the man-hours of countless volunteers. Many of the county commissioners who joined me during these visits expressed their support for the Community Development Block Grant, which regrettably is slated for elimination by the administration. Counties throughout Pennsylvania depend on the Community Development Block Grant program to fund important infrastructure in our communities. Now is not the time to scale back our investment in these needs. I stand with our community leaders in support of the Community Development Block Grant program, and I will fight to protect these vital resources from elimination.

I am delighted to join with leaders from across the aging network in Penn-

sylvanian and throughout the country in honoring the work of senior centers and recognizing September as National Senior Center Month.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARIBOU COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, 30 years ago, Caribou, ME, served as the proving ground upon which America has built a nationwide system of community-based outpatient clinics that delivers much improved access to medical services for America's rural veterans. The anniversary celebration on September 7 recognizes the determined commitment of Cary Medical Center, the Department of Veterans Affairs, local veterans, and an entire community that transformed healthcare for the men and women who defend our Nation and our freedom.

Our Nation's first CBOC held its formal opening in Caribou, my hometown, on June 13, 1987. The impact was immediate—no longer would the veterans of Aroostook County have to endure an up-to 10-hour round trip to the nearest VA hospital for medical exams or to meet with a VA physician. Today the Caribou CBOC treats a veteran population of 3,500 men and women who served our country, with more than 9,000 care visits annually. The pioneering work done in Caribou led to benefits for America's 3.5 million rural veterans who now receive care closer to home at more than 950 CBOCs throughout the country.

The story of the great advancement in healthcare began 8 years before that formal opening, when seven Aroostook County veterans devoted themselves to the mission of improving access to critical healthcare services in this region. The original members of Aroostook County Veterans Medical Facility Research and Development, Inc.—Percy Thibeault, Meo Bosse, John Rowe, Ray Guerrette, Wesley Adams, Walter Corey, and Leonard Woods, Jr.—faced many obstacles along the way and overcame them all. These patriots exemplified a special quality of the American veteran: they continued to contribute long after their service in uniform was done.

That great mission would not have been accomplished without the dedication and expertise of Cary Medical Center and the involvement of Bill Flagg. As the American Hospital Association noted in its Award of Honor presentation in 2011, Cary Medical Center has made exemplary contributions in the critical area of veterans' healthcare and has established a national model. In addition to playing a vital role in establishing the VA's first CBOC in Caribou, Cary Medical Center was one of five pilot sites for the highly successful Access Received Closer to Home, or ARCH, program. Maine's program, led by Kris Doody and a tremendous team of professionals, has been called a standard bearer for how to provide

rural veterans access to the care they need in their communities. Before he became VA Secretary, I had the opportunity to join Dr. David Shulkin on a visit to both the Caribou CBOC and Cary Medical Center, where he praised the innovative work being done being done to provide veterans with top quality healthcare close to where they live. Veterans in Aroostook County and throughout America are grateful for Cary's leadership.

Our State has long history as a leader in working to expand and improve veterans' access to quality healthcare. One year ago, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the very first national hospital for veterans: Togus, in Maine, which opened its doors in November of 1866. In 2014, we celebrated the opening of the women's clinic at Togus in recognition of the fact that more and more women serve our country in uniform.

I am determined to continue those early efforts on behalf of our rural veterans. The recent enactment of the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act of 2017, which I cosponsored with my Maine colleague Senator ANGUS KING, is an important step toward keeping this obligation to our veterans, both urban and rural. As well as providing additional funding for healthcare access in the community, the legislation authorizes 28 leases for VA facilities across the country, including a much-needed CBOC in Portland. The result of this crucial legislation is increased access to quality care for all who have defended our freedom.

Maine is home to more than 125,000 veterans. To put that in perspective, Maine has more veterans per capita than all but two of the other States in the country. We are proud of our State's contributions to protecting our Nation and of Maine's impressive record in caring for our veterans.

President Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation establishing a national network of hospitals for Civil War veterans on March 3, 1865. The very next day, he concluded his second inaugural address with a commitment "to bind up our nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle. . . ."

We must uphold that commitment. Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our country. We owe them all that we can do to ensure they receive the best care possible. The veterans and grateful citizens who fought for the Caribou CBOC knew that, and, on this 30th anniversary, we honor their dedication by carrying on their work.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL FREDRICK B. "BEN" HODGES

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a great leader and an exceptional Army officer, LTG Frederick B. "Ben" Hodges who is currently serving as the commanding general of U.S. Army Europe in Wiesbaden, Germany, as he prepares for his transition and retirement from Active Duty.

LTG Ben Hodges has served our Army and our Nation for more than 35 years. He has been a true professional and a dedicated soldier, leader, and officer. Throughout his career, he has commanded our great soldiers at many levels, he has deployed to combat numerous times in defense of the Nation, and he has been assigned the most critical positions in our Army. Lieutenant General Hodges continues to provide outstanding leadership, advice, and sound professional judgment on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to the Army, Congress, and this Nation.

A native of Quincy, FL, Lieutenant General Hodges graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in May 1980 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry. After his first assignment in an infantry unit in Germany, he commanded infantry units at the company, battalion, and brigade levels in the 101st Airborne Division and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom during the initial invasion of Iraq as Bastogne 6, leading the 327th Infantry Regiment.

Throughout his magnificent career, Lieutenant General Hodges has served in a variety of important positions within the U.S. Army, proving over and over again his exceptional leadership and staff skills. These positions include service as a tactics Instructor at the Infantry school, aide-de-camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and service as both the deputy chief and then chief of legislative, liaison for the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant General Hodges' assignments as a general officer include deputy commander for stability, Regional Command-South, International Security Assistance Force supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from August 2009 until October 2010. Before arriving in Germany, Lieutenant General Hodges also held a leadership position at NATO, serving as the first commander of Allied Land Command, Izmir, Turkey, from November 2012 to October 2014.

For the past 3 years, Lieutenant General Hodges has been the commanding general of United States U.S. Army Europe. During this period of extraordinary change and challenge in Europe's security environment, Lieutenant General Hodges has improved relationships with NATO allies and European partners. Through his leadership, Lieutenant General Hodges has successfully led his command through some of the most complex issues our Army has faced in recent years with unparalleled results. While increasing the transparency of Army operations within Europe, Lieutenant General Hodges has led his command through the rapid growth in the frequency and complexity of multinational training exercises, thus increasing interoperability and strengthening NATO's commitment to deter potential aggression. The foundations set by Lieutenant General Hodges will allow NATO and

our Army to meet every mission requirement in Europe.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I thank LTG Ben Hodges, his wife, Holly, and their entire family for their continued commitment, sacrifice, and contribution to this great Nation. I join my colleagues in wishing him future success in all aspects of life and I am sure that many soldiers will continue to emulate him as a role model for service, sacrifice, and leadership.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, today I am proud to stand to honor Phyllis Schlafly, a woman who was not only an incredible Missourian, but an incredible American. She was a strong conservative, engaged citizen, proud wife and mother, powerful speaker, passionate lawyer, devout Catholic, and good friend of mine. We lost her a year ago, and I take this moment today to pay tribute to her and the impact she had on our Nation.

There is no doubt that the name Phyllis Schlafly will be mentioned in the history of conservatism.

Upon Phyllis's receiving of the Women of Achievement Award in 1963, publisher of St. Louis Globe-Democrat Richard Amberg stated that "Phyllis Schlafly stands for everything that has made America great and for those things which will keep it that way."

Our late President, Ronald Reagan, said to Phyllis Schlafly, "Eagle Forum has set a high standard of volunteer participation in the political and legislative process. . . . You've been out front on so many of the most important issues of our time. . . . Your work is an example to all those who would struggle for an America that is prosperous and free. . . . Our nation needs the kind of dedicated individual volunteer service you and Eagle Forum have demonstrated over the last 20 years."

Phyllis was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. She attended college at Washington University and received her master of arts degree at Radcliffe College. She married John Fred Schlafly, Jr., in 1949 and had six children. In 1972, Phyllis established Eagle Forum, and her work to strengthen conservative principles flourished from there. Her voice became the conservative conscience of the GOP, and she was never afraid to let me or any other member of the Republican Party know when she felt we were not true to those ideals.

While I wish today to commemorate her upon the anniversary of her death, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that her passing did not end her life's work.

Her legacy of strong conservative values continues today through organizations, books, and through the passion

she ignited in fellow conservatives. Whether or not one agrees or disagrees with her points of view, one must acknowledge her crucial part in the history of American politics.

When she began speaking publicly in the 1960s, Phyllis blazed a trail and encouraged women and mothers everywhere to step into American politics and issues of the day. She wasn't afraid to voice the thoughts she had that others agreed with, yet were too afraid to speak; nor was she afraid to challenge those with whom she disagreed. Phyllis demonstrated to all of us that every voice matters and reminded us that a powerful voice lies not in whoever is talking the loudest but whoever sees potential for change.

Phyllis was a pioneer for women in the world of politics, especially for conservative women, and simultaneously encouraged all Americans to get involved in issues bigger than themselves.

She advocated tirelessly throughout her life and never retired. She was one of the first conservatives to publicly endorse then-candidate Donald Trump. At her 2016 funeral, President Trump said, "Her legacy will live on every time some underdog—outmatched and outgunned—defies the odds and delivers a win for the people."

Phyllis Schlafly lived a life of dedication and perseverance. She continuously served our Nation through her inspiring speeches, encouraging attitude, and passion for the future. We miss her and thank her for all the work she has done. Today we honor her and her legacy and take a moment to recognize the longstanding impact she has had on our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JERRY C. DAVIS

● Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Dr. Jerry C. Davis, president of College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, MO. Dr. Davis is the recipient of the prestigious E. Burr Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award, given by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE.

The lifetime achievement award honors individuals in higher education who have made a significant and lasting impact in the field of institutional advancement through their professional accomplishments. It also honors those who have earned the deep respect and admiration of their professional colleagues.

Dr. Davis is one of the longest sitting college presidents in the entire United States, serving for over 40 years. He became president of Alice Lloyd College in Kentucky in 1977 and served until 1988, when he became president of the College of the Ozarks, where he remains today.

Throughout his tenure as president, he has transformed the College of the Ozarks into a unique higher education institution with an endowment over \$500 million. Nearly every student

graduates debt-free by working at on-campus jobs—a significant achievement at a time when student loans are a major burden for many students and families around the country.

Dr. Davis is also responsible for creating the College of the Ozarks Patriotic Travel Program. This program pairs veterans with college students to help instill appreciation for the sacrifices of American servicemen and women by traveling back to the battlefields of our Nation's wars. To date, over 300 students have traveled to Vietnam, Japan, and South Korea with over 150 veterans.

Dr. Davis's deep love for his country is also reflected by his work to honor those that have sacrificed for our Nation by building memorials on campus. Under Dr. Davis's leadership, the college built memorials honoring Missouri Vietnam veterans, the heroes of 9/11, and Missouri Gold Star families. In the spring of 2018, the college will dedicate a new memorial honoring the Korean war.

Dr. Davis has received many awards and accolades for both his specific institutions and in the realm of higher education. He has been active at multiple levels of both the Southern and North Central Accrediting Agencies, serving on more than 50 accreditation teams and chairing over half of them. Dr. Davis also served two terms as president of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities.

In 2015, Dr. Davis and the College of the Ozarks received the National Freedom Award. This award is the highest honor given by the U.S. Department of Defense to employers for support of National Guard and Reserve Employees.

Dr. Davis's leadership has truly transformed the College of the Ozarks, and there is no doubt why he was selected to receive this lifetime achievement award. I know that the students, alumni, local community, and all those connected to the College of the Ozarks are grateful for his leadership, as am I.

Thank you.●

TRIBUTE TO GAIL BATES

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Gail Bates and not only wish her a happy birthday but also reflect on her years of service to the State of New Hampshire and our country.

Gail Bates was born Gail Oberlin in Cleveland, OH, on June 10, 1917 and received a degree from Vassar College in Italian and art history, then was awarded her master's in social work from Columbia University.

When the United States of America joined the Allies and went to war in 1941, Gail answered her country's call, serving in the American Red Cross from 1943 to 1945. She was stationed overseas to England with the Ninth Air Force, where she served with Red Cross Aero Clubs and worked long hours, supporting aircrews and soldiers from 6

AM to midnight. As a member of the Aero Club, Gail worked to provide food, coffee, music, and other reminders of home to American soldiers stationed so far from our shores.

On D-Day, Gail first heard of the Allied landings in Normandy while eating breakfast in a London cafe. She would soon join the Allied armies in continental Europe, arriving in Sainte-Mère-Eglise, France, in July, where she hosted a party for the children of Sainte-Mère-Eglise, providing a brief respite from war for the first liberated town in France. Following Allied victories in eastern France and Belgium, Gail accompanied General George Patton and his Third Army into Germany and was one of only two women who served in the Red Cross Aero Club in Berlin.

After the war, while working at the American Alpine Association, Gail met and then married Bob Bates, an educator and mountaineer, and they traveled the world together. Both avid mountaineers, they traveled to many remote areas around the world, including the Andes, the Himalayas, and the Karakorum Range. In 1962, Bob was recruited by Sargent Shriver to be director of the first group of Peace Corps volunteers in Nepal, and Bob and Gail lived together in Kathmandu, where they made many lifelong friends and invited a young Nepali woman, Tsering Yangdon, who is now a member of their extended family, to study at the University of New Hampshire.

As much as the world called to them, however, Bob and Gail never lost their attachment to and love for their local community. They protected historic New Hampshire buildings and preserved our open spaces and beautiful, wild areas of nature. In 1996, Gail established an endowed fund to permanently support the Robert H. Bates Mountaineering Room at Phillips Exeter Academy in the Class of 1945 Library. The collection contains many of Bob's collected mountaineering books and memorabilia.

As Senator for New Hampshire, I want to honor Gail's lifetime of service and good citizenship. I join with Gail's friends and family, as well as many, many people across the Granite State, in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO SHANE DOAN

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to honor a National Hockey League—NHL—legend, an Olympian, and a point of pride for Arizonans. After 21 seasons, 1,540 games, and 972 points scored, Shane Doan can now retire his skates with pride. A pillar in the Arizona community and a legend to hockey fans worldwide, Shane has left an indelible mark on the game, inspiring future generations of hockey players.

Shane's career started in 1992 in the Western Hockey League's Kamloops Blazers—during which the team won

back-to-back Memorial Cups. The 1995 Memorial Cup secured Shane the Stafford Smythe Memorial Trophy, honoring him as tournament's Most Valuable Player, MVP. Later that year, Shane was picked up by the NHL as a first-round draft pick with the Winnipeg Jets. Shane excelled with the team, who played him in the Stanley Cup, eventually naming him "Rookie of the Year."

Shane moved with his team to Phoenix, AZ, where he would remain until the end of his career, the 2016–17 season. Throughout his years as an Arizona Coyote, Shane accomplished many personal awards and franchise records, including selection for the 2006 Canadian Olympic Hockey Team, the King Clancy Trophy in 2009–10, the Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award in 2011–12, and selection for the NHL All-Star Team in 2003–04 and again in 2008–09. In December 2015, Shane secured the franchise record for career goals, at 379 goals, and again in February 2016 for franchise points, at 929 points. Upon his retirement, Shane was the longest serving active captain in the NHL, having lead the Coyotes for 14 years.

As an avid sports fan, I am honored to have had Shane playing for the Arizona Coyotes for 20 years. I have been privileged to get to know Shane over the course of his career and can confidently say that he is a model of leadership and sportsmanship to those around him, both on and off the ice. I join with hockey fans in Arizona and across the world in congratulating Shane on his illustrious career and wish him, his wife, Andrea, and his kids Gracie, Josh, Karys, and Carson all the best as they enter this new chapter of life.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res 76. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 114. An act to authorize appropriations and to appropriate amounts for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve hiring authorities of the Department, to authorize major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.

H.R. 374. An act to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384, and for other purposes.

H.R. 510. An act to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog.

H.R. 873. An act to authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2210. An act to designate the community living center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butler Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the "Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center".

H.R. 2430. An act 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.

H.R. 3218. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bills were signed on August 4, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 11, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 339) to amend Public Law 941–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2288) to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Sec-

retary of the Senate, on August 11, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. COMSTOCK) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 339. An act to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands.

H.R. 2288. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on August 11, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. McCONNELL).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114–255), the Minority Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Mr. Arien Malec of Oakland, California.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1757. A bill to strengthen border security, increase resources for enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 7, 2017, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 114. An act to authorize appropriations and to appropriate amounts for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve hiring authorities of the Department, to authorize major medical facility leases, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC–2462. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beta Cyclodextrin, Methyl Ethers;

Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9963-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2463. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyclaniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances and Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9963-02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2464. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethaboxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9961-69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2465. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department of Defense 2017 Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Annual Reports (MARs) and an index of the 35 MARs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2466. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2467. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Alpha-Phenylacetone nitrile (APAAN), a Precursor Chemical Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Phenylacetone, Methamphetamine, and Amphetamine, as a List I Chemical" ((RIN1117-ZA04) (Docket No. DEA-379)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2468. A communication from the Acting Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation" (CPCLO Order No. 007-2017) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2469. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Test Methods, Performance Specifications, and Testing Regulations for Air Emission Sources; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9965-63-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2470. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Infrastructure Requirement for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9965-52-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2471. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9965-56-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2472. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Georgia; New Source Review and Permitting Updates" (FRL No. 9965-60-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2473. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9965-26-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2474. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; Negative Declarations; Correction" (FRL No. 9965-11-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2475. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Nevada; Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9964-74-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2476. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; Negative Declarations" (FRL No. 9965-78-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2477. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "The Department of General Services Needs Guidance and Assistance to Develop Effective Internal Controls"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2478. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Sufficiency Certification for the Washington Convention and Sports Authority (Trading as Events DC) Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2479. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to

the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2480. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2481. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2482. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2483. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2484. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Joseph P. Aucoin, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2485. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Section 721 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364), 7-Year Update, Longitudinal Study on Traumatic Brain Injury Incurred by Members of the Armed Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2486. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2487. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (Delaware County, IN, Unincorporated Areas)" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2017-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2488. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recordkeeping Requirements for Qualified Financial Contracts" (RIN3064-AE54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 8, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2489. A communication from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repeal of Consolidated Federal Oil

and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform” (RIN1012-AA20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2490. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Dedicated-Purpose Pool Pumps” ((RIN1904-AD66) (Docket No. EERE-2016-BT-TP-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2491. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Placer County Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 9965-90-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2492. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revision to Allegheny County Regulations for Open Burning” (FRL No. 9965-75-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2493. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “SC: Revisions to New Source Review Rules” (FRL No. 9965-85-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2494. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan” (FRL No. 9965-73-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2495. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Mississippi: Prevention of Significant Deterioration Updates” (FRL No. 9965-70-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2496. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Florida; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 NO₂ NAAQS” (FRL No. 9965-83-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2497. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled “Air Plan Approval; Alaska: Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards” (FRL No. 9965-76-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2498. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approvals, Idaho: Logan Utah/Idaho PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area” (FRL No. 9965-67-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2499. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for Fiscal Year 2018, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, Survey Team Composition, and Correction of the Performance Period for the NHSN HCP Influenza Vaccination Immunization Reporting Measure in the ESRD QIP for PY 2020” ((RIN0938-AS98) (CMS-1677-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2500. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on the Administration, Cost and Impact of the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2501. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Fiscal Year 2018 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System—Rate Update” ((RIN0938-AS97) (CMS-1673-NC)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2502. A communication from the Correspondence and Regulation Specialist, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2018” ((RIN0938-AS99) (CMS-1671-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2503. A communication from the Correspondence and Regulation Specialist, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Fiscal Year 2018 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements” ((RIN0938-AT00) (CMS-1675-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2504. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Information Reporting on Minimum Essential Coverage Under a Catastrophic Plan” (Notice 2017-41) received during adjournment of the Senate

in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2505. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “One-Year Delay in the Application of Subsection 1.385-2” (Notice 2017-36) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2506. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of the Phase-In Period for the Enforcement and Administration of Section 871(m)” (Notice 2017-42) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2507. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2018 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Requirements for Eligible Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Eligible Professionals; Provider-Based Status of Indian Health Service and Tribal Facilities and Organizations; Costs Reporting and Provider Requirements; Agreement Termination Notices” ((RIN0938-AS98) (CMS-1677-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2508. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS-2017-866); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2509. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Teacher Preparation Issues” (RIN1840-AD07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2510. A communication from the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, National Endowment for Humanities, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2511. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, “Critical Work of the Child Fatality Review Committee Should Build on Recent Reforms”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2512. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office’s annual report on Federal agencies’ use of the Physicians’ Comparability Allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2513. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 22-123, “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Temporary Amendment Act of 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2514. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2515. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2516. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States” for the March 2017 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2517. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department’s activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act during fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2518. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to grants made under the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2519. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Ensuring a Safe Environment for Community Residential Care Residents” (RIN2900-AP06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2520. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Loan Guaranty: Vendee Loan Fees” (RIN2900-AP32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2521. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2522. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Marine City Maritime Festival Water Ski Show, St. Clair River, Marine City, MI” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0688)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2523. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Canal Fest Water Ski Show; Erie Canal System, Fish Creek, Sylvan Beach, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0385)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2524. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Main Branch of the Chicago River, Chicago, IL” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0331)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2525. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Oswego County Paddlefest; Oswego River, Oswego, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0666)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2526. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Milwaukee Air and Water Show, Milwaukee Harbor; Milwaukee, Wisconsin” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0419)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2527. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Cleveland Parade of Lights Boat Parade; Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0482)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2528. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Oswego Harborfest Water Ski Show; Oswego Harbor, Oswego, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0576)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2529. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Lake Michigan, Calumet Harbor, Chicago, IL” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0581)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2530. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; 28th Annual Lake Erie Open Water Swim; Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0675)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2531. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Ft. Lauderdale, FL” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-

2017-0670)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2532. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Kosciuszko Bridge Approach Spans Demolition, Newtown Creek, Brooklyn and Queens, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0486)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2533. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Whiskey Island Paddlefest, Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0534)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2534. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Commencement Bay, Tacoma, WA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0733)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2535. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Ogdensburg Summer Seaway Festival; Saint Lawrence Seaway, Ogdensburg, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0714)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2536. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Selfridge Air Show, Clinton River, Harrison Township, MI” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0619)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2537. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Pleasure Beach Piers, Bridgeport, CT” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-1088)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2538. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Madison Light Up the Park Fireworks Display; Lake Erie, Madison Township, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0549)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2539. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; BASS Master Fireworks Display; Saint Lawrence River, Ogden Island, Waddington, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0386)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2540. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; St. Louis River (Duluth-Superior Harbor), between the towns of Duluth, MN and Superior, WI" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0212)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2541. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Connecticut River, East Haddam, CT" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2016-1006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2542. A communication from the Division Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promotion Spectrum Access for Wireless Microphone Operations, Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules for Unlicensed Operations in the Television Bands, and Repurposed 600 MHz Band..." ((GN Docket No. 14-166; ET Docket No. 14-165; GN Docket No. 12-268; WT Docket No. 08-166; WT Docket No. 08-167; and ET Docket No. 10-24) (FCC 17-95)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2543. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2544. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of General Counsel, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2545. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2546. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Maritime Administrator, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2547. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2548. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, De-

partment of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2549. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Hass Avocados From Columbia" ((RIN0579-AE29) (Docket No. APHIS-2016-0022)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2550. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1-Triacontanol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9964-94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2551. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prothioconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9964-40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2552. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fatty acids, rape-oil, triesters with polyethylene glycol ether with glycerol (3:1); Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9964-53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2553. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2016 annual report on the Farm Credit System; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2554. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes" (Docket No. AMS-LPS-16-0051) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2555. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2016 annual report on the Farm Credit System; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2556. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Potassium salts of naphthalenesulfonic acids formaldehyde condensates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9964-21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2557. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), a-isooctyl-w-hydroxy; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9963-98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2558. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Michelle J. Howard, United States Navy, and her advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2559. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2560. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2561. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2562. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2563. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Radiation Protection" (RIN1992-AA51) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2564. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2565. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Procedure 2—Quality Assurance Requirements for Particulate Matter Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources" (FRL No. 9966-25-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2566. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 SO₂ and 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards; South Dakota” (FRL No. 9965-05-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2567. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 SO₂ and 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Colorado” (FRL No. 9966-06-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2568. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Delaware: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions” (FRL No. 9965-87-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2569. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Clean Water Act Methods Update Rule for the Analysis of Effluent” (FRL No. 9957-24-OW) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revisions to Implement the Revocation of the 1997 Ozone NAAQS” (FRL No. 9966-31-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Vermont; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report” (FRL No. 9966-37-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2572. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “SC: Standards for Volatile Organic Compounds and Oxides of Nitrogen” (FRL No. 9966-22-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2573. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; NC; Air Curtain Burners” (FRL No. 9966-24-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2574. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Non-attainment New Source Review Permit Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard” (FRL No. 9965-92-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2575. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Alabama; Transportation Conformity” (FRL No. 9966-29-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2576. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval SC: Multiple Revisions to Air Pollution Control Standards” (FRL No. 9966-20-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2577. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; North Carolina: Transportation Conformity” (FRL No. 9966-41-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2578. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Alabama; PSD Replacement Units” (FRL No. 9966-47-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2579. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; AL; VOC Definitions and Particulate Emissions” (FRL No. 9966-38-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2580. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Iowa; Amendment to the Administrative Consent Order, Grain Processing Corporation, Muscatine, Iowa” (FRL No. 9966-59-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2581. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; SC: Miscellaneous Revisions to Multiple Rules” (FRL No. 9966-34-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2582. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Community Right-to-Know; Adopting 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes for Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting” (RIN2070-AK32) (FRL No. 9964-77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2583. A communication from the National Permits Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Migratory Bird Permits; Control Order for Introduced Migratory Bird Species in Hawaii” (RIN1018-AZ69) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2584. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Migratory Bird Hunting; Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds” (RIN1018-BB40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2585. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Use of Inedible Bird Parts in Authentic Alaska Native Handicrafts for Sale” (RIN1018-BB24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2586. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry: Alternative Monitoring Method” (FRL No. 9966-64-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2587. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Georgia: Permit Exemptions and Definitions; Withdrawal” (FRL No. 9966-66-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2588. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “2016 National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2589. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Teacher Preparation Issues” (RIN1840-AD07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2590. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-125, “Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Amendment Act of 2017”; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2591. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-126, “Duvall Court Designation Act of 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2592. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-127, “Ebenezer Court Designation Act of 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2593. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-128, “Inclusionary Zoning Consistency Amendment Act of 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2594. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-129, “Brishell Jones Way Designation Act of 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2595. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-139, “Glick Court Designation Act of 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2596. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-140, “McGill Alley Designation Act of 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2597. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, “Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2598. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2599. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2600. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2601. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Of-

fice of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2602. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2603. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2604. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflicts, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2605. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflicts, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2606. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2607. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2608. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2609. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017-0142–2017-0148); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2610. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2016 annual report on voting practices in the United Nations and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2611. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports entitled “Indian Dam Safety” and “Irrigation”; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2612. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended” (RIN1400-AD30) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2613. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the foreign aviation authorities to which the Administration provided services during fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2614. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9393)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2615. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9572)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2616. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9498)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2617. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9567)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2618. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9516)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2619. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9501)) received during adjournment of

the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2620. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9506)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2621. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3637)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2622. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5443)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2623. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters (Type Certificate Previously Held by Schweizer Aircraft Corporation)" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-6968)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2624. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A., Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0115)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2625. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9389)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2626. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0696)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2627. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0701)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2628. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International S.A. Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9592)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2629. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines AG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0021)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2630. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0157)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2631. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (70); Amdt. No. 3753" (RIN2120-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2632. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (109); Amdt. No. 3751" (RIN2120-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2633. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Orange City, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0284)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2634. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Albany, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9488)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2635. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Fayetteville, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0070)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2636. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Laurel, MS" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0071)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2637. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Medford, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0195)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2638. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Asburn, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0442)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2639. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace for the following Texas Towns; Sherman, TX; and Temple, TX, and Establishment of Class E Airspace, Temple, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9544)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2640. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Morgantown, WV" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9480)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2641. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 1, 22, 24, 27, 74, 80, 90, 95, and 101 To Establish Uniform License Renewal, Discontinuance of Operation, and Geographic Partitioning and Spectrum Disaggregation Rules and Policies for Certain Wireless Radio Services" ((WT Docket

No. 10-112) (FCC 17-105)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2642. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2643. A communication from the Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of two recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 67th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2644. A communication from the Acting Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2016" and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2645. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2646. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Progress Report to Congress on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2647. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Report on the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant and Integrative Medicine Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2648. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Health Service Corps Report to Congress for the Year 2016"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2649. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Premarket Approval of Pediatric Uses of Devices—Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2650. A communication from the Executive Director of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Advisory Committee's Annual Report on Institutional Quality and Integrity for Fiscal Year 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2651. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Medical Device Classification Procedures; Change of Address; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1529) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2652. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Gamma-Linolenic Acid Safflower Oil" ((RIN0910-ZA48) (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-0949)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2653. A communication from the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0908); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2654. A communication from the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0907); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2655. A communication from the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0909); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2656. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom and Germany to support the integration, installation, operation, testing, and use of Inertial Measurement Units in the Paveway Program in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-064); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2657. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Dental and Oral Conditions" (RIN2900-AP08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2658. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0927); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2659. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2660. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, De-

partment of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2661. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2662. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2663. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2664. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2665. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Port Huron Float-Down, St. Clair River, Port Huron, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0764)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2666. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; St. Mary's River, Sault Ste. Marie, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0789)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2667. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Willamette River, Lake Oswego, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0772)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2668. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pacific Gas and Electric Evolution, King Salmon, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)

(Docket No. USCG-2017-0699)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2669. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Great Lakes—Regulated Navigation Areas and Safety Zones" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0084)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2670. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Demolition of SC-41 Bridge, Wando River, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0348)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2671. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; South Branch of the Chicago River, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0702)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2672. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Stampede TLP, Green Canyon 468, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0110)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2673. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Ice Covered Waterways in the Fifth Coast Guard District" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0051)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2674. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Choptank River, Cambridge, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0571)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2675. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Mobile River, Mobile, AL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0710)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2676. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Islamorada Grand

Prix of the Seas, Islamorada, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0556)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2677. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Potomac River, National Harbor, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0654)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2678. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, New Smyrna Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0205)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2679. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2017 Update" (Docket No. EP 542) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2680. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform-Mobility Fund" (FCC 17-102) (WC Docket No. 10-90 and WT Docket No. 10-208)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2681. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications" (FCC 17-87) (WC Docket No. 10-90 and WC Docket No. 14-58)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2682. A communication from the Assistant Bureau Chief for Management, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 25.281(b) Transmitter Identification Requirements for Video Uplink Transmissions" ((FCC 17-100) (IB Docket No. 12-267)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2683. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 15, 90, and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Radar Services in the 76-81 GHz Band" ((FCC 17-94) (ET Docket No. 15-26)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2684. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2685. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 3, 2017, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 18, 2017:

By Mr BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 1761. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 772. A bill to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants (Rept. No. 115-147).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted on August 3, 2017:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Brenda Burman, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

*Douglas W. Domenech, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

*Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

*Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

*Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS DURING ADJOURNMENT

On August 18, 2017, under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 3, 2017, the following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1761. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1762. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify when certain academic assessments shall be administered; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1763. A bill for the relief of Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, and Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEE, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1764. A bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 109

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to provide for non-preemption of measures by State and local governments to divest from entities that engage in commerce-related or investment-related boycott, divestment, or sanctions activities targeting Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants.

S. 337

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maine

(Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 379

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 379, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure fairness in Medicare hospital payments by establishing a floor for the area wage index applied with respect to certain hospitals.

S. 425

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to provide for compliance enforcement regarding Russian violations of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the use of telehealth for individuals with stroke.

S. 526

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 611

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to meet the needs of homeless children, youth, and families, and honor the assessments and priorities of local communities.

S. 693

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota

(Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 693, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 705

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 705, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 732

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 732, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind.

S. 808

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 808, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 816

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 816, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow rollovers from 529 programs to ABLE accounts.

S. 817

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 817, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs.

S. 818

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals with disabilities to save additional amounts in their ABLE accounts above the current annual maximum contribution if they work and earn income.

S. 856

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 856, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual assault, and for other purposes.

S. 873

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 873, a bill to amend section 8433 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from the Thrift Savings Fund.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 910, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 1034

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1050

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1050, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises.

S. 1256

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters, Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company in recognition of their unique and distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II.

S. 1292

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1292, a bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

S. 1437

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1437, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish awareness of, and technical assistance for, the creation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1568, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of President John F. Kennedy.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1580, a bill to enhance the transparency, improve the coordination, and intensify the impact of assistance to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children and persons, including women and girls, and for other purposes.

S. 1613

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1613, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes.

S. 1615

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 1615, a bill to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals

who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 1636

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1636, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions.

S. 1676

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1676, a bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to provide grants for access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to authorize the minting of a coin in honor of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1742

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1742, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an option for any citizen or permanent resident of the United States age 55 to 64 to buy into Medicare.

S. 1752

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1752, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to expedite wildfire prevention projects to reduce the risk of wildfire on certain high-risk Federal land, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 47

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 47, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Arbitration Agreements".

S. RES. 154

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 154, a resolution promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling.

AMENDMENT NO. 522

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 522 intended to be proposed to 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 523

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 523 intended to be proposed to 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 592

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 592 intended to be proposed to 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 594

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 594 intended to be proposed to 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 687

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 687 intended to be proposed to 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1763 A bill for the relief of Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, and Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I offer private immigration relief

legislation to provide an immigrant visa or lawful permanent resident status to Maria Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez, and Vianney Sanchez. The family represents the essence of the American dream. I believe they merit Congress' special consideration for this relief.

In August 2014, my office assisted Maria and Eusebio with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) during their request for a stay of removal. Under the previous administration, ICE found that their case was worthy of a favorable exercise of discretion. This was an acknowledgement that they posed no public safety risk, had no criminal records, and therefore should not be priorities for deportation.

Despite this, in 2017, the Trump administration, told Maria and Eusebio that they were no longer eligible for a stay of removal and that they should prepare for deportation. Mario and Eusebio pled with ICE to reconsider this sudden change in policy and I supported their request—believing it would be senseless and callous to remove them from our Country. However, all possible avenues to delay their deportation were denied by immigration officials.

In August 2017, after living productive lives in this Country for 23 years, Maria and Eusebio were deported back to Mexico. Their deportation was truly heartbreaking for me, their family, and their community. I personally met Maria and Eusebio and can attest that they are the kind of people we should welcome into the United States with open arms. They are hardworking, law-abiding people who have been self-supporting, have paid their taxes, and owned a home in East Oakland.

Prior to her deportation, Maria worked as a registered nurse in a local hospital in Oakland, CA. She provided care to patients afflicted with conditions such as trauma, stroke, and cancer. Her supervisor said that her "genuine compassion, appreciation for her work, and deep knowledge of nursing practices made her an excellent addition to [our hospital]." Another letter of support said that Maria "is a great asset to our hospital, community, and country. She is the epitome of what Americans should be." Maria's bilingual skills made her a strategic asset in assisting patients at work, which serves uninsured, underserved, and low-income populations. Her deportation is a great loss to many of the patients that relied on her critical assistance as they went through medical treatment.

Similar to Maria, Eusebio was a hardworking contributor to their community. He was a truck driver for a San Francisco-based company, and his employer has described him as "very reliable, trustworthy, [a] team player, and exceptional worker." His friends describe him as someone who "is a good person, responsible at work, willing to help when we need assistance."

Together, Eusebio and Maria have raised four children—three of whom are

U.S. citizens. Their oldest daughter, Vianney, age 23, has protection under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, DACA, program. She graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz with a degree in Psychology. She has aspirations of using her education to work in public service and help her community. She is passionate about doing work that allows her to focus on improving the lives of residents of Oakland and the Bay Area. As a result of Maria and Eusebio's deportation, Vianney will be assuming responsibility of her two younger sisters. I believe that Vianney's determination to make sure her sisters are properly cared for, after dealing with the crushing experience of being separated from her parents, is a testament to her remarkable strength and resilience, and a sign of the kind of values instilled in her by her now deported parents.

The Sanchez's second daughter, Melin, age 21, is a U.S. citizen. She is currently enrolled at the University of California at Santa Cruz, where she is studying molecular cell and developmental biology. She has aspirations of becoming a pediatrician. Maria and Eusebio paid her college tuition and supported her as she studied for the MCAT and volunteered at a hospital. Their deportation leaves Melin's college tuition in peril.

The Sanchez's third daughter, Elizabeth, age 16, is a U.S. citizen and is currently enrolled at the NEA Community Learning Center in Alameda. Elizabeth was diagnosed with a speech delay and learning disabilities at a young age, but with the support of her parents, was able to make great progress and is doing well in school. She needs the support of her parents and continuing to separate her from them will significantly affect her ability to pursue her dreams.

The Sanchez's son, Jesus, age 12, is a U.S. citizen. He was born with a congenital heart disease, which requires continued medical attention. Jesus has accompanied his parents on their return to Mexico. Maria and Eusebio's deportation will have an extraordinary impact on Jesus. He can no longer continue his education in the U.S., the only Country he has ever known. Additionally, Jesus obtained health insurance coverage for his medical condition through his parents. As a result of their deportation, he will lose access to medical care in the U.S.

Maria, Eusebio, and Vianney have become respected members of their community in California. This is exemplified in the overwhelming support they received to shield them from deportation. Separating this family is not what our country stands for. Maria and Eusebio want nothing more than to continue to provide for their children and continue contributing to this great country they called home. Their deportation has greatly affected their ability to do so.

I believe that Maria and Eusebio's deportation has been a tremendous loss

for their children and community. In addition, I believe Vianney needs further protection. This family warrants our compassion, and I will keep fighting for them.

I ask my colleagues to support this private bill.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 774. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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.

SA 775. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 776. Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. PAUL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 777. Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 778. Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 779. Mr. GARDNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 780. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 781. Mr. TILLIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 782. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 783. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 784. Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 785. Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 786. Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 787. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1107, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes.

SA 788. Mr. DAINES 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.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 774. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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. ____ . REPORT ON THE GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM AND VULNERABILITIES RELEVANT TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MISSIONS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the heads of such components of the Department of Defense as the Secretary considers appropriate, submit to the congressional defense committees an assessment of Department of Defense policies and operational plans for addressing the national security implications of global food system vulnerabilities.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) An evaluation of vulnerabilities in the global food system that may affect the national security of the United States and the Department of Defense roles, missions, and capabilities in addressing such vulnerabilities, including information technology, data management, and surveillance capabilities for detection and assessment of food system shocks with the potential to result in the deployment of the Armed Forces or directly affect bilateral security interests with allies or partners.

(2) A characterization of how Department of Defense strategy, policies, and plans, including the Unified Command Plan, defense planning scenarios, operational plans, theater cooperation plans, and other relevant planning documents and procedures, account for food system vulnerabilities as precursors to and components of protracted major state conflicts, civil wars, insurgencies, or terrorism.

(3) An evaluation of United States interests, including the interests of allies and strategic partners, and potential United States military operations, including thresholds for ordering such operations, in regions where food system instability represents an urgent and growing threat, including due to the presence of destabilizing non-state actors who may weaponize access to food.

(4) An identification of opportunities to initiate or further develop cooperative military to military relationships to build partner capacity to avoid, minimize, or control global and regional food system shocks.

SA 775. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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 end of subtitle B of title I, add the following:

SEC. ____ . FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION FOR PROCUREMENT OF GROUND MOBILITY VEHICLE OF THE ARMY.

The Secretary of the Army shall initiate a full and open competition during fiscal year 2018 for the procurement of a commercially available off-the-shelf Ground Mobility Vehicle that meets Army Airborne Infantry Brigade Combat Team requirements.

SA 776. Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. PAUL) 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 end of subtitle B of title XV, add the following:

SEC. ____ . REPORT ON BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) In a January 18, 2017 report issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on the Department of Defense's Overseas Contingency Operations, the GAO found that the criteria developed in 2010 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in collaboration with the Department of Defense (DoD) for determining whether items belonged in the base budget or in OCO were outdated.

(2) The GAO also found that these outdated criteria did not address the full scope of activities included in DoD's fiscal year 2017 OCO budget request.

(3) According to the GAO, DoD officials agree that updated guidance is not needed but noted that OMB deferred the decision to update criteria until the new administration was in place in 2017.

(4) The GAO also found that, without reevaluating and revising the criteria, decision makers may be hindered in their ability to set priorities and make funding trade-offs.

(5) In response to these findings, the GAO recommends that DOD, in collaboration with OMB, reevaluate and revise the criteria for determining what can be included in DOD's OCO budget requests; and that DOD develop a complete and reliable estimate of enduring OCO costs to report in future budget requests.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2017, the Secretary of Defense shall, with the concurrence of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submit to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth the following:

(1) The criteria used by the Department of Defense to determine whether funds requested for the Department for a fiscal year for purposes of the budget of the President for the fiscal year (as submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code) are to be requested as funds for the Department for programs, activities, and operations for the fiscal year for overseas contingency operations.

(2) A current estimate of the recurring annual costs of the Department for programs, activities, and operations for overseas contingency operations.

SA 777. Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL) 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 end of section 3101, add the following:

(C) MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ALBUQUERQUE COMPLEX UPGRADES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator for Nuclear Security may enter into an incrementally funded contract for Project 16-D-515, the Albuquerque Complex upgrades construction project, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

(2) LIMITATION.—The total cost for the Albuquerque Complex upgrades construction project may not exceed \$174,700,000.

(3) FUNDING OF INCREMENTS.—

(A) INCREMENT 1.—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 3101 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328; 130 Stat. 2754) for fiscal year 2017 and available for Project 16-D-515 as specified in the funding table in section 4701 of that Act (Public Law 114-328; 130 Stat. 2890) shall be deemed to be an amount authorized to be appropriated for increment 1 of the Albuquerque Complex upgrades construction project.

(B) INCREMENT 2.—The amount authorized to be appropriated by this section for fiscal year 2018 and available for Project 16-D-515 as specified in the funding table in section 4701 of this Act shall be available for increment 2 of the Albuquerque Complex upgrades construction project.

SA 778. Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL) 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 end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following:

SEC. 3116. PLUTONIUM CAPABILITIES.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall submit to the congressional defense committees and the Secretary of Defense a report on the recommended alternative endorsed by the Administrator for recapitalization of plutonium science and production capabilities of the nuclear security enterprise. The report shall identify the recommended alternative endorsed by the Administrator and contain the analysis of alternatives, including costs, upon which the Administrator relied in making such endorsement.

(b) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense receives the report required by subsection (a), the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council shall submit to the congressional defense committees the written certification of the Chairman regarding whether—

(1) the recommended alternative described in subsection (a)—

(A) is acceptable to the Secretary of Defense and the Nuclear Weapons Council and meets the requirements of the Secretary for

plutonium pit production capacity and capability;

(B) is likely to meet the pit production timelines and milestones required by section 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538a);

(C) is likely to meet pit production timelines and requirements responsive to military requirements;

(D) is cost effective and has reasonable near-term and lifecycle costs that are minimized, to the extent practicable, as compared to other alternatives;

(E) contains minimized and manageable risks as compared to other alternatives; and

(F) can be acceptably reconciled with any differences in the conclusions made by the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation of the Department of Defense in the business case analysis of plutonium pit production capability issued in 2013; and

(2) the Administrator has—

(A) documented the assumptions and constraints used in the analysis of alternatives described in subsection (a); and

(B) tested and documented the sensitivity of the cost estimates for each alternative to risks and changes in key assumptions.

(C) ASSESSMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of Cost Estimating and Program Evaluation of the National Nuclear Security Administration shall, in consultation with the Director of the Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation of the Department of Defense, provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing containing the assessment of the Directors of the analysis of alternatives described in subsection (a).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) descriptions of the scope, risks, and costs for alternatives not considered in the analysis of alternatives that the Directors deem viable; and

(B) any views of the Administrator regarding such alternatives.

(d) REVIEW BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after receiving the report required by subsection (a) and the briefing required by subsection (c), the Comptroller General of the United States shall brief the congressional defense committees on—

(1) the alternatives considered by the Administrator in the analysis of alternatives described in subsection (a) and the alternatives described in subsection (c)(2)(A);

(2) the accuracy of such alternatives; and

(3) any other issues the Comptroller General considers relevant.

SA 779. Mr. GARDNER 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. _____. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS.

(a) LIST OF COVERED CONTRACTORS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall develop a list of covered contractors, to be updated as frequently as the Director determines appropriate, and shall make such list available to the Secretary of Defense.

(b) PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS.—The Secretary of Defense may not enter into a contract with a covered contractor on the list described under subsection (a).

(c) REMOVAL FROM LIST.—To be removed from the list described in subsection (a), a covered contractor may submit a request to the Director in such manner as the Director determines appropriate. Upon certification of the request, the Director shall remove the covered contractor from the list.

(d) WAIVER.—The President may waive the requirements of subsection (b) if the President determines that the waiver is justified for national security reasons.

(e) COVERED CONTRACTOR DEFINED.—The term “covered contractor” means a provider of telecommunications or telecommunications equipment that has been found by the Director to have knowingly assisted or facilitated a cyber attack carried out by or on behalf of the government of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea or persons associated with such government.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with respect to contracts of a covered contractor entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 780. Mr. INHOFE 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. _____. INCREASED TERM LIMIT FOR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE INSTALLATION SUPPORT SERVICES.

Section 2679(a)(2)(A) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “five years” and inserting “ten years.”

SA 781. Mr. TILLIS 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 end of subtitle A of title V, add the following:

SEC. _____. ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL BY OFFICERS OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO PROMOTION SELECTION BOARDS ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THEIR SELECTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 614(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking “, to arrive not later than the day before the date the board convenes,”; and

(2) in the second sentence, by striking “timely”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to promotion selection boards convened on or after that date.

SA 782. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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. ____ . PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR MARIA GUADALUPE MENDOZA SANCHEZ, EUSEBIO SANCHEZ MEJIA, AND VIANNEY ESBEYDI SANCHEZ MENDOZA.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, and Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza shall each be eligible for the issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1154) or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) **ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—If Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, or Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c), Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, or Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza, as appropriate, shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully in the United States and shall be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.**—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for the issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS.**—Upon granting immigrant visas or permanent residence to Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, and Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 3, during the current or next following fiscal year—

(1) the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of birth of Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, and Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)); or

(2) if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of birth of Maria Guadalupe Mendoza Sanchez, Eusebio Sanchez Mejia, and Vianney Esbeydi Sanchez Mendoza under section 202(e) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(e)).

(e) **PAYGO.**—The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

SA 783. Mr. SCHATZ 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. ____ . PARTICIPATION OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, should establish a process by which a representative of a veterans service organization may be present at any portion of the program carried out under section 1144 of title 10, United States Code, relating to the submittal of claims to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for compensation under chapter 11 or 13 of title 38, United States Code.

(b) **REPORT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 540 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on participation of veterans service organizations in the program carried out under section 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the compliance of facilities of the Department of Defense with the directives included in the memorandum of the Secretary of Defense entitled “Installation Access and Support Services for Non-profit Non-Federal Entities” and dated December 23, 2014.

(B) The number of military bases that have complied with such directives.

(C) How many veterans service organizations have been present at a portion of a program as described in paragraph (1).

(3) **VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION DEFINED.**—In this subsection, the term “veterans service organization” means any organization recognized by the Secretary for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38.

SA 784. Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SULLIVAN) 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 end of part I of subtitle C of title V, add the following:

SEC. ____ . FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF CONTINUATION PAY TO MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.

There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Retired Pay account under the heading “Department of Homeland Security-United States Coast Guard”, such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year for purposes of paying continuation pay under section 356 of title 37, United States Code, to members of the Coast Guard during such fiscal year.

SA 785. Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SULLIVAN)

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 end of part I of subtitle C of title VI, add the following:

SEC. ____ . FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF CONTINUATION PAY TO MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD DURING FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019.

There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Retired Pay account under the heading “Department of Homeland Security-United States Coast Guard” for each fiscal year as follows, for purposes of paying continuation pay under section 356 of title 37, United States Code, to members of the Coast Guard during such fiscal year, amounts as follows:

(1) For fiscal year 2018, \$3,286,277.

(2) For fiscal year 2019, \$9,272,945.

SA 786. Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SULLIVAN) 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 end of part I of subtitle C of title VI, add the following:

SEC. ____ . AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF CONTINUATION PAY TO MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 423 the following new section:

“§ 423a. Appropriations for retirement pay: available for payment of continuation pay

“Appropriations available for retirement pay for members of the Coast Guard shall, in addition to the enumerated purpose of such appropriation, also be available for payment of continuation pay under section 356 of title 37.”

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 11 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 423 the following new item:

“423a. Appropriations for retirement pay: available for payment of continuation pay.”

SA 787. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1107, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES IN CERTAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

(a) **TEMPORARY OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY**

JUDGESHIP ACT OF 2005.—Section 2(a)(2) of the Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2012 (28 U.S.C. 152 note; Public Law 112-121) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and (H)” and inserting “(H), (I), and (J)”;

(2) in subparagraph (C)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “6” and inserting “11”; and

(B) in clause (ii), by striking “5” and inserting “10”;

(3) in subparagraph (D)(i), by striking “6” and inserting “11”;

(4) by striking subparagraph (E) and inserting the following:

“(E) DISTRICT OF MARYLAND.—The 1st, 2d, and 3d vacancies in the office of a bankruptcy judge for the district of Maryland—

“(i) in the case of the 1st and 2d vacancies, occurring more than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,

“(ii) in the case of the 3d vacancy, occurring more than 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and

“(iii) resulting from the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy judge, shall not be filled.”;

(5) in subparagraph (F)(i), by striking “6” and inserting “11”;

(6) in subparagraph (G)(i), by striking “6” and inserting “11”;

(7) in subparagraph (H)(i), by striking “6” and inserting “11”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

“(I) DISTRICT OF NEVADA.—The 1st vacancy in the office of a bankruptcy judge for the district of Nevada—

“(i) occurring more than 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and

“(ii) resulting from the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy judge, shall not be filled.

“(J) EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.—The 1st vacancy in the office of a bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of North Carolina—

“(i) occurring more than 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and

“(ii) resulting from the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy judge, shall not be filled.”.

(b) TEMPORARY OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP ACT OF 1992.—Section 2(b)(2) of the Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2012 (28 U.S.C. 152 note; Public Law 112-121) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “5” and inserting “10”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “5” and inserting “10”.

SEC. 3. TEMPORARY OFFICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE AUTHORIZED.

(a) APPOINTMENTS.—The following bankruptcy judges shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in section 152(a)(1) of title 28, United States Code, for the appointment of bankruptcy judges provided for in section 152(a)(2) of that title:

(1) Two additional bankruptcy judges for the district of Delaware.

(2) One additional bankruptcy judge of the middle district of Florida.

(3) One additional bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of Michigan.

(b) VACANCIES.—

(1) DISTRICT OF DELAWARE.—The 6th and 7th vacancies in the office of a bankruptcy judge for the district of Delaware—

(A) occurring more than 10 years after the date of enactment of the Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2012 (28 U.S.C. 152 note; Public Law 112-121); and

(B) resulting from the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy judge, shall not be filled.

(2) MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.—The 1st vacancy in the office of a bankruptcy judge for the middle district of Florida—

(A) occurring more than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) resulting from the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy judge, shall not be filled.

(3) EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN.—The 2d vacancy in the office of a bankruptcy judge for the eastern district of Michigan—

(A) occurring more than 11 years after the date of enactment of the Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2012 (28 U.S.C. 152 note; Public Law 112-121); and

(B) resulting from the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a bankruptcy judge, shall not be filled.

SEC. 4. BANKRUPTCY FEES.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 28 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 1930(a)(6) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “(6) In” and inserting “(6)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), in”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) During each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022, if the balance in the United States Trustee System Fund as of September 30 of the most recent full fiscal year is less than \$200,000,000, the quarterly fee payable for a quarter in which disbursements equal or exceed \$1,000,000 shall be the lesser of 1 percent of such disbursements or \$250,000.”.

(b) DEPOSITS OF CERTAIN FEES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2022.—Notwithstanding section 589a(b) of title 28, United States Code, for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022—

(1) 98 percent of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(6) of such title shall be deposited as offsetting collections to the appropriation “United States Trustee System Fund”, to remain available until expended; and

(2) 2 percent of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(6) of such title shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

(c) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to quarterly fees payable under section 1930(a)(6) of title 28, United States Code, as amended by this section, for disbursements made in any calendar quarter that begins on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. CLARIFICATION OF RULE ALLOWING DISCHARGE TO GOVERNMENTAL CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE DISPOSITION OF FARM ASSETS UNDER CHAPTER 12 BANKRUPTCIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1232. Claim by a governmental unit based on the disposition of property used in a farming operation

“(A) Any unsecured claim of a governmental unit against the debtor or the estate that arises before the filing of the petition, or that arises after the filing of the petition and before the debtor’s discharge under section 1228, as a result of the sale, transfer, exchange, or other disposition of any property used in the debtor’s farming operation—

“(1) shall be treated as an unsecured claim arising before the date on which the petition is filed;

“(2) shall not be entitled to priority under section 507;

“(3) shall be provided for under a plan; and

“(4) shall be discharged in accordance with section 1228.

“(b) For purposes of applying sections 1225(a)(4), 1228(b)(2), and 1229(b)(1) to a claim described in subsection (a) of this section, the amount that would be paid on such claim if the estate of the debtor were liquidated in a case under chapter 7 of this title shall be the amount that would be paid by the estate in a chapter 7 case if the claim were an unsecured claim arising before the date on which the petition was filed and were not entitled to priority under section 507.

“(c) For purposes of applying sections 523(a), 1228(a)(2), and 1228(c)(2) to a claim described in subsection (a) of this section, the claim shall not be treated as a claim of a kind specified in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 523(a)(1).

“(d)(1) A governmental unit may file a proof of claim for a claim described in subsection (a) that arises after the date on which the petition is filed.

“(2) If a debtor files a tax return after the filing of the petition for a period in which a claim described in subsection (a) arises, and the claim relates to the tax return, the debtor shall serve notice of the claim on the governmental unit charged with the responsibility for the collection of the tax at the address and in the manner designated in section 505(b)(1). Notice under this paragraph shall state that the debtor has filed a petition under this chapter, state the name and location of the court in which the case under this chapter is pending, state the amount of the claim, and include a copy of the filed tax return and documentation supporting the calculation of the claim.

“(3) If notice of a claim has been served on the governmental unit in accordance with paragraph (2), the governmental unit may file a proof of claim not later than 180 days after the date on which such notice was served. If the governmental unit has not filed a timely proof of the claim, the debtor or trustee may file proof of the claim that is consistent with the notice served under paragraph (2). If a proof of claim is filed by the debtor or trustee under this paragraph, the governmental unit may not amend the proof of claim.

“(4) A claim filed under this subsection shall be determined and shall be allowed under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 502, or disallowed under subsection (d) or (e) of section 502, in the same manner as if the claim had arisen immediately before the date of the filing of the petition.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in section 1222(a)—

(i) in paragraph (2), by striking “unless—” and all that follows through “the holder” and inserting “unless the holder”;

(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) subject to section 1232, provide for the treatment of any claim by a governmental unit of a kind described in section 1232(a).”;

(B) in section 1228—

(i) in subsection (a)—

(I) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(aa) by inserting a comma after “all debts provided for by the plan”; and

(bb) by inserting a comma after “allowed under section 503 of this title”; and

(II) in paragraph (2), by striking “the kind” and all that follows and inserting “a kind specified in section 523(a) of this title, except as provided in section 1232(c).”; and

(ii) in subsection (c)(2), by inserting “, except as provided in section 1232(c)” before the period at the end; and

(C) in section 1229(a)—
(i) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” at the end;

(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and
(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) provide for the payment of a claim described in section 1232(a) that arose after the date on which the petition was filed.”.

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“1232. Claim by a governmental unit based on the disposition of property used in a farming operation.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to—

(1) any bankruptcy case—

(A) that is pending on the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) in which the plan under chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, has not been confirmed on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(C) relating to which an order of discharge under section 1228 of title 11, United States Code, has not been entered; and

(2) any bankruptcy case that commences on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 788. Mr. DAINES 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 De-

partment 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 end of section 1045, add the following:

(b) POSTPONEMENT OF DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF CONVERSION.—Notwithstanding the deadline otherwise specified in paragraph (1) of section 1053(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, as amended by this section, for the completion of the conversion of military technician positions as described in that subsection, the deadline for the completion of such conversion shall be 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to Congress the report required by section 1067.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Steve Daines:									
China	Renminbi		1,311.43						1,311.43
Japan	Yen		480.00						480.00
Senator John Kennedy:									
China	Renminbi		1,311.43						1,311.43
Japan	Yen		480.00						480.00
Wallace Hsueh:									
China	Renminbi		1,311.43						1,311.43
Japan	Yen		480.00						480.00
Senator Thad Cochran:									
France	Euro		710.00						710.00
Morocco	Dirham		1,438.93						1,438.93
Kay Webber Cochran:									
France	Euro		709.00						709.00
Morocco	Dirham		237.00						237.00
Linda Good:									
France	Euro		1,082.00						1,082.00
Morocco	Dirham		1,199.84						1,199.84
Ty Mabry:									
France	Euro		1,082.00						1,082.00
Morocco	Dirham		1,199.84						1,199.84
Senator Richard Shelby:									
England	Pound		3,464.56						3,464.56
United States	Dollar				12,868.86				12,868.86
Jeremy Weirich:									
England	Pound		3,464.56						3,464.56
United States	Dollar				10,099.16				10,099.16
Paul Grove:									
Thailand	Baht		246.00						246.00
Cambodia	Riel		557.00						557.00
Sri Lanka	Rupee		517.00						517.00
Nepal	Rupee		257.00						257.00
United States	Dollar				9,064.56				9,064.56
Paul Grove:									
Russia	Ruble		926.00						926.00
United States	Dollar				3,293.86				3,293.86
Jason Wheelock:									
Russia	Ruble		926.00						926.00
United States	Dollar				3,293.86				3,293.86
Senator Lamar Alexander:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30
Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Finland	Euro		678.00						678.00
France	Euro		640.00						640.00
Sarah Fairchild:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30
Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Finland	Euro		618.00						618.00
France	Euro		615.00						615.00
Senator Thad Cochran:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30
Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Finland	Euro		678.00						678.00
France	Euro		612.00						612.00
Kay Webber Cochran:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30
Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Finland	Euro		678.00						678.00
France	Euro		612.00						612.00
Ty Mabry:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30

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Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Finland	Euro		678.00						678.00
France	Euro		612.00						612.00
Linda Good:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30
Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Finland	Euro		678.00						678.00
France	Euro		612.00						612.00
Senator Roy Blunt:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30
Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Dan Burgess:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30
Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Senator John Kennedy:									
Belgium	Euro		752.30						752.30
Lithuania	Euro		317.00						317.00
Estonia	Euro		250.66						250.66
Finland	Euro		678.00						678.00
France	Euro		612.00						612.00
Heideh Sharmoradi:									
South Africa	Rand		2,277.56						2,277.56
United States	Dollar				9,397.86				9,397.86
Rajat Mathur:									
South Africa	Rand		2,277.56						2,277.56
United States	Dollar				9,397.86				9,397.86
Dabney Hegg:									
South Africa	Rand		2,178.56						2,178.56
United States	Dollar				9,397.86				9,397.86
Senator Jerry Moran:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Caroline Ross:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Jeremy Weirich:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Adam Telle:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Anne Caldwell:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Senator Richard Shelby:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Brian Potts:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Senator Thad Cochran:									
France	Euro		2,857.00						2,857.00
Kay Webber Cochran:									
France	Euro		2,857.00						2,857.00
Linda Good:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Bruce Evans:									
France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Senator Richard Durbin									
Korea	Won		483.00						483.00
Chris Homan:									
Korea	Won		692.00						692.00
Alexander Carnes:									
Zimbabwe	Euro		608.00						608.00
Malawi	Kwacha		148.70						148.70
United States	Dollar				7,086.16				7,086.16
Adam Yezerski:									
Zimbabwe	Euro		608.00						608.00
Malawi	Kwacha		152.19						152.19
United States	Dollar				7,086.16				7,086.16
Delegation Expenses: *									
Japan	Yen				744.50		1,559.41		2,303.91
China	Renminbi				1,775.04		4,529.89		6,304.93
Delegation Expenses: *									
Morocco	Dirham						3,369.52		3,369.52
France	Euro						3,239.00		3,239.00
Delegation Expenses: *									
United Kingdom	Pound				2,106.51		498.93		2,605.44
Delegation Expenses: *									
Cambodia	Riel						106.64		106.64
Thailand	Baht				168.30		112.30		280.60
Nepal	Rupee						378.03		378.03
Sri Lanka	Rupee				30.00		1,373.00		1,403.00
Delegation Expenses: *									
Russia	Ruble						1,230.00		1,230.00
Delegation Expenses: *									
Belgium	Euro				2,340.84		3,928.60		6,269.44
Estonia	Euro						1,113.92		1,113.92
France	Euro						7,631.20		7,631.20
Lithuania	Euro						1,042.49		1,042.49
Delegation Expenses: *									
France	Euro						32,595.20		32,595.20
Delegation Expenses: *									
Korea							119.88		119.88
Total			100,793.23		88,151.39		62,828.01		251,772.63

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR THAD COCHRAN,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Aug. 4, 2017.

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Senator John McCain:									
United States	Dollar				13,018.66				13,018.66
Belgium	Euro		713.16						713.16
Christian Brose:									
United States	Dollar				13,018.66				13,018.66
Belgium	Euro		799.82						799.82
Elizabeth O'Bagy:									
United States	Dollar				13,018.66				13,018.66
Belgium	Euro		799.82						799.82
Mikayla Mowzoon:									
United States	Dollar				11,678.66				11,678.66
Belgium	Euro		926.26						926.26
Delegation Expenses: *									
Belgium	Euro				2,078.81				2,078.81
Senator John McCain:									
United States	Dollar				12,586.46				12,586.46
Slovenia	Euro		149.64						149.64
Croatia	Kuna		356.46						356.46
Serbia	Dinar		219.46						219.46
Bosnia	Mark		209.00						209.00
Montenegro	Euro		160.58						160.58
Kosovo	Euro		141.99						141.99
Albania	Lek		137.16						137.16
Dustin Walker:									
United States	Dollar				12,587.06				12,587.06
Slovenia	Euro		162.03						162.03
Croatia	Kuna		390.06						390.06
Serbia	Dinar		224.46						224.46
Bosnia	Mark		209.00						209.00
Montenegro	Euro		160.58						160.58
Kosovo	Euro		131.49						131.49
Albania	Lek		164.66						164.66
Elizabeth O'Bagy:									
United States	Dollar				13,268.91				13,268.91
Slovenia	Euro		223.19						223.19
Croatia	Kuna		396.21						396.21
Serbia	Dinar		305.46						305.46
Bosnia	Mark		209.00						209.00
Montenegro	Euro		191.22						191.22
Kosovo	Euro		169.58						169.58
Albania	Lek		228.21						228.21
Mikayla Mowzoon:									
United States	Dollar				13,205.46				13,205.46
Slovenia	Euro		282.26						282.26
Croatia	Kuna		383.50						383.50
Serbia	Dinar		331.58						331.58
Bosnia	Mark		212.75						212.75
Montenegro	Euro		200.98						200.98
Kosovo	Euro		206.68						206.68
Albania	Lek		267.16						267.16
Delegation Expenses: *									
Slovenia	Euro						1,423.67		1,423.67
Croatia	Kuna						1,294.00		1,294.00
Serbia	Dinar						511.00		511.00
Bosnia	Mark						60.42		60.42
Kosovo	Euro						1,277.66		1,277.66
Albania	Lek						949.00		949.00
Thomas Goffus:									
United States	Dollar				13,932.60				13,932.60
Uzbekistan	Som		331.00						331.00
Kazakhstan	Tenge		564.97						564.97
Afghanistan	Afghani		18.00						18.00
Mariah McNamara:									
United States	Dollar				9,091.56				9,091.56
Afghanistan	Afghani		47.75						47.75
Delegation Expenses: *									
Uzbekistan	Som						160.00		160.00
Kazakhstan	Tenge						34.17		34.17
Turkey	Lira				510.96				510.96
Anish Goel:									
United States	Dollar				7,188.89				7,188.89
Japan	Yen		1,499.61						1,499.61
Taiwan	Dollar		932.48						932.48
Ozge Guzelsu:									
United States	Dollar				3,112.66				3,112.66
Japan	Yen		1,060.83						1,060.83
Taiwan	Dollar		527.24						527.24
Delegation Expenses: *									
Japan	Yen				1,976.28				1,976.28
Taiwan	Dollar				327.12				327.12
Jason Potter:									
United States	Dollar				12,142.75				12,142.75
Italy	Euro		780.65						780.65
Delegation Expenses: *									
Italy	Euro						558.52		558.52
Cord Sterling:									
United States	Dollar				9,271.36				9,271.36
Japan	Yen		2,649.42						2,649.42
South Korea	Won		1,543.00						1,543.00
ThucMinh Nguyen:									
United States	Dollar				7,998.00				7,998.00
Japan	Yen		3,570.19						3,570.19
South Korea	Won		787.30						787.30
Delegation Expenses: *									
Japan	Yen				3,197.19				3,197.19
South Korea	Won				1,461.08				1,461.08
Adam Barker:									
United States	Dollar				22,045.06				22,045.06
Algeria	Dinar		264.24						264.24
Tunisia	Dinar		432.00						432.00
Mariah McNamara:									
United States	Dollar				13,084.10				13,084.10
Egypt	Pound		272.37						272.37
Chad	Franc		196.81						196.81
France	Euro		492.21						492.21

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Delegation Expenses:*									
Tunisia	Dinar					67.98			67.98
France	Euro				307.00				307.00
Daniel Lerner:									
United States	Dollar				12,657.46				12,657.46
Germany	Euro		1,098.02						1,098.02
Delegation Expenses:*									
Germany	Euro					71.54			71.54
Jonathan Epstein:									
United States	Dollar				9,154.26				9,154.26
South Korea	Won		484.00						484.00
Delegation Expenses:*									
South Korea	Won				482.22				482.22
Thomas Goffus:									
United States	Dollar				7,298.56				7,298.56
Germany	Euro		285.00						285.00
Ukraine	Hryvnia		405.74						405.74
Lithuania	Euro		348.33						348.33
Latvia	Euro		272.18						272.18
Estonia	Euro		277.28						277.28
Dustin Walker:									
United States	Dollar				14,125.26				14,125.26
Germany	Euro		278.00						278.00
Ukraine	Hryvnia		407.74						407.74
Lithuania	Euro		348.33						348.33
Latvia	Euro		261.18						261.18
Estonia	Euro		277.28						277.28
William G.P. Monahan:									
United States	Dollar				13,143.01				13,143.01
Germany	Euro		285.00						285.00
Ukraine	Hryvnia		405.74						405.74
Lithuania	Euro		348.33						348.33
Latvia	Euro		262.18						262.18
Estonia	Euro		277.28						277.28
Delegation Expenses:*									
Estonia	Euro				349.34				349.34
Ukraine	Hryvnia				933.23				933.23
Lithuania	Euro					36.09			36.09
Latvia	Euro				603.08				603.08
Estonia	Euro				349.34				349.34
Senator John McCain:									
United States	Dollar				16,905.71				16,905.71
Australia	Dollar		92.39						92.39
Vietnam	Dong		545.61						545.61
Singapore	Dollar		292.23						292.23
Christian Brose:									
United States	Dollar				16,905.71				16,905.71
Australia	Dollar		215.75						215.75
Vietnam	Dong		560.04						560.04
Singapore	Dollar		587.54						587.54
Elizabeth O'Bagy:									
United States	Dollar				17,479.99				17,479.99
Australia	Dollar		215.75						215.75
Vietnam	Dong		560.04						560.04
Singapore	Dollar		587.54						587.54
ThucMinh Nguyen:									
United States	Dollar				17,516.59				17,516.59
Australia	Dollar		150.73						150.73
Vietnam	Dong		652.00						652.00
Singapore	Dollar		637.43						637.43
Delegation Expenses:*									
Australia	Dollar					1,755.00			1,755.00
Vietnam	Dong					3,393.46			3,393.46
Singapore	Dollar				1,687.00				1,687.00
Senator Jack Reed:									
United States	Dollar				17,624.76				17,624.76
Elizabeth King:									
United States	Dollar				17,624.76				17,624.76
Michael Nobilet:									
United States	Dollar				17,746.24				17,746.24
Delegation Expenses:*									
Iraq	Dinar				9,270.00				9,270.00
Ozge Guzelsu:									
United States	Dollar				9,995.67				9,995.67
Singapore	Dollar		1,565.00						1,565.00
Delegation Expenses:*									
Singapore	Dollar				850.00				850.00
Senator Gary C. Peters:									
United States	Dollar				11,405.76				11,405.76
Latvia	Euro		194.00						194.00
Lithuania	Euro		526.25						526.25
Jordan Wells:									
United States	Dollar				13,301.46				13,301.46
Latvia	Euro		218.00						218.00
Lithuania	Euro		577.25						577.25
Delegation Expenses:*									
Lithuania	Euro					456.09			456.09
Senator James M. Inhofe:									
France	Euro		3,994.97						3,994.97
Anthony Lazarski:									
France	Euro		4,045.10						4,045.10
Delegation Expenses:*									
France	Euro					6,349.71			6,349.71
Daniel Lerner:									
United States	Dollar				10,071.66				10,071.66
United Kingdom	Pound sterling		1,017.22						1,017.22
Allison Lazarus:									
United States	Dollar				10,119.18				10,119.18
United Kingdom	Pound sterling		921.93						921.93
Kirk McConnell:									
United States	Dollar				10,074.26				10,074.26
United Kingdom	Pound sterling		653.30						653.30
Delegation Expenses:*									
United Kingdom	Pound sterling				2,100.00				2,100.00

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Total			50,765.16		469,882.46		18,398.31		539,045.93

*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Aug. 2, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Thune: France	Euro		4,598.00						4,598.00
Total			4,598.00						4,598.00

SENATOR JOHN THUNE,
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
July 27, 2017.

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Lisa Murkowski: Norway	Krone		184.23						184.23
Senator John Barrasso: Norway	Krone		184.23						184.23
Senator Steve Daines: Norway	Krone		184.23						184.23
Angela Becker-Dippmann: Norway	Krone		184.00						184.00
Brian Hughes: Norway	Krone		184.23						184.23
Isaac Edwards: Norway	Krone		184.23						184.23
Severin Wiggenhorn: Norway	Krone		184.23						184.23
Anne Hoeller: Norway	Krone		185.43						185.43
Delegation Expenses: * Norway	Krone						31,522.24		31,522.24
Total			1,474.81				31,522.24		32,997.05

*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, June 28, 2017.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Michael Bennett: Israel	Shekel		471.85						471.85
Jordan	Dinar		271.20						271.20
Lebanon	Pound		43.27						43.27
Germany	Euro		379.78						379.78
Maria Mahler-Haug: Israel	Shekel		493.68						493.68
Jordan	Dinar		271.20						271.20
Lebanon	Pound		43.27						43.27
Germany	Euro		379.78						379.78
Jonathan Davidson: Israel	Shekel		493.68						493.68
Jordan	Dinar		271.17						271.17
Lebanon	Pound		313.27						313.27
Germany	Euro		379.78						379.78
Delegation Expenses: * Israel	Shekel						5,258.53		5,258.53
Jordan	Dinar						780.32		780.32
Lebanon	Pound						11,152.32		11,152.32
Germany	Euro						863.43		863.43
Jeffrey Wrase: Italy	Euro		893.36						893.36
United Kingdom	Pound		1,228.81						1,228.81
United States	Dollar				11,580.06				11,580.06
Jay Khosla: Italy	Euro		1,032.68						1,032.68
United Kingdom	Pound		1,189.21						1,189.21
United States	Dollar				11,580.06				11,580.06
Christopher Campbell: Czech Republic	Koruna		734.80						734.80

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Italy	Euro		1,711.26						1,711.26
United States	Dollar				12,494.56				12,494.56
Delegation Expenses: *									
Czech Republic	Koruna						39.41		39.41
United Kingdom	Pound						2,150.00		2,150.00
Laura Atcheson:									
Norway	Krone		184.23						184.23
Delegation Expenses: *									
Norway	Krone						3,095.94		3,095.94
Everett Eissenstat:									
Switzerland	Swiss Franc		1,271.22						1,271.22
Belgium	Euro		527.40						527.40
United States	Dollar				11,704.86				11,704.86
Douglas Petersen:									
Switzerland	Swiss Franc		1,328.91						1,328.91
Belgium	Euro		619.15						619.15
United States	Dollar				11,704.86				11,704.86
Jayne White:									
Switzerland	Swiss Franc		1,274.43						1,274.43
United States	Dollar				12,208.46				12,208.46
Greta Peisch:									
Switzerland	Swiss Franc		1,372.55						1,372.55
United States	Dollar				12,208.46				12,208.46
Delegation Expenses: *									
United States	Dollar						64.26		64.26
Christopher Campbell:									
Canada	Dollar		687.15						687.15
Mexico	Peso		1,114.89						1,114.89
United States	Dollar				2,887.45				2,887.45
Delegation Expenses: *									
Mexico	Peso						633.00		633.00
Total			18,981.98		86,368.77		24,037.21		129,387.96

* Delegation Expenses include Embassy Overtime, Security, Transportation, as well as official expenses in accordance with the responsibilities of the host country.

SENATOR ORRIN HATCH,
Chairman, Committee on Finance, July 26, 2017.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Barrasso:									
China	Yuan		600.10						600.10
Japan	Yen		339.76						339.76
Hong Kong	Dollar		271.91						271.91
United States	Dollar				804.31				804.31
Delegation Expenses: *									
China	Yuan						1,225.71		1,225.71
Japan	Yen						519.80		519.80
Hong Kong	Dollar						637.71		637.71
Senator John Barrasso:									
Vietnam	Dong		447.12						447.12
Singapore	Dollar		666.92						666.92
United States	Dollar				13,352.06				13,352.06
Delegation Expenses:									
Vietnam	Dong						484.78		484.78
Singapore	Dollar						281.16		281.16
Senator Cory Booker:									
Poland	Zloty		408.16						408.16
Ukraine	Hrynia		544.34						544.34
United States	Dollar				12,746.66				12,746.66
Sophia Lalani:									
Poland	Zloty		408.16						408.16
Ukraine	Hrynia		744.61						744.61
United States	Dollar				13,395.36				13,395.36
Delegation Expenses: *									
Poland	Zloty						147.60		147.60
Ukraine	Hrynia						2,417.91		2,417.91
Senator Christopher Coons:									
Uganda	Shilling		431.30						431.30
South Sudan	Pound		2.70						2.70
United States	Dollar				9,241.38				9,241.38
Thomas Mancinelli:									
Uganda	Shilling		655.30						655.30
South Sudan	Pound		0.70						0.70
United States	Dollar				9,438.88				9,438.88
Delegation Expenses: *									
Uganda	Shilling						3,765.00		3,765.00
Senator Christopher Coons:									
Vietnam	Dong		929.12						929.12
Singapore	Dollar		1,050.17						1,050.17
United States	Dollar				12,384.06				12,384.06
Thomas Mancinelli:									
Vietnam	Dong		1,027.32						1,027.32
Singapore	Dollar		1,130.56						1,130.56
United States	Dollar				12,339.56				12,339.56
Delegation Expenses: *									
Vietnam	Dong						969.56		969.56
Singapore	Dollar						562.32		562.32
Senator Bob Corker:									
Uganda	Shilling		554.47						554.47
United States	Dollar				14,723.36				14,723.36
Delegation Expenses: *									
Uganda	Shilling						4,228.00		4,228.00
Senator Cory Gardner:									
Korea	Won		839.95						839.95
Philippines	Peso		746.47						746.47

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
United States	Dollar				9,754.36				9,754.36
Igor Khrestin:									
Korea	Won		889.18						889.18
Philippines	Peso		776.72						776.72
United States	Dollar				7,004.36				7,004.36
Delegation Expenses: *									
Korea	Won						1,263.77		1,263.77
Senator Ron Johnson:									
Slovakia	Euro		374.62						374.62
Montenegro	Euro		427.58						427.58
United States	Dollar				12,995.36				12,995.36
Lydia Westlake:									
Slovakia	Euro		400.84						400.84
Montenegro	Euro		420.58						420.58
United States	Dollar				12,995.36				12,995.36
Delegation Expenses: *									
Slovakia	Euro						1,267.47		1,267.47
Montenegro	Euro						1,298.00		1,298.00
Senator Rob Portman:									
China	Yuan		760.24						760.24
Hong Kong	Dollar		489.76						489.76
Japan	Yen		316.73						316.73
Tyler Brace:									
China	Yuan		750.97						750.97
Hong Kong	Dollar		385.23						385.23
Japan	Yen		310.50						310.50
Delegation Expenses: *									
China	Yuan						2,451.42		2,451.42
Hong Kong	Dollar						1,275.42		1,275.42
Japan	Yen						1,039.60		1,039.60
Thomas Callahan:									
Jordan	Dinar		2,169.45						2,169.45
United States	Dollar				1,365.76				1,365.76
Joseph Cutsinger:									
Jordan	Dinar		2,139.45						2,139.45
United States	Dollar				1,365.76				1,365.76
Delegation Expenses: *									
Jordan	Dinar						443.86		443.86
Sarah Downs:									
Peru	Sol		1,047.10						1,047.10
Argentina	Peso		1,063.60						1,063.60
United States	Dollar				1,932.30				1,932.30
Caleb McCarry:									
Peru	Sol		1,047.10						1,047.10
Argentina	Peso		1,063.60						1,063.60
United States	Dollar				1,932.30				1,932.30
Delegation Expenses: *									
Peru	Sol						970.54		970.54
Argentina	Peso						1,271.56		1,271.56
Brooke Eisele:									
Czech Republic	Crowns		794.07						794.07
Moldova	Leu		383.00						383.00
United States	Dollar				5,369.86				5,369.86
Delegation Expenses: *									
Moldova	Leu						82.00		82.00
Trey Hicks:									
Kenya	Shilling		290.00		500.00				790.00
Uganda	Shilling		574.00		330.00				904.00
United States	Dollar				5,739.66				5,739.66
Delegation Expenses: *									
Kenya	Shilling						807.61		807.61
Uganda	Shilling						952.00		952.00
David Kinzler:									
Israel	Shekel		1,430.00						1,430.00
Turkey	Lira		374.00						374.00
United States	Dollar				3,118.18				3,118.18
Dana Stroll:									
Israel	Shekel		1,147.85						1,147.85
Turkey	Lira		350.00						350.00
United States	Dollar				3,115.18				3,115.18
Delegation Expenses: *									
Israel	Shekel						777.94		777.94
Turkey	Lira						322.09		322.09
Josh Klein:									
Germany	Euro		1,524.26		171.26				1,695.52
United States	Dollar				2,119.06				2,119.06
Carolyn Leddy:									
Malaysia	Ringgit		434.95						434.95
Singapore	Dollar		989.82						989.82
United States	Dollar				3,291.16				3,291.16
Delegation Expenses: *									
Malaysia	Ringgit						152.70		152.70
Singapore	Dollar						129.00		129.00
Damian Murphy:									
France	Euro		885.56						885.56
Germany	Euro		1,182.44						1,182.44
United States	Dollar				1,646.86				1,646.86
Margaret Taylor:									
France	Euro		885.56						885.56
Germany	Euro		1,182.44						1,182.44
United States	Dollar				1,646.86				1,646.86
Delegation Expenses: *									
France	Euro						28.00		28.00
Charlotte Oldham-Moore:									
Mexico	Peso		1,308.70						1,308.70
United States	Dollar				1,142.28				1,142.28
Sarah Arkin:									
Mexico	Peso		1,304.00						1,304.00
United States	Dollar				1,142.38				1,142.38
Delegation Expenses: *									
Mexico	Peso						3,953.00		3,953.00
Rolfe Michael Schiffer:									
Korea	Won		901.27						901.27
Japan	Yen		777.23						777.23
United States	Dollar				1,539.66				1,539.66

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Delegation Expenses: *									
Korea	Won						608.01		608.01
Japan	Yen						1,501.98		1,501.98
Michael Schiffer:									
Philippines	Peso		566.28						566.28
Indonesia	Rupiah		918.64						918.64
Singapore	Dollar		1,292.86						1,292.86
United States	Dollar				3,460.46				3,460.46
Delegation Expenses: *									
Indonesia	Rupiah						176.72		176.72
Lowell Schwartz:									
Romania	Leu		115.00						115.00
Poland	Zloty		219.00						219.00
Belgium	Euro		354.00						354.00
United States	Dollar				2,798.06				2,798.06
Delegation Expenses: *									
Romania	Leu						207.49		207.49
Belgium	Euro						114.77		114.77
Brandon Yoder:									
Brazil	Real		727.82						727.82
Argentina	Peso		823.17						823.17
United States	Dollar				2,988.06				2,988.06
Delegation Expenses: *									
Brazil	Real						65.35		65.35
Argentina	Peso						170.00		170.00
Total			48,368.31		187,890.17		36,569.85		272,828.33

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR BOB CORNER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, July 26, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Andrew Polesovsky:									
United States	Dollar				5,253.35				5,253.35
Belgium	Euro		286.00						286.00
Singapore	Dollar		2,237.00						2,237.00
Hong Kong	Dollar		1,880.00						1,880.00
Will Dargusch:									
United States	Dollar				5,253.35				5,253.35
Belgium	Euro		294.00						294.00
Singapore	Dollar		2,224.00						2,224.00
Hong Kong	Dollar		1,815.00						1,815.00
Roberto Berrios:									
United States	Dollar				5,253.35				5,253.35
Belgium	Euro		284.00						284.00
Singapore	Dollar		2,215.00						2,215.00
Hong Kong	Dollar		1,953.00						1,953.00
Portia Bamiduro:									
United States	Dollar				5,253.35				5,253.35
Belgium	Euro		261.00						261.00
Singapore	Dollar		2,288.00						2,288.00
Hong Kong	Dollar		1,842.00						1,842.00
Delegation Expenses: *									
Belgium	Euro						2,714.65		2,714.65
Delegation Expenses: *									
Singapore	Dollar						768.00		768.00
Delegation Expenses: *									
Hong Kong	Dollar						3,356.00		3,356.00
Senator Heidi Heitkamp:									
Norway	Krone		180.00						180.00
Delegation Expenses: *									
Norway	Krone						3,940.28		3,940.28
Total			17,759.00		21,013.40		10,778.93		49,551.33

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR RON JOHNSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs,
July 12, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
DeMarcus Finnell:									
Germany	United States				1,500.91				1,500.91
Total					1,500.91				1,500.91

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship,
July 26, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Kamala Harris			710.82						710.82
			79.00						79.00
			256.00						256.00
Nate Adler			610.82		18,458.86				18,458.86
			75.00						75.00
			256.00						256.00
Delegation Expenses *					17,730.36				17,730.36
							132.64		132.64
Brian Walsh			617.33						617.33
			577.00						577.00
					5,901.39				5,901.39
Ryan Kaldahl			571.58						571.58
			507.00						507.00
					4,040.09				4,040.09
Rick Nussio			571.78						571.78
			469.00						469.00
					8,261.68				8,261.68
Robert Kadlec			33.00						33.00
					3,369.20				3,369.20
Kerry Suttien			33.00						33.00
					3,369.00				3,369.00
Delegation Expenses *							14,254.00		14,254.00
Matt Pollard			543.39						543.39
			350.49						350.49
			300.66						300.66
					5,485.96				5,485.96
Senator John Cornyn			184.23						184.23
					3,940.28				3,940.28
Senator Richard Burr			115.00						115.00
			877.30						877.30
					11,981.76				11,981.76
Senator James Lankford			59.50						59.50
			477.30						477.30
					13,212.86				13,212.86
Chris Joyner			115.00						115.00
			877.30						877.30
					6,957.51				6,957.51
Christian Cook			115.00						115.00
			877.30						877.30
					11,981.76				11,981.76
Robert Kadlec			115.00						115.00
			877.30						877.30
					11,981.76				11,981.76
Emily Harding			93.00						93.00
			477.30						477.30
					11,981.76				11,981.76
Delegation Expenses *							19,040.20		19,040.20
Chris Joyner			1,089.46						1,089.46
					9,170.50				9,170.50
Total			12,911.86		147,824.73		33,426.84		194,163.43

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1997.

SENATOR RICHARD BURR,
Chairman, Committee on Intelligence, August 3, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Ambassador David Killian:									
Japan	Yen		2,067.39						2,067.39
South Korea	Won		1,188.27		7,525.56				8,713.83
Paul Massaro:									
Japan	Yen		2,067.38						2,067.38
South Korea	Won		1,188.27		7,525.56				8,713.83
Delegation Expenses: *									
Japan	Yen						4,084.32		4,084.32
South Korea	Won						604.23		604.23
Everett Price:									
Armenia	Dram		1,308.00		11,053.16				12,361.16
Delegation Expenses: *									
Armenia	Dram								
Allison Hollibaugh:									
Austria	Euro		861.28		1,749.46				2,610.74
Delegation Expenses: *									
Austria	Euro						39.24		39.24
Jordan Warlick:									
Georgia	Lari		765.00		1,858.46				2,623.46
Delegation Expenses: *									
Georgia	Lari						721.45		721.45
Robert Hand:									
Czech Republic	Koruna		1,224.47						1,224.47
Denmark	Krone		1,157.40		3,084.86				4,242.26
Delegation Expenses: *									
Czech Republic	Koruna								
Denmark	Krone								
Erika Schlager:									
Romania	Leu		1,254.24						1,254.24
Hungary	Forint		1,172.00		10,624.76				11,796.76

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Delegation Expenses: *									
Romania	Leu						103.46		103.46
Hungary	Forint								
Alex Tiersky:									
Czech Republic	Koruna		1,874.61						1,874.61
Austria	Euro		1,066.27		10,450.26				11,516.53
Delegation Expenses: *									
Czech Republic	Koruna								
Austria	Euro								
Scott Rauland:									
Moldova	Leu		536.00		13,127.16				13,663.16
Delegation Expenses: *									
Moldova	Leu						39.80		39.80
Mischa Thompson:									
France	Euro		2,880.00						2,880.00
Belgium	Euro								
Spain	Euro		1,313.32		11,371.16				12,684.48
Delegation Expenses: *									
France	Euro						743.00		743.00
Spain	Euro						219.74		219.74
Janice Helwig:									
Austria	Euro		35,952.00		6,011.48				41,963.48
Delegation Expenses: *									
Austria	Euro								
Janice Helwig:									
Germany	Euro		933.00		557.30				1,490.30
Delegation Expenses: *									
Germany	Euro						300.00		300.00
Total			58,808.90		84,939.18		6,855.24		150,603.32

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR ROGER WICKER,
Chairman, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe,
July 13, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL CAUCUS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Janet Drew:									
United States	Dollar				994.16				994.16
Colombia	Pesos		596.58						596.58
Kelly Lieupo:									
United States	Dollar				994.16				994.16
Colombia	Pesos		609.82						609.82
Total			1,206.40		1,988.32				3,194.72

SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY,
Chairman, Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control,
June 28, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), DEMOCRATIC LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Michael Kuiken:									
United States	Dollar				13,273.66				13,273.66
Singapore	Dollar		1,321.00		422.00				1,743.00
Total			1,321.00		13,695.66				15,016.66

SENATOR CHARLES E. SCHUMER,
Democratic Leader, July 21, 2017.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), MAJORITY LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Thomas P. Hawkins:									
United States	Dollar				11,745.56				11,745.56
Afghanistan	Dollar		32.00						32.00
Thomas P. Hawkins:									
United States	Dollar				16,206.51				16,206.51
Qatar	Riyal		670.30						670.30
Iraq	Dinar		50.00		3,090.00				3,140.00
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		882.46				88.99		971.45
Dr. Brian Monahan:									
Belgium	Euro		818.87						818.87
Lithuania	Euro		317.07						317.07
Estonia	Euro		267.24						267.24

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), MAJORITY LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Finland	Euro		684.58						684.58
France	Euro		628.57						628.57
Total			4,351.09		31,042.07		88.99		35,482.15

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL,
Majority Leader, Aug. 7, 2017.

BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP ACT OF
2017

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 1107 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1107) to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Grassley substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 787) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (S. 1107), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 6; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each until 12:30 p.m.; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

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, following the remarks of Senators BENNET and CANTWELL.

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

The Senator from Colorado.

HURRICANE HARVEY

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, before I begin, now that we have returned from the August break, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey. I know the thoughts of everyone in this Chamber are with the thousands of Americans who are waiting to return home and restart their lives. I hope the Senate will act quickly to allow them to do so.

I would also say that we know there is a lot of concern in the Presiding Officer's State about what is yet to come, so we need to get about our business.

DACA

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, tonight I rise to address another issue—the Trump administration's decision to end the program known as DACA.

DACA provided deportation relief to nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants who came to this country as children. Those kids grew up in America alongside America's children, playing on our Little League teams, running for student government, marching in the school band. Just like America's kids, they showed up to class, they did their homework, and they pushed forward with every expectation of building a future for themselves and for their communities. The only difference between them is that the kids covered by DACA came to America as undocumented immigrants.

Many of these kids didn't even know they didn't have legal status. I know this firsthand because I used to be the Superintendent of the Denver Public Schools. It was about ninth grade that children would realize—children who had no country other than the United States as their home—that they didn't have legal status because they had come here through no fault of their own without documented status.

A lot of these kids found out the hard way, applying for jobs that asked for papers they didn't have, applying for financial aid they were ineligible to receive, and coping with the possibility of being ripped away from friends and family at any time. DACA ended that. It stopped it. Nationwide, it protected nearly 800,000 young adults from deportation and gave them lawful presence in the only country they knew to build a future. That is precisely what they have done.

Since DACA was enacted, the young people who enrolled in the program have grown into young adults. They have found jobs. They pay taxes. They have started businesses. They have bought homes. They are raising families.

In Colorado, over 17,000 young people came forward to take the government at its word, to share their information, and to apply for deferred action. Each one of them placed their faith in us to protect them and their families until we came to a long-term solution about their status. Today, President Trump has betrayed that trust. Worse, his decision to rescind DACA betrays the very character of our country.

America does not strip parents from their children. We do not strip brothers from sisters. America does not round up neighbors to send them to places they have not known since they were 2 years old or 6 months old, if they knew them at all. We do not use kids and families as some kind of bargaining chip for legislation. That is not who we are. This decision will not only hurt families and communities, but it will hurt our economy, as 90 percent of DACA recipients work, and 7 in 10 have bachelor's degrees or higher. They pay taxes. Over the next 2 years, ending DACA could force hundreds of thousands of people to lose their jobs. Colorado alone stands to lose over \$850 million in economic activity every single year as a result of this rash decision. That is why business leaders all across my State have decried this decision as not only cruel but costly.

President Trump campaigned to strengthen families and our economy. With this decision, he is taking aim at both. Now parents all across America are planning where to send their kids if they are deported. Young professionals worry about what will happen to their mortgages, their car payments, and their student loans if they are fired and

forced to leave. Business owners wonder how they will make up for the hard workers whom they have come to rely on over the years. Once again, President Trump has unleashed needless anxiety and uncertainty across America.

This weekend, I was thinking we would never have been in this position if Congress had acted to fix our broken immigration system to ensure legal status for everybody protected by deferred action. Like the Presiding Officer, I was part of the Gang of 8, which wrote the immigration bill in the Senate. It was four Democrats and four Republicans who worked together over a period of 8 months in a process that I think the American people would be justifiably proud of. For once in Washington, people sat down in a bipartisan way to actually solve the problems that face this country. We were not making trades. We were not holding each other hostage in that room. We knew that securing the border was an important good, and we knew a pathway to citizenship was an important good.

We delivered both to the floor of this Senate. In fact, the bill had very meaningful border security. It is the only bill that has passed either the House or the Senate that has had any border security and internal security as well and, as I mentioned, a pathway to citizenship for the undocumented people who are here, including everybody who is protected by DACA. It was a good bill—I think it was a great bill—and it got 68 votes in the Senate. If the House had done what the American people had wanted us to do, it would have passed our bill, and we would not have had to go through the agony of what the Trump administration is doing to immigrants in this country right now.

I think Congress needs to act swiftly to clean up the damage the administration has unleashed, and that starts with passing the Dream Act. Now is the time for our Republican colleagues to come forward on this important piece of legislation that historically has been supported by Republicans.

Tonight, I thank my colleague from Colorado, Senator CORY GARDNER, for doing just that and joining me as a cosponsor of the Dream Act. We have an opportunity to come together as Republicans and Democrats in order to give young people the certainty they deserve and the legal path to stay in the only country they know. This is not about left versus right, although I say that about everything in this place, but in this case it really is true. This is about doing right for the young people who are, in every sense, our fellow Americans.

It is about doing the right thing for people in Colorado, like Marissa Molina. Marissa was 9 years old when her parents took her from Mexico to Colorado. She grew up in Glenwood Springs on the West Slope. She worked hard and planned on going to college until she realized, like so many young

people whom I have met, that she was ineligible for in-state tuition because of her legal status, but she was determined to make it work anyway. She cleaned houses with her mom and tutored other students in Spanish. All of that helped, but it was not enough. By her junior year, Marissa's family had little money left, and she nearly had to drop out.

Then DACA went into effect, and Marissa was able to secure Federal student loans and graduate summa cum laude from Fort Lewis College in Durango. Determined to give back, Marissa spent 2 years teaching in my old school district, in the Denver Public Schools. She did not have any background in education, but she wanted to pay it forward by helping other kids achieve.

Like Marissa, Marco Dorado came to Denver when he was just 3 years old. His parents have worked in our community for over two decades in order to provide for him and his three siblings. Marco was the first person in his family to graduate from high school, but after graduating, he could not get a job because he did not have a Social Security card. He could not get a driver's license, and he could not get a student loan—a bright future frozen in place. Marco felt trapped in a system with no way forward.

Then the last President announced DACA in 2012. Marco got his Social Security card, his driver's license, and financial aid to attend the University of Colorado. As he studied for a degree in finance, he worked between classes and interned at our State capitol. There, he learned something about politics, and he was voted student body president by his peers at CU, at the University of Colorado.

In every practical sense there is, Marco is an American. He has no memory of life before America. He grew up in our schools, played alongside our kids, attended our colleges, and has been working to improve this democracy. His two younger brothers and sisters, as is so often the case, were born here.

A decent and compassionate administration would find a way for Marco to stay in the only community he knows. A smart and forward-looking administration would seize on this young man's talent and commitment to our Nation. A wise administration would recognize in Marco and Marissa the best qualities of America—hard work, family, perseverance, and service. Instead—and I regret this—we have the Trump administration, which threatens to rip them from their families, tear them from the communities they have built in Colorado, and deprive our Nation of their obvious and considerable talent.

The administration's decision today has thrown hundreds of thousands of people like Marco and Marissa into needless chaos and fear. For what—to satisfy the smallest fringe of the far right? A majority of the Republicans in

my State not only support the Dream Act but support a pathway to citizenship for the undocumented people who are here. Unfortunately, today's decision is just the latest example of the violence this President has done to our country's traditions.

Because of his rhetoric against immigrants, against Muslims, his equivocation about White nationalists, there is a deep unease in this country. I have heard it in townhalls across Colorado. In times like these, it falls on all of us—not just on the people in the Senate—to put our hands on someone else's shoulder and say: I am glad you are here. Thank you for the contribution you have made by working in our fields and in our factories. We are grateful for what you have done for our communities. We are glad you are studying at the University of Denver or CSU or CU. Though we need legislation to undo the administration's actions today, this goes well beyond any law on the books. It goes to who we are as a nation.

Earlier this year, at my home, I hosted five college students who had received protection under the DACA Program. I made them breakfast, and we sat around the backyard to talk. I heard the worries they had that no young person in this country should have to bear, but I also heard an incredible sense of aspiration that any American would recognize—dreams of finishing college, launching a business, leading a nonprofit, starting a family. That is no surprise because these kids are American in every way that counts, and like young people across the country, they envision a bright future for themselves. We have taught them to do that since they were kids. Now we should let them realize it.

I thank my colleague from Washington for her patience.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES). The Senator from Washington.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I join my colleague from Colorado to come to the floor to talk about the President's misguided decision earlier today to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program.

This program, put in place by the last administration, gave the certainty and predictability to so many young children who were brought to the United States through not their own actions but through others' actions. As my colleague talked about, there is story after story of young people who have literally applied for college aid only to find out they were not here legally and could not pursue that kind of financial assistance. That is why, since 2001, I have been a supporter of the Dream Act. Tonight, I cannot believe this is the message from this President.

In a remarkable act of courage and trust, 17,500 young DACA recipients are working and contributing to the economy in my State, the State of Washington. These recipients must submit

biographical information and biometric information, and allow State Department, Homeland Security, and other Federal agencies to complete background checks. They have never committed a felony, and they must have a job, be in school, or have served in the military. So ending this program is literally taking workers out of our State, taking the gross domestic product of over \$1 billion that it will cost our Nation over the next several years.

The President's decision to end DACA runs counter to the longstanding and proud history in our State of welcoming immigrants. Dreamers invest in their communities. They pay State and local taxes. In fact, the Chamber of Commerce supports this program as does a majority of Americans, and over 300 business leaders agree that Dreamers help us build a better and more prosperous America. Just today, one of the key Microsoft executives—one of our key companies—said he would rather have legislation to protect these individuals in immigration reform than to have tax reform. That is how important it is to our State.

I am glad my colleagues Senators DURBIN and GRAHAM held a bipartisan press conference to talk about supporting this important legislation to move forward.

Tonight, as we are returning to the U.S. Senate, with lots of priorities, we need to make sure we are giving young people—young people who have benefited from the security of participating in our economy—the certainty that they will continue to be here in the United States and to serve in our military. I hope my colleagues will take this seriously and move toward legislation.

We have worked on a bipartisan basis on this legislation for more than a decade. Yet it is simple. You either want to protect these young individuals or you do not. I hope my colleagues will give us a chance to rectify this as soon as possible.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION RULING

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I would also like to say a word about the World Trade Organization's announcement that was just made yesterday, one in which the World Trade Organization said that the Boeing 777X Program did not receive prohibited subsidies. This is a huge win for 80,000 Boeing employees in the State of Washington as well as for the 1,700 suppliers and individual businesses across our State who support our strong aerospace economy.

It is also a loss to the European Union in its efforts to retaliate against the United States for our challenge to illegal launch aid to Airbus that began more than 10 years ago. This shows it was right to raise these concerns by the United States and that the retaliation by Airbus was wrong.

Last year, the WTO ruled that the EU had not taken steps to comply with

its previous ruling regarding \$17 billion in illegal launch aid to Airbus, and that it had given another \$5 billion in illegal launch aid to the A350 Program even after these kinds of subsidies had been declared illegal.

We need an aerospace market that is truly competitive, one that is not distorted by illegal subsidies. So these cases matter because the outcome impacts jobs here in the United States, and aerospace is one of the biggest manufacturers in the United States.

We know in our State that there are lots of challenges and there is lots of competition, but we want that competition to be on a level playing field. We want to make sure that, in the aerospace industry, people are playing by the rules. This is the third time the WTO has said that the massive illegal subsidies the EU has provided to Airbus are wrong, that they have failed to take the steps to comply, and that they need to change their behavior.

If the EU will not play by the rules, then we should take the necessary steps to force an end to these anti-competitive schemes. I say this because the WTO's ruling today—while I know many of my colleagues think this process played out all too long—did resolve the issue as it related to the EU gave Airbus.

Enforcement of these trade rules is important to U.S. competitiveness. I want to continue to strengthen our ability to enforce these kinds of rules and continue to make sure that the U.S. Government has all the resources and personnel it needs to make sure our trading partners meet their commitments, and our aerospace workforce in the United States is second to none. I want to continue to fight every battle to make sure they can be competitive.

I thank everyone at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative for working so hard on this case for more than a decade. It is finally time to move on and to make sure that the EU is in line with these past WTO rulings and that we continue to fight for a fair and competitive aerospace market.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:47 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

GREGORY IBACH, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS, VICE EDWARD M. AVALOS, RESIGNED.

WILLIAM NORTHEY, OF IOWA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, VICE MICHAEL T. SCUSE.

STEPHEN ALEXANDER VADEN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, VICE JEFFREY MICHAEL PRIETO.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ROBERT BEHLER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VICE J. MICHAEL GILMORE.

THOMAS B. MODLY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, VICE JANINE ANNE DAVIDSON.

DEAN L. WINSLOW, OF DELAWARE, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE JONATHAN WOODSON, RESIGNED.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

MARK L. GREENBLATT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, VICE OSVALDO LUIS GRATACOS MUNET, RESIGNED.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

ROBERT J. JACKSON, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 5, 2019, VICE MARY JO WHITE.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SUZANNE ISRAEL TUFTS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE KEITH A. NELSON, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

JAMES BRIDENSTINE, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, VICE CHARLES F. BOLDEN, JR., RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TIMOTHY GALLAUDET, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE, VICE MARK E. SCHAEFER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

BRUCE J. WALKER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ELECTRICITY DELIVERY AND ENERGY RELIABILITY), VICE PATRICIA A. HOFFMAN.

STEVEN E. WINBERG, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (FOSSIL ENERGY), VICE CHRISTOPHER SMITH.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

JEFFERY MARTIN BARAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2023. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MATTHEW Z. LEOPOLD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE AVI GARBOW.

DAVID ROSS, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE PETER SILVA SILVA, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LARRY EDWARD ANDRE, JR., OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI.

THOMAS L. CARTER, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION.

MICHAEL T. EVANOFF, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (DIPLOMATIC SECURITY), VICE GREGORY B. STARR, RESIGNED.

NINA MARIA FITTE, OF PENNSYLVANIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA.

DANIEL L. FOOTE, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA.

RICHARD GREENELL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

KENNETH IAN JUSTER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA.

W. ROBERT KOHORST, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

BARBARA LEE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

EDWARD MASSO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA.

EDWARD T. MCMULLEN, JR., OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN.

JENNIFER GILLIAN NEWSTEAD, OF NEW YORK, TO BE LEGAL ADVISER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, VICE BRIAN JAMES EGAN, RESIGNED.

DAVID DALE REIMER, OF OHIO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

ERIC P. WHITAKER, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CHERYL MARIE STANTON, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, VICE DAVID WEIL, RESIGNED.

DAVID G. ZATEZALO, OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH, VICE JOSEPH A. MAIN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

FREDERICK M. NUTT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CONTROLLER, OFFICE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE DAVID ARTHUR MADER.

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

JAMES THOMAS ABBOTT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JULY 1, 2020, VICE PATRICK PIZZELLA, TERM EXPIRED.

COLLEEN KIKO, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JULY 29, 2022, VICE ERNEST W. DUBESTER, TERM EXPIRED.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

EMILY WEBSTER MURPHY, OF MISSOURI, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF GENERAL SERVICES, VICE DENISE TURNER ROTH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MARGARET WEICHERT, OF GEORGIA, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE BETH F. COBERT.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

CHRISTOPHER R. SHARPLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, VICE DAVID B. BUCKLEY, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN C. DEMERS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE JOHN P. CARLIN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ANDREI IANCU, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, VICE MICHELLE K. LEE, RESIGNED.

PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD

ADAM I. KLEIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER OF THE PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 29, 2018, VICE DAVID MEDINE, RESIGNED.

ADAM I. KLEIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER OF THE PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 29, 2024. (REAPPOINTMENT)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TOM MARINO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, VICE MICHAEL A. BOTTICELLI, RESIGNED.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE PAUL R. VERKUIL, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

CHERYL L. MASON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE JAMES PHILIP TERRY, RETIRED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE 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. STAYCE D. HARRIS

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:

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To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JACQUELINE D. VAN OVOST

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. JEFFERY D. AEBISCHER
COL. NATHAN B. ALHOLINNA
COL. BORIS R. ARMSTRONG
COL. KIMBERLY A. BAUMANN
COL. ROBERT L. BELL
COL. SHAWN N. BRATTON
COL. JEFFREY L. BUTLER
COL. MICHAEL E. CALLAHAN
COL. KEVIN J. CAMPBELL
COL. THOMAS S. CAUTHEN
COL. LAWRENCE L. CHRISTENSEN
COL. SHAWN A. CLOUTHIER
COL. DARWIN L. CRAIG
COL. ROBERT C. DESKO
COL. KEVIN M. DONOVAN
COL. BOBBI J. DOORENBOS
COL. DAVID M. DZIOBKOWSKI
COL. RANDAL K. EFFERSON
COL. HOWARD L. EISSLER III
COL. SHAWN D. FORD
COL. JED J. FRENCH
COL. DANIEL E. GABRIELLI
COL. MARK P. GAUL
COL. RAINER G. GOMEZ
COL. PATRICK M. GUINEE
COL. PENNY C. HODGES-GOETZ
COL. JEREMY C. HORN
COL. CASSANDRA D. HOWARD
COL. PAUL D. JOHNSON
COL. EDWARD S. JONES
COL. GARY W. KIRK
COL. HEIDI L. KJOS
COL. MEAGHAN Q. LECLERC
COL. GREGOR J. LEIST
COL. SUZANNE B. LIPCAMAN
COL. KEITH G. MACDONALD
COL. ROLF E. MAMMEN
COL. GERALD E. MCDONALD
COL. CHRISTOPHER G. MCGRAW
COL. MICHAEL R. MORGAN
COL. REBECCA L. O'CONNOR
COL. DUKE A. PIRAK
COL. JEFFREY L. RYAN
COL. JON S. SAFSTROM
COL. WILLIAM L. SPARROW
COL. JAMES R. STEVENSON, JR.
COL. JEFFREY D. STOREY
COL. BRYAN J. TEFF
COL. EDWARD L. VAUGHAN IV
COL. APRIL D. VOGEL
COL. CHARLES M. WALKER
COL. CHRISTOPHER S. WALKER
COL. DAVID A. WEISHAAR
COL. WENDY B. WENKE
COL. GREGORY T. WHITE
COL. BRENT W. WRIGHT
COL. WILLIAM T. YATES
COL. DANIEL S. YENCHESKY

IN THE ARMY

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

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN E. CARDWELL

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

To be brigadier general

COL. JOSEPH D'COSTA

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 lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL A. BILLS

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

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DANIEL J. CHRISTIAN

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

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. KENNETH H. MOORE

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

To be brigadier general

COL. MATTHEW P. EASLEY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RE-

SERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. JOHNNY R. BASS

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

To be brigadier general

COL. TONY L. WRIGHT

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be major

STEPHEN J. AUGUSTINE

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

WILLIAM J. VIT, JR.

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

THERESA A. JONES

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

To be colonel

JAMES S. SHIGEKANE
ANDREW H. STEPHAN

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

To be major

MARC AALDERINK
TIMOTHY M. AANERUD
AMY M. ABBOTT
DAVID N. ABEL
RYAN P. ABEL
JUSTIN M. ABERTH
TIMOTHY JAY ABLAY
MATTHEW B. ABLES
SEAN M. ABLING
THOMAS J. ACKERMAN
JOHN M. ADAM
COLLIN M. ADAMS
EDWARD L. ADAMS, JR.
JASON A. ADAMS
JONATHAN ALAN ADAMS
BRITTON D. ADAMSON
BRYAN M. ADOMANIS
TODD SAMUIL AFSHAR
MICHAEL V. AGCANAS
DAVID L. AGEE
JARRET L. AHN
NTHAN K. AIKEN
JUSTIN MICHAEL AILOR
ASIF ALAM
CHRISTOPHER JOHN ALBAN
ERL ROBIN BARIA ALEJANDRO
JOSHUA ROBERT ALEXANDER
ZACHARY N. ALEXANDER
BRANDON J. ALFORD
GREGORY L. ALLEN
JACOB J. ALLEN
SEAN P. ALLEN
SEAN R. ALLEN
JOSE L. ALMANZAR
AMANDA D. ALPAUGH
DAVID M. ALPERT
JOSHUA E. ALTCHULER
AMANDA C. ALTMAN
CRAIG A. AMBROSE
MARK R. AMOS
PHILLIP D. AMRINE
DANIEL JOSEPH ANAYA
JACK W. ANDERSON
MATTHEW KYLE ANDERSON
NATHAN D. ANDERSON
NICHOLAS J. ANDERSON
REBECCA L. ANDERSON
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 TIMOTHY WILLARD WEST
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 APRIL S. WIDMAY
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 BENJAMIN R. BEIDEL
 CARL EDWARD BEHMIS
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 DOUGLAS W. BENNETT
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 CHARITY D. BOLLING
 KEVIN C. BOURNE
 CORY A. BRIGGS
 AMBER F. BRITT
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 LANDRUS BURRESS
 BLAKE D. CALLENDER
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 CANDRA RENEE CASE
 BRETT A. CHRISTY
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 CLINTON S. COMER
 ADAM COOMBER
 ADAM KENT COOPER
 CALLIE J. COOPER
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 RACHEL E. ESTRADA
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 DANIELA F. FELDHAUSEN
 STEDVEN LIEBEN K. FELICIANO
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 DOMINIQUE D. GOUGIS
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ROGELIO RODRIGUEZ
HOLLY R. ROLLINS
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JOSHUA J. TURNER
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SARA R. VENA
EMANUEL J. VONDRAN
KEVIN T. WAICEKAUSKAS
TERRANCE L. WALKER
SAMANTHA M. WARREN
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EDGAR G. CADUA
BRUCE W. CALLAHAN
PATRICK A. CUTTER
JARED H. DAHLE
LUANNE DANES
RYAN C. DANLEY
JAMES W. DAVIS
TIMOTHY J. DAVIS
JAMES C. ENDERBY
EMILY F. ESCHBACHER
HEATHER WINFREE FENZL
JOEL T. FOSTER
JONATHAN D. FRANK
SAUL J. FREEDMAN
DANIELLE E. GALT
ERIC A. GREEN
JENNIFER BRADLEY HARWARD
GRETCHEN L. HAYWOOD
THOMAS J. HEIER
KYLIE C. HESTER
CRAIG A. HOLDER
LISA M. HOYT
DAVID R. JARNOT
JENNIFER N. JOHNSON
AARON W. LAMBERT
TAK L. LI
TODD A. LIGMAN
JUSTIN D. LUSK
LANCE M. MABRY
ISAIAH D. MANIGAULT
TRACY L. MARKLE

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DANIEL B. MICHEL
PAUL R. NELSON
MATTHEW K. NIELSEN
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KRIS A. OSTROWSKI
ALICIA OTTATI
ELISHA N. PARKHILL
CHRISTINA PEACE
KERRY A. PHELAN
JUSTIN E. SANDHOLM
ERNEST L. SCOTT
STEPHEN M. STOUDER
MARC P. SYLVANDER
APRIL J. TAYLOR
ANDREW J. WAGNER
DORIAN R. WILLIAMS

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

To be colonel

DANE V. CAMPBELL
MAUREEN A. FARRELL
WILLIAM R. HURTLE
DEREK J. LARBIE
JASON J. LENNEN
CHRISTIAN L. LYONS
TIFFANY JAYNE REITNAUER MORGAN
BRIAN T. MUSSELMAN
SHANNON L. PHARES
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JAMES E. SHIELDS
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

DERRICK C. LONG

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

To be lieutenant colonel

NATALIE E. VANATTA

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

To be lieutenant colonel

JOHN F. LOPES

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

To be lieutenant colonel

TERRANCE R. LATSON

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

To be major

ASHLEY R. SELLERS

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

To be major

TRISTAN D. HARRINGTON

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

To be major

ELIAS M. CHELALA

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

To be major

ROBERT P. L. BAILEY

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

To be lieutenant colonel

MARIAH C. SMITH

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To be major

MARK W. CANARY

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

To be colonel

DAVID E. MEACHER

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

To be colonel

CHRISTOPHER D. MCDEVITT

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MICHAEL T. FOWLER
JAMES B. HAYNIE
EDWARD K. KOLEDO
GREGORY O. OLSON
SCOTT J. SHERIDAN

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To be lieutenant colonel

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DAVID P. CURLIN
DONALD W. EHRKE
PAUL D. FRITTS
ALFRED C. GRONDSKI, JR.
JAMES P. HALL
DANIEL W. HARDIN
LOREN B. HUTSELL
ALAN M. IRIZARRY
JAMES D. KEY
HYEONJOONG KIM
SCOTT B. KOEMAN
CHARLES H. LAHMON
MONICA R. LAWSON
TIMOTHY E. MARACLE
JEFFREY T. MCKINNEY
DAVID W. MEYER
DEREK W. MURRAY
MASAKI NAKAZONO
SHINRI M. NISHIMURA
BRIAN G. PALMER
JAMES PEAK
SEAN A. PHILLIPS
TOMMIE L. PICKENS
STEPHEN PRATEL, SR.
ANTHONY P. RANDALL
BRIAN D. REED
KENNETH C. SHARPE
HENRY C. SOUSSAN
JEFFREY T. VAN NESS
GEORGE L. WALLACE
SANG J. WON
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be major

EDWARD A. JARRETT
CASEY T. SCHOBER

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

To be major

CURTIS J. ALLEN
PATRICK G. BALASTA
ANDREW C. BISCHOFF
TODD W. BLANCHETTE
JOHN L. CIESCO
SAMUEL B. CLARK
DAVID H. COWAN
DAVID M. HARTMAN
CAMILLE N. MORGAN
ABUBAKAR N. NGOUCHEMA
CHRISTOPHER S. PELTON
MICHAEL A. POLLOCK
SUAREZ J. REYES
PAMELA R. ROBINSON
ENGLEBERT Q. ROY
RANDY L. SHIELDS
TIMOTHY E. SHILES
ANA M. STROBBE
BRADLEY A. WRIGHT

IN THE NAVY

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

To be lieutenant commander

JASON A. TEWS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant commander

CHRISTOPHER P. CARROLL

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

To be lieutenant commander

GABRIEL PEREZ
ERIC R. TRUEMPER

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

To be lieutenant commander

ANTON A. ADAM

HELENA M. ATKINS
JUSTIN L. BENNETT
VERONICA BENNETT
BRIAN M. BIEBER
TERI A. BOLINSKY
GARRETT E. BOND
ERIK J. BRACELAND
JOSEPH C. BREWEN
STEVEN F. M. BRIGGS
MATTHEW G. CARROLL
PAUL E. CHAPMAN
BENJAMIN M. CHIME, JR.
JAMES P. CONKLIN
GALE A. COOK III
ADAM C. COOMBS
DAVID P. COUCHMAN
CHRISTOPHER T. CROMIE
PAUL C. DAMORE
CONNOR R. DARR
ROBERT J. DOGGETT, JR.
JAMES R. DONAHUE
GIBB A. H. DUNGEY
CAPREECE M. DUNKLIN
AUSTIN D. FOLSTER
JIMMY A. FOSTER, JR.
SHANNA M. GAINER
HONORATO B. GAMBOA III
KENDRICK R. GARRETT
DAVID K. GIBSON
JEFFREY E. GOOD
CHRISTIAN A. C. GRAU
CHEA V. HALEHERNANDEZ
WESLEY Y. HAN
JOSHUA R. HART
CASEY J. HEBERT
BRYCE B. HICKS
MELISSA A. HILLMAN
BENJAMIN E. B. HIXSON
JASON D. HOUSE
EDWIN F. JIMENEZ
AMANDA M. JONES
KORY D. KREBS
MACDONALD A. LARYEA
ADAM W. LAWRENCE
DALE P. LESSNER
TAISHAN LIN
VINCENT J. LINLEY
GEROME A. LOPEZ
JUAN A. LUEVANO
ARNOLD M. LUMINARIAS
TU K. LUONG
NICHOLAS C. MADER
ZACHARY C. MANRIQUEZ
TUCKER H. MCKENNEY
DANILO MEULENER, JR.
BRIJ MOHAN
MABI S. MORGAN
KATHRYN L. NEWSOM
DANIEL A. NIN
TABITHA V. NOEL
CHRISTOPHER T. NORMAN
TYLER S. ORDWAY
LAUREN E. PETERS
JASON A. PIRRALLO
THOMAS T. POE
CHRISTY F. RIEGER
ELLIOT W. RILEY
PAVEENA RITTHAWORN
CLIFFORD S. RIVERA
JUAN C. SANCHEZ
ROBERT J. SCHMERMUND
JOSHUA R. SHIVER
MARIA C. SIERRA
AARON K. SMITH
JAMES M. STEELE
AERRICK L. STEINWAND
KENNETH D. SWING, JR.
WIN THAW
JASON E. THOMAS
JUSTIN C. TINSLEY
RICHARD K. TISDALE
JOSE J. P. TOBIAS
ALESSANDRO F. TORNATORE
LONG K. TRAN
ANTHONY C. URECH
JULIO A. VARGAS
CHASE A. VIZZIER
CALLAN T. WALSH
ASHLY L. WISNIEWSKI
YING P. ZHONG

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

To be lieutenant commander

ADRIENNE T. BENTON
JUSTIN P. BERNARD
LARRY J. BRANT
JOHNATHAN R. BUSH
KEITH M. CARTER
PON CHANTHAPHON
HYLANIE K. CHANWILLIAMS
DANIEL E. CLARK
KAELEN F. CLAY
MARK C. COOK
ROBERT L. CRABB
CHARLES R. FERGUSON
TRAVIS J. GARDNER
BENTON L. GARRETT
STEPHEN T. GRIFFIN
ROBERT O. GUILLIAMS
KEVIN L. JOHNSON
TRENTEN W. LONG
CHAD C. MCCAIN
ERIC J. MELVIN
TIMOTHY J. MILLER

MICHAEL J. MONROIG
DRU A. NELSON
JOHN W. POTTER
MATTHEW A. RILEY
JONATHAN D. ROZENDAAL
JEREMY C. SELITTO
JOSHUA A. SHERWIN
ANTHONY D. STALLINGS
CHRISTOPHER J. SUTTON
JOHN W. TARR
JASON P. ULVEN
AARON R. WESSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
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To be lieutenant commander

SALAHHUDIN A. ADENKHALIF
ANGEL AVILES
JOSHUA L. BAKER
CLAYTON B. BEAME
MICHAEL A. BERL
STEVEN R. BISCHAK
DEREK M. BOOGAART
JOHN A. BRAYMAN
DANIEL J. BROWN
KRISTAL A. BROWN
ELISE M. CHAPDELAINE
LIWEI CHEN
NATHAN V. CHENARAK
CARL J. CLEMENCICH III
SETH D. COCHRAN
CRAIG L. CULBERTSON
JOHN F. DALY III
LEONARD W. DENNIS IV
RICHARD DIAZ
MATTHEW R. EVANS
CHRISTOPHER S. FAIRFIELD
JI L. FREDRIKSEN
KENNETH GARCIA
BRANDON O. GOSCH
RONDAL W. HALE
LAWRENCE D. HALL
ERIC R. HOWER
KEVIN J. KACZMARSKI
RENEKIA M. KESLAR
JOHN L. KIMMEL
CLINTON B. LAWSON
SAMUEL M. LEE
YIU B. LEE
CHRISTOPHER C. LINCK
RYAN D. LIVINGSTON
CAROLINE N. MAYER
KAREN E. MCALLISTER
JULIE M. MILLER
INARAQUEL MIRANDAVARGAS
ETHAN T. MOECKL
STEPHEN E. MOYER
JUSTUS K. OCONNOR
ANDREW J. PETRALIA
HENRY POLLOCKMARIEN
SONNY D. ROWLAND
HERIBERTO SANCHEZRIVERA
MICHAEL L. SAPIENZA
KYLE M. SCHLAIS
JOSHUA M. SHARP
PETER A. SMAGUR
SARAH K. URSETTI
TOMMY L. VAUGHN II
CALVIN J. WARREN
RYAN M. WHITE
VICTOR T. F. WONG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
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To be lieutenant commander

SANTIAGO A. ABADAM II
STEPHANIE A. ADAMS
DIANA V. AN
NNEOMA G. ANYANWU
ADAM L. ARROGANTE
COURTNEY J. BAILEY
GRAEME A. BANNERMAN
RAMNEL E. BARNENAS
SUNNY C. BARTHOLOMEW
TODD A. BATTEAU
SHEREE L. BLACKWELL
TIMOTHY W. BORING
LINDSEY H. BOYD
WHITNEY W. BROCK
CORNELIUS L. BROTHERS
AARON S. CAGLEY
JONATHAN R. CARMACK
CHRISTINA W. CARTER
MEISHA V. CAUDLE
VALENTIN CHAPA III
WENDY S. CHOATE
NATALIE A. CLAYPOOL
MARK S. CRIDER
CARI D. CROSS
EMILY N. CROWELL
SHAWN K. CROWTHER
DANIELLE R. CURTIS
STEPHANIE D. DANIELS
ERICA M. DOWNY
ALACIA M. DOWNEY
DARCY M. DUNLAP
ADAM R. EATON
LAURI A. ELROD
KELLY L. ELSEA
ANGELA M. EVANS
ERIC J. FOSTER
DANIEL GARCIA, JR.
CODY R. GREMORE

SHANNON W. GRIFFITHS
SARAH M. GUTIERREZ
TIFFANY L. HARRIMAN
CHRISTOPHER M. HAUSVIK
MICHAEL L. HEIMES
SARAH J. HERVEY
CARL S. HILL
LORELEI M. HUGHES
SEAN A. HUTCHISON
AMANDA M. JACK
JAMES F. JEFF III
CHRISTOPHER A. JOHNSON
DAVID V. JOHNSON
JOSHUA E. JONES
MARC W. JUAREZ
THOMAS R. KASTER
ANGELITA S. KISENA
HENRY J. LANG
MICHAEL P. LANIER
KATHRYN R. LYNN
ANGUS J. MACDONALD
RICKSON H. MADLANGBAYAN
LINDSEY J. MANKO
RUBEN V. MARTINEZ
CYNTHIA P. MATTERS
MERIAM V. MAYS
ALEXIS K. MCDERMOTT
KARA MCDOWELL
JAMES E. MCLAMB
NATALIE M. MILLS
KELLY P. MINOR
CEDRICK T. MITCHELL
LEWIS L. MONROE
TALITHA R. MOTON
REBECCA R. NEUHART
ELSPETH L. PHILLIPS
CHRISTINA L. PINKSTON
DAVID E. POTTER
QUINN C. RICHARDS
ASHLEY O. ROBERTSON
SARAH L. ROGERS
MICHAEL A. RUTLAND
JEFFREY S. SAMUELS
TRENT M. SASSMAN
ANNA S. SCHLENKER
MEGEN J. SCOTT
JOSEPH J. SHANNON
PATRICIA H. SMITH
TRAVIS W. STOREY
KAMI R. TABOR
PAUL M. V. TANJUTCO III
KIMBERLY A. TOZER
LISA F. L. UMPA
NICHOLAS J. WALKER
RYAN E. WALTER
LYNEISE K. WATSON
ERIN P. WEBB
KATHRYN I. M. WEISS
TODD R. WENTZ
KEITH A. WEST
JESSICA L. B. WHEPLEY
JULIAN L. WILCOX
TSION Y. WILLIAMS
LELA J. WILSONHAMMEL
STEPHEN J. WILTSHIRE
CARYN A. WOMBLE
LARRY J. YATCHAK
STACEY L. YON
JAIME M. YORK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
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To be lieutenant commander

SARAH A. AGUERO
MARYAM B. AUSTIN
JAMES M. BELFORTI
ZACHARY P. BRANCH
WILLIAM B. BURROUGHS
JENNIFER M. BUYSKE
JAMES D. CARSON
LAUREN M. CHERRY
NAKKU CHUNG
BARBARA J. COLBERG
CHRISTIAN L. COLBURN
JOHN T. COLE
SARAH E. CUMMINGS
GREGORY E. DIXON
SARAH R. DORSETT
BENJAMIN E. DOSKOCIL
HANNAH F. EAVES
BRIGHAM B. FUGAL
ELAN R. W. GHAZAL
DENNIS E. HARBIN
JONATHAN M. HAWKINS
ERIN T. JANOFSKI
EILEEN M. JOY
MAREN A. KAISER
ELIZABETH K. KIESSLING
JESSICA E. KONINGSOR
PAUL S. LAPLANTE
KEVIN R. LARSON
MAURA K. LEARY
ANDREA M. LOGAN
JOEY A. LONJERS
THOMAS M. LOPEZ
KEVIN M. LOUGHMAN
GENEVIEVE P. LOUTINSKY
ALEXANDRA E. MARIN
AARON E. MARTIN
ROBERT A. MCRIGHT
JACOB E. MEUSCH
ROBERT J. MILLER
ALEXANDRA NICA
DOUGLAS R. OTTENWESS
INGRID E. FAIGE

CHAO PAN
CARINA M. PODGORSKI
LISA M. REDMOND
EMMA E. ROBERTSON
SCOTT J. UPRIGHT
TRACY L. WALLER
DENNIS E. WESTMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
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To be lieutenant commander

JOKO A. ABUBAKAR
JAMES L. ALLEN
MELISSA F. AMESCUA
PETER E. ANGELL
NOAH M. APUSEN
RYAN J. AYLSWORTH
JOANNA L. BABBITT
ROBERT Y. BARRAGAN II
ROBERT A. BARTHOLOMEW
DALE M. BAUMBACH, JR.
LANCE A. BEAHM
CHRISTOPHER M. BEAUMONT
ANDREW S. BENSON
DANETT K. BISHOP
CHRISTINA M. BOLOGNA
BROOK M. BORDEN
LAUREN C. BROWN
SARAH V. BROWNING
ROBERT S. BRYSON
LUCRECHIA D. CALLEANCE
MELANIE C. CARMODY
CONTRILLUS D. CARTER
CHERIE L. CHENAULT
ALLISON A. CLARK
STEPHEN W. CONE
SERGIO J. CORONEL, JR.
ANNA C. CROSBY
ANNE M. DASILVA
AMANDA N. DILLINGER
JEFFREY J. DIXON
AARON D. ECKARD
WILLIAM T. EICKMEYER
MILES A. ERWIN
EPHRAIM C. ESCOBAR
JACQUELINE M. EVANS
MICHAEL D. EVANS
STANLEY FAVARD
JESSICA O. L. FORDE
JONATHAN J. FOWLER
MANUEL A. C. GONZALEZ
KRISTA L. GREENE
WILLIAM L. GRISHAM
JEREMY G. GRISWOLD
YEN C. GUCKEYSON
GREGORY A. HALOL
GARRET T. HAND
JULIA L. HARDYCARR
TIMOTHY E. HARMON
ERICA R. HARTS
JACOB G. HASTY
GRISELDA E. HAYWOOD
CYNTHIA R. HIEBS
CARRIE J. HOBBY
SHERRILL D. HOCKENBERRY
ROBERT D. HONTZ
NATHANIEL R. HYDES
FELTONIA M. JAMES
MARKELLY JEANPIERRE
KAMILAH M. JOHNSON
GENNELL M. KIDDER
JOSHUA A. KNAPP
KARLA L. T. KRASNOSELSKY
JOSEPH F. LABARBERA
DAVID K. LANE
RYAN T. LARSON
TODD C. LEROUX
TRACY M. LEWIS
ASHLYN LOBENBERG
JEFFREY S. MAGONE
KRISTAL N. MARTIN
MATTHEW R. MARTIN
DUSTY S. MATTHEWS
SAMUEL V. MENDOZA
CALVIN P. MILLER
MICHELLE C. MILLER
MATTHEW J. MONTGOMERY
JEFFERSON M. MOODY
LAURA E. MOODY
TYRONE NAGAPOOLLAY
REGINALD K. NG
JOHN C. NORTH
AARON M. OMLOR
MERRICK S. PETTEBONE
ELIZABETH J. FLOWMAN
RAYMOND POSEY, JR.
CARL A. POWELL
JAMES B. POWELL
ADAM M. PRESTON
NORMA C. QUICHIZJUDD
ROBERT R. RAMIREZ
REBECCA C. RAUSA
CARRIE N. RAYMOND
JAMES M. REGEIMBAL, JR.
BRIAN T. REYNOLDS
MAILE L. RICHERT
EVAN N. ROMRELL
ANNA L. ROSENDAHL
DAVID ROZOVSKI
BRIDGET I. RUIZ
WILLIAM J. RUPPEL, JR.
KRISTEN M. RUSCIO
CAMILLE P. RYANS
TRISTA J. RYNO
JOSEPH M. SANK

DAVID W. SATTERTHWAITE
DANIEL L. SCHEELER
SONNY L. SHOTWELL
CASSIE T. SIPE
ANTHONY M. SKRYPEK II
BENJAMIN H. SMITH
CHRISTOPHER J. SOWERS
PETER J. SPRENGER
LANCE STEPHENS
LINDSEY A. STOLL
AARON J. STOLL
MASHIANA L. SUTTON
MELINDA D. SWAYNE
JASON SWITZER
CARLO J. TRAVERSO
RICARDO M. TUBBS
DANIEL H. WEDEMAN, JR.
DAVID M. WOLFE
YUI Y. WONG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
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To be lieutenant commander

BROOKE T. AHLSTROM
HIROYA AKO
MICHAEL J. BATCHELLER
MATHEW R. BURDICK
KEVIN J. BURNS
CHARLIE E. CAGE
DERRICK C. CALL
TERESA A. CAPRISTO
JUSTIN J. P. CARL
DENISE CHIU
JEFFREY M. CLARK
MARK J. DEROCHE
JESSICA R. DILLON
KIM T. DO
JAMES S. FELIZ
KOBY R. FERGUSON
TYLER J. FINLAYSON
ALYSE D. FLEMING
TYLER P. FLEMING
DANIEL L. FORBES
STEPHEN W. GEORGE
JENNIFER C. GRIFFETH
ELIZABETH A. GRIFFIS
ASHLEY N. HARLEY
DUSTIN B. HAUPT
AMIE M. HEIM
RYAN A. HERSHEY
RYAN C. HOLMES
TIMOTHY W. HOWARTH
FRANCIS IM
PHILLIP A. JENKINS
TYLER R. JOHANSEN
RYAN Y. KANG
JOSHUA C. KATS
INGA M. KEITHLY
ELIZABETH A. KLANDERMAN
JONATHAN J. KOLON
MOLLY E. KOPACZ
CHRISTIAN P. LARES
GRANT R. LAYTON
KY T. LE
JAMES G. LINKOUS
MISHA F. LOCKEY
DANIELLE M. MARQUIS
RODNEY D. MARTIN
TORI A. MAYWALT
CHRISTOPHER J. MCLELLAN
P. J. MERRELL
EZRA I. MERRITT
ROBIN C. NEAL
JONATHAN B. NEGRON
MANDY M. OLSON
JUSTIN C. ORR
CHRISTOPHER R. ORTIZ
JUSTIN G. PAGE
SETH L. PERRINS
ELIZABETH A. POLAK
YAMEL A. RAMIREZ
STEVEN R. RASSI
EBONY D. REED
EDMOND REXHA
OMEED A. REZAIETIRABADI
SAMUEL I. RICHARDS
KEVIN W. RYAN
RICHARD E. SAWAYA
MATTHEW E. SEEDALL
THOMAS C. SEO
MATTHEW G. SHERBAN
SABRINA J. SINCERESOMBIE
EMILY M. SUMMERLIN
KEENAN S. SUMMERLIN
BRENT A. TIBBET
CHRISTOPHER M. TULLY
JOHN H. UPTON III
DIANE T. L. VO
JEREMY D. WANO
MARK C. WARNER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
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To be lieutenant commander

MIGUEL M. ALAMPAY
MATTHEW J. ALLRED
AMANDA C. ANTONIO
DYLAN C. ARNOLD
MICHAEL R. AUSTIN
JOSEPH T. AZZARELLO
OLEG BALTER
WILLIAM E. BARBER
HELEN M. BARNHART

NICOLE J. BEHM
AARON BERNADETTE
JOSHUA Z. BLOOMBERG
JACQUES M. BOUCHARD
JASON M. BOWIE
GREGORY E. BOWLIN
CHRISTOPHER T. BOYER
DANIEL S. BRENNAN
MICHELLE C. BRENNER
ALYSON J. BRINKER
AMBER L. BRITTAİN
LEITH I. BROWN
NATHANIEL A. BROWN
AMANDA E. BUCKNUM
AI H. T. BUI
KENNETH L. BULL
BRIAN J. BURKE
EVAN R. R. BUTLIN
JOSEPH A. CAHILL
HARRY F. CALISCH III
CARLOS H. CASAMALHUAPA
BIANCA K. CHUN
SEAMUS M. COBB
MAXWELL I. COOPER
BRANDON M. COSTELLO
GREGORY R. CZAJA
AARON A. DALEY
DANIEL J. DESANTIS
SARAH M. DOLAN
MICHAEL M. DORE
JACOB L. N. DUONG
THEODORA C. DWORAK
LAUREN K. EHRLICHMAN
CHRISTA A. EICKHOFF
JEFFREY C. EICKHOFF
KRYSTIN A. ENGELHARDT
SHAMIS FALLAH
DAVID A. FEAKER, JR.
MICHAEL J. FEDEWA, JR.
ROBERT L. FENEQUITO
ROBERT D. FILLER
MICHAEL T. FINNERN, JR.
LAURA M. FLUKE
CRAIG R. FOLSOM
BRIAN S. FORD
ANDREW J. FRISKI
JOEL A. FULKERSON
MELISSA R. GARCIA
MICHAEL C. GARDNER
JASON M. GARTON
JAIME P. GASTWIRT
MEGHAN E. GINN
SARAH C. GODWIN
JENNIFER F. GREGORY
DANIEL W. GRIFFIN
FELIPE H. GRIMALDO
CHARLES L. GROOMES IV
DARREN M. C. HALL
JOYCE N. HALL
MATTHEW T. HALL
MICHAEL C. HANN
JOSEPH P. HAPPEL
JASON M. HARDWICK
DAVID M. HARRIS
KYLE M. HARVEY
RICHARD J. HEROLD
SERGIO HICKEY
BRANDON L. HILL
DAVID H. HILL
KRISTIN A. HINE
ISAAC ILAO
CATHERINE K. IMES
SYLVESTER C. IZAH
MARICEL JACOBORUBIO
STEPHEN D. JASZKOWIAK
JEPHTHA T. JOHNSON
CHRISTIE A. JOYA
RYAN E. KACHUR
JASON A. KAISER
ALEXANDER F. KELLEY
MATTHEW W. KELLY
RICHARD A. KEMP
JEREMY R. KENISON
BRIAN J. KENNERLEY
ELIZABETH D. KERR
DANIEL KIM
THOMAS B. KINER
BRADLEY J. KINNEY
ERIC J. KOCH
KRISTA K. KOCH
JENNIFER L. KUTCHER
SEBASTIAN W. LARA
DEREK T. LARSON
PAUL R. LEWIS II
JOHN F. LINABURY
EMILY B. LIPSKY
ANDREW T. LOOMIS
MICHAEL J. LUCA, JR.
ERIC M. LUEHRS
DONOVAN L. MABE
JOSHUA W. MAJOR
SAMUEL A. MALUIL
BRITTANY B. MARSHALL
JILL K. MARTIN
JONATHAN A. MAYHEW
TARA C. MCCLUSKEY
DEBRA L. MCKEE
BRIAN E. MCKINNEY
KENNETH D. MCMANUS
NICHOLAS J. MICHOLS
ROXANNE C. MICKELSON
RYAN J. MIKAC
BENJAMIN T. MILLER
ALAN R. MINER
CESAR R. MOJICAVAZQUEZ
JEFFREY R. MOORE
JOHN B. MOORE

NATHAN A. MOSS
 KENNETH R. MOTOYAMA
 PAUL A. MOULLET
 CHRISTOPHER J. MULLIN
 JENNA N. NADOLSKY
 EDDIE E. NANCE
 SEAN L. NARDI
 MARY A. NELSON
 JOHN J. NEVIN
 JANET M. NUNN
 ROBERT M. OBRYAN
 ROBERT J. OLEJNIK
 ADAM J. OLEWNIK
 JENNIFER L. OTTINO
 MARY S. PADEN
 ERIC A. PASMAN
 RAYMON A. PATRON
 ANDREW S. PETERS
 PHILIP D. PETERSON
 GIBRAN J. PIERLUISIJOVET
 JULIE R. POLONCZYK
 CHAD R. PUSATERI
 ROBERT M. PUTKO
 CHRISTOPHER H. RENNINGER
 JEFFREY M. RICE
 JANELLE K. RILEY
 TYRONE L. ROBINSON
 REBECCA J. ROHRER
 NICHOLAS J. ROHRHOFF
 JOHN W. ROMAN
 FRANCES L. ROSARIO
 PHILIP A. ROTHBERG
 JIN O. SANDBERG
 DANIEL P. SANFORD
 ALIYE Z. SANOU
 SAMEER K. SAXENA
 STACEY S. SCHMIEDECKE
 ISAAC E. SCHWARTZ
 SAJEEWANE M. SEALES
 SARAH A. D. SEBBY
 MENA A. SHAKER
 SWAPNIL SHARMA
 BRENNAN J. SHUTT

EDMUND J. SIEBEL
 JESSICA J. SIERZCHULA
 SEAN M. SIMMONS
 ANTHONY J. SKINNER
 MEGAN E. SKINNER
 SHAWN A. SLAYTON
 RYAN L. SLOAD
 ANDREW B. SMITH
 RUTH E. SMITH
 KATHERINE A. SNYDER
 JOANNE D. SO
 RYAN D. STANCIL
 JUSTIN M. STARK
 SHARON K. STORTZ
 DAVID S. STRICKLAND
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 ANDREW J. SULLIVAN
 JOSHUA C. TATUM
 RYAN N. K. TENOLD
 CRAIG A. THOMAS
 KATIE L. TOPPING
 ANNA M. TORGESON
 BRIAN D. TRAN
 JAN M. VANGENT
 DOMINIC L. VANNIELEN
 MATTHEW C. VASQUEZ
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 JOHN D. WAGNER
 SCOTT A. WALLACE
 MARGARET H. WALTERS
 JASON M. WANG
 JASON C. WHITE
 RUSSELL P. WIER
 KENNETH R. WILLAERT
 BENJAMIN B. WILLIAMSON
 CLAY T. WINKLER
 MARK W. WIRTZ
 KATHRYN R. WOLF
 ANDREA C. WURZER
 SAMIRA ZAMANI
 ASHLEY L. ZANDER
 ZACHARY A. ZANFES

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

To be major

MEGAN L. BUSTIN

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

To be major

ROBERT M. BARCLAY

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, A CONSULAR OFFICER, AND A SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

MICHAEL ASHKOURI, OF VIRGINIA
 JILL JUPITER-JONES, OF MARYLAND
 JOHN H. PIGGOTT, OF VIRGINIA
 JEFFRIES BLUNT DE GRAFFENRIED, JR., OF FLORIDA
 OMAR ROBLES, OF CALIFORNIA

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate September 05, 2017:

THE JUDICIARY

TIMOTHY J. KELLY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RETIREMENT OF REVEREND
PHARIS D. EVANS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to recognize and honor Reverend Pharis D. Evans and to wish him well upon his retirement as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. For his 56 years of service and devotion to his congregation and to the community in Gary and beyond, Reverend Evans is to be highly commended. In his honor, two special worship services are being held at the church on Sunday, October 8, 2017 and October 15, 2017. In addition, a celebratory retirement banquet will take place at the Gary Genesis Convention Center on Friday, October 13, 2017.

Pharis Evans graduated from Haywood High School in Brownsville, Tennessee. As a young boy, his passion for theology grew from the church services he attended, and he knew early on that he was destined to be a preacher. He studied theology at Chicago Baptist Institute and continued his studies at Calumet College of Saint Joseph in Whiting. It was on the first Sunday in April 1961, when Pharis D. Evans was first selected to lead Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church. For the past 55 years, he has administered spiritual guidance to a congregation that presently serves more than 800 parishioners. Pastor Evans's impact through his spiritual teaching has been immeasurable, and those he has mentored can all attest to his generous nature. Throughout the years, he has been a tireless advocate for his church and the community. Since 1963, Pastor Evans has coordinated and maintained Radio Broadcast Outreach Ministry. From 2009 to the present, he has also served as "Spiritual Advisor" for the Baptist Ministers Conference of Gary and Vicinity, and in 2008, he was awarded the prestigious community service Drum Major Award by the Gary Frontiers Service Club. Additionally, Pastor Evans has served as President and Vice President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention for the state of Indiana and been a chaplain for the Gary Police Department. A passionate and proven leader, Pastor Evans has provided counsel for many young ministers in search of guidance and direction. For his selfless devotion to aiding those in need of spiritual guidance, Pastor Evans is to be commended.

Reverend Evans's exceptional dedication to the church and to his community is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He and his beloved late wife, Ann, raised five wonderful children (one deceased). Reverend Evans is also a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather.

I am privileged to call Pastor Evans my friend. More importantly, Reverend Pharis D.

Evans has been a friend to all, the epitome of what we consider a Man of God. He is a man of service who has led a life we should all seek to emulate. His vision, his work, and his spirit have provided all of us with a guide to an improved and gentler future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Pastor Evans on his retirement as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church. His fifty-six years of complete dedication, leadership, and selfless service to others is truly inspiring. I ask that you join me in congratulating him and wishing him well upon his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 2ND ANNUAL
NICK'S RIDE FOR HEAL

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2nd annual Nick's Ride for the Heroin Epidemic Action League (HEAL) of Cayuga County.

The Heroin Epidemic Action League is a local organization in Cayuga County whose mission is to promote awareness of the deadly dangers of heroin and drug addiction. In its second year, Nick's Ride for HEAL honors the life of Nick Campagnola, who lost his struggle with heroin addiction in December 2015 at the young age of 20.

The motorcycle ride and block party supports the important efforts of HEAL, including providing a meeting space for those struggling with addiction, funding Nick's Underdog Scholarships, and supporting other organizations with complementary missions.

I am proud to recognize the important efforts of the Heroin Epidemic Action League of Cayuga County to combat the heroin and synthetic drug epidemic that is plaguing Central New York and the rest of the country. By remembering Nick Campagnola with this outstanding community event, it is my hope that we can one day put an end to this deadly epidemic.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOWDEN
CENTER DEDICATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Bowden Center in Keller, Texas on Sunday, August 20, 2017. This space was generously donated by Don Bowden and the late Linda Bowden, and

now is operated by the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation. The Bowden Center is an event space that will allow local charities and schools to hold functions, as well as host weddings and other social gatherings.

All profits from the Bowden Center will go to the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation, which will direct the funds back into the community through charities the club supports. Through the generosity of the Bowdens, the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation will have sustained opportunities to enrich the Keller community.

This building and its dedication pay tribute to Linda Bowden, a very special leader in our Keller community, who passed away in May 2017. This building honors her legacy, and furthers her life work of giving back to others. From her years at the PTA to this year, she never stopped seeking out ways to help others. The dedication of this space is a fitting tribute to thank Linda Bowden for her generosity, not just with the new Bowden Center, but all she did for the people in Keller, Texas. We are grateful to Don and Linda Bowden, and look forward to using this space to honor their spirit of generosity and further support the good work achieved by the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. St. Joseph's Catholic Church is the oldest Catholic parish in the city of Hamilton, Ohio and has served as a uniting force in the community since its founding. In the 1800s, Ohio was home to many German and British Catholics who sought refuge in America after having fled religious persecution in Europe. Due to differences in their national origin and their language, English and German Catholics attended separate services. At the time of its founding in 1867, the church was known as a "German Catholic Church," but through shared faith and the passing of time, these differences faded.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church continues to be a pillar of the community as a school, community center, and as a place of worship. Today, St. Joseph's Catholic Church stands as a testament to the uniting power of faith in our communities both historically and in the present. I applaud St. Joseph's Catholic Church for its 150 years of service to Hamilton, Ohio.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR DR. VIDYA KORA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Indian Medical Association of Northwest Indiana, which will host its 36th Annual Gala on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at the Halls of Saint George in Schererville, Indiana. The Indian Medical Association of Northwest Indiana has always been an outstanding asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana while focusing on compassion for others, improving patient care, and lighting the way for change.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Indian Medical Association will present the Lifetime Achievement Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, and my good friend, Dr. Vidya Kora. For his outstanding contributions to his community, he is to be commended.

As a young boy in India, Vidya Kora's passion for his field emerged, leading him toward a lifetime of service in the medical community. It was after completing his studies at Gandhi Medical School in Hyderabad, India, in 1978, that Dr. Kora came to the United States. He completed his internship at Edgewater Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, followed by his residency in internal medicine at Chicago's Cook County Hospital. Dr. Kora was selected to serve as chief resident from January to July of 1986. Upon completion, he joined the team at the Marion VA Medical Center in Marion, Illinois, where he served our nation's veterans.

Dr. Kora's remarkable résumé reflects not only his profession but also his devotion to public service. As a member of the Indiana Medical Association, he has served on its Commission on Legislation, as both Vice-Speaker and Speaker of its House of Delegates, and as the President of the Indiana State Medical Association from 2006 to 2007. He is also a current delegate to the American Medical Association. A tireless advocate for the improvement of his community, Dr. Kora is also a board member for Unity Foundation of LaPorte County and chairs the Northern Indiana Regional Board of the Franciscan Alliance. He has further served the residents of Michigan City and LaPorte County in numerous capacities. He has been a board member for the Michigan City Area Schools and served two terms as LaPorte County Coroner, while also completing two terms as LaPorte County Democratic Chairman. Dr. Kora has continued to seek an improved quality of life for his community while in his second term as LaPorte County Commissioner. As a public servant, Dr. Kora has always sought the betterment of our nation's health care system, so it is no surprise that he is also very active in the American Medical Association and Board of Indiana Medicine's political action committees.

Dr. Kora's passion for medicine and commitment to the people he serves is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. Dr. Kora and his loving wife, Sudha, have one daughter, Shilpa, and one son, Rishi, both of whom are physicians specializing in internal

medicine and have made their parents very proud as they follow in their father's footsteps.

Dr. Kora is committed to his family, to improving the lives of the patients he treats, and serving selflessly to enhance the quality of life of all those who live in Northwest Indiana. His is a life we should all seek to emulate. It is an honor to call Dr. Vidya Kora my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Indian Medical Association of Northwest Indiana, as well as this year's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Dr. Vidya Kora, for their outstanding contributions to the medical field, as well as to their communities and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States is truly inspirational, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

IN HONOR OF SIRVART
HOVNANIAN ON THE OCCASION
OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SAINT STEPANOS ARMENIAN AP-
OSTOLIC CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Sirvart Hovnanian as she is honored by Saint Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church in Elberon, New Jersey with an award to be presented by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian. I would also like to join with the Saint Stepanos parish in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the church and marking the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Armenian parish in Elberon.

The Saint Mary Church parish in Elberon began 60 years ago, with 25 members worshipping during summer services. As the Armenian population in the area continued to grow, Kevork and Sirvart Hovnanian saw a need for a larger and rejuvenated place of worship. Born of the vision and philanthropic support of the Hovnanians, Saint Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church stands on the site of the former Saint Mary Church. Saint Stepanos was consecrated on June 14, 1987 and the church hall was named "Kevork and Sirvart Hovnanian Hall" in honor of the benefactors.

Sirvart Hovnanian is a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and carries on the philanthropic spirit she shared with her husband. Sirvart, along with her late husband, has always recognized the meaning of generosity and has spent her life working to make a difference in the world. An esteemed member of the Armenian community and a passionate philanthropist, Sirvart has been a supporter and partner in the many charitable endeavors undertaken along with her late husband, including the establishment of The Fund for Armenian Relief following the country's 1988 earthquake, the building of the Alton A. Hovnanian Emergency Care Center at River-view Medical Center, and the donation of the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing Saint

Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church, the Armenian parish of Elberon and Sirvart Hovnanian for their continued support of the Armenian people and culture. I know that I join with all who know Sirvart in expressing my sincere gratitude for her warm and giving nature and her immeasurable contributions to our community.

HONORING MS. DOROTHY SHIELDS

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and achievements of Ms. Dorothy Shields who was a tireless advocate for the community of Red Hook, Brooklyn.

As a resident and community advocate, Ms. Shields played numerous roles in bettering the lives of Red Hook's citizens. As Resident Association President of Red Hook Houses East for 37 years, she was a voice for tenants' rights and many of the most vulnerable community members. As an advocate for community development and job creation, Ms. Shields was instrumental in luring new businesses to Red Hook.

Ms. Shields was also a dedicated public servant who spent time working for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) as a community service aide and for the New York City Board of Education as a paraprofessional.

The mother of six children, all of whom attended school in Red Hook, Ms. Shields passed along values of public service to her children, who went on to work in city services including NYCHA and the New York City Police Department. We mourn her passing and cherish her legacy.

HONORING COACH ROBERT
HUGHES' NAISMITH MEMORIAL
BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME IN-
DUCTION

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Robert Hughes, local Fort Worth legend, for helping to bridge the divide of the segregated college basketball community in Texas and for his commitment to developing all-star athletes on and off the court.

Robert Hughes was born May 15, 1928 as the youngest of five brothers. A phenomenal man who served our country during the Korean War, Coach Hughes is widely recognized for his successful basketball career. Hughes played college basketball at Texas Southern University. In 1955, he was drafted to the Boston Celtics, but instead played for the Harlem Magicians. During his time with the Harlem Magicians, Coach Hughes ruptured his Achilles tendon and began his legendary coaching career.

From 1958 to 1973, Hughes coached the then-segregated Fort Worth I.M. Terrell High School basketball team, with an astonishing record of 378–84. The I.M. Terrell team played in the Prairie View Interscholastic League

(PVIL). Hughes won three PVIL championships and placed second during two more tournaments during his time at Terrell. When public schools desegregated in 1973, I.M. Terrell was closed and Hughes forged an impressive career at Fort Worth Dunbar High School.

Coach Hughes remained at Fort Worth Dunbar until he retired in 2005 with an astonishing overall career record of 1,333–264. He had the most wins in the entire nation until recently when Coach Leta Andrews surpassed his record. During his 47 seasons at Dunbar, Coach Hughes led his teams to victory while also transforming the lives of thousands of students. As a coach, he broke the racial divide and bridged the gap between communities. For 50 years, the Southwest Conference denied entry to African-American high school athletes. Coach Hughes navigated around the prejudiced policies and created relationships with the Big Ten, Pacific 8 and Missouri Valley Conferences so that all of his players could be offered the same opportunities as their white counterparts.

In February 2015, Coach Hughes' career was commemorated in a feature-length documentary about his career called "Relentless". The film captured the accomplishments of Hughes and his impact on the Texas basketball community.

Today, we recognize Robert Hughes for his induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Coach Hughes will join the more than three hundred inductees in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and finally inducted during the weekend of September 7, 2017.

I honor Coach Robert Hughes, a pillar of the Fort Worth and Texas athletic community.

IN HONOR OF RUTH HYMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ruth Hyman, who was recently honored by Congregation Brothers of Israel in Long Branch, New Jersey for her contributions to the synagogue and the greater community.

Throughout Ms. Hyman's long and vibrant life, she has maintained her mission to serve the community. Her work and generosity have been recognized by many awards and tributes over the years and it is my honor to join with Congregation Brothers of Israel in lauding her achievements and philanthropy.

The daughter of Ida and David Hyman who were founding members of Congregation Brothers of Israel, Ruth Hyman has a strong connection to the synagogue and remains an active member. Ms. Hyman's commitment to the Jewish community extends beyond Congregation Brothers of Israel with her support of Hadassah, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family and Children's Service and the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group's Judaic pastoral care hospice program, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Ruth Hyman for her immeasurable contributions to the community. Ms. Hyman's tireless efforts and dedication to philanthropy are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RETIREMENT OF MR. MARCUS W. MALCZEWSKI, SR.

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to recognize Mr. Marcus W. Malczewski, Sr. and to wish him well upon his retirement from his position as Lake County Highway Superintendent. Mr. Malczewski's fifty-five years of service to the people of Lake County are to be commended. In honor of Marcus's lifetime of service, a surprise retirement celebration was held on Thursday, August 31, 2017, at Gamba Ristorante in Merrillville, Indiana.

Marcus W. Malczewski was born in 1937 and raised in Gary, Indiana. After graduating from high school, he worked in construction in Alaska, which had not yet obtained its statehood. Marc went on to attend Indiana University before beginning his career as a driver for the Lake County Highway Department in 1962. Two years later, he transferred to the engineering department. In 1982, Marc was appointed assistant superintendent, a position he held until 1993, before being named superintendent of the Lake County Highway Department.

Throughout his remarkable fifty-five-year career, Marc has been an outstanding leader and helped build an economy in Northwest Indiana. Among his many accomplishments, Marc directed the repair and improvement of more than 1,000 miles of roads and over 100 bridges. Throughout the years, Mr. Malczewski worked to ensure a safe work environment, providing a plethora of assistance for all highway employees. Given his concerns for employee safety and to maximize their efficiency, Marc developed and implemented a program designed to test the skills of drivers and operators. Also, he oversaw the installation of GPS systems in all department automobiles, trucks, and powered equipment. He continued to implement new products and techniques for maintenance and construction and developed a positive relationship between the highway department and other county agencies. For his unwavering dedication to public service, Marcus Malczewski is worthy of the highest praise.

Marc's excellence in his field is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. He and his beloved late wife, Marilyn, have three wonderful children, seven grandchildren, and three adoring great-grandchildren, with three more on the way.

I am honored to call Marc Malczewski my friend. We should all be blessed with such wonderful friendships. More importantly, Marc has been a friend to all, a gentleman in the truest sense of that word, and the epitome of a public servant. His is a life we should all seek to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in honoring Marcus W. Malczewski, Sr. for his lifetime of leadership and service to the community. His fifty-five years of exceptional devotion and continuous efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of Lake County is truly admirable. I ask that you join me in congratulating him and wishing him well upon his retirement.

IN HONOR OF KENDRA LEE MURRAY ADAMS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kendra Lee Murray Adams, who passed away on July 30, 2017 at the age of 39, following a brave battle with cancer. Originally from Pennsylvania, Kendra attended Gettysburg College, where she majored in political science. Upon graduation, her passion for politics brought her to Washington, D.C. and placed her on a bright and fulfilling career path.

I am speaking today because I had the good fortune of being a stop along that path. Kendra served as my scheduler and office manager when I first came to Congress in 2005. I've had many fine and dedicated staff members during my time in public service, and Kendra stands out among them. At a time when I was learning the protocols and procedure of this great institution, this blonde bombshell immersed herself in the details, and in many ways, was the heart of the operation. She embodied the essence of grace under fire, there was no need, demand, or logistical crisis that could ruffle her feathers. She would simply execute and make the whole process look effortless.

That, in and of itself, was exemplary. But Kendra was integral to our office family beyond that. She was a den mother of sorts on one hand, and she was our comedic relief and levity on the other. She was the kind of person one comes to rely on not only professionally, but also to soothe the soul. She left my office to work for my friend and colleague, the legendary Charlie Rangel, when he served as Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, and I know he joins me in saluting the public service, and indeed the life, of Kendra Adams, who was taken from us, far too soon.

Kendra was a privilege to know, a fantastic and dedicated worker with a terrific heart, whether serving with Horton's kids or just helping a friend through a tough time. Whether you knew her for years or just met her, you got the best of her from minute one.

In words written before her death, Kendra urged those she loved to not mourn but rather to "live life, go to the beach, go rock climbing, and skydiving. Do the things you want to do!" That exemplifies her spirit, her courage, and her life.

My heart, prayers, and condolences go out to Kendra's family, including her son, daughter, husband, father and sister, who were her pride and greatest joy.

HONORING SAMUEL HUGH
MATTHEWS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor long-time newspaper editor and community member, Samuel Hugh Matthews, who announced his retirement after more than 60 years of service.

After serving in the United States Army, Mr. Matthews devoted himself to a career in the newspaper business. He started at the Tracy Press in 1957 and quickly became co-publisher in 1964, transitioning to editor in 1967. When it was sold to Golden State Publishing Co. in 2012, Sam remained on staff as a columnist and reporter. His extensive commitment to reporting in his community and his devout integrity made him fundamental to the success of the Tracy Press.

Throughout Sam's years of accomplishments and experiences, he has had the loving support of his wife, children, and grandchildren. In addition, Mr. Matthews has been recognized numerous times, both locally and statewide, for his service and philanthropy.

During his career, Sam displayed an avid commitment to his community through various positions in local activities and newspaper organizations. His unwavering dedication to the community extends beyond his impressive news career and his work as a civic servant.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Samuel Hugh Matthews for his many years of service, devotion, and outstanding contributions to his community. We wish him continued success in his retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF NEW ORLEANS FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPERATOR GREGORY J.
HOWARD, SR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of New Orleans Fire Department Operator Gregory "G" Joseph Howard, Sr., a New Orleans, Louisiana native, who passed away on August 26, 2017 at the age of 36.

Mr. Howard was born on October 20, 1980 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was raised in the 7th Ward and graduated from Sarah T. Reed High School in 1999. He was a nine year veteran of the New Orleans Fire Department. He spent most of his career with the fire department at the Engine 6 station on Old Gentilly Road, in the Desire neighborhood.

Mr. Howard went to Memphis, Tennessee, with his colleagues, to compete in the Memphis Finest Hoops Fest basketball tournament for first responders and law enforcement. While out with some of his colleagues after the first set of games, Mr. Howard was struck by a stray bullet and died instantly.

Mr. Howard loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We can-

not match the sacrifices made by Mr. Howard, but surely we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Operator Gregory "G" Joseph Howard, Sr. survivors include his wife Dominique Howard, two sons: Gregory J. Howard, Jr. and Dillion J. Howard; his parents: June Howard and Gregory Newman, Sr., his sister Brittney Howard, a host of siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Operator Gregory "G" Joseph Howard, Sr. a beloved husband, father, and son.

GRADUATE FEEDER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

HON. AL LAWSON, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, many students have the aspiration to further their education with graduate school, but do not have the means to enroll. Florida A&M University provides qualified students with an opportunity to further their education through the Graduate Feeder Scholars Program (GFSP).

The success of the Graduate Feeder Scholars Program has enabled Florida A&M University to lead the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the number of students who acquire post-graduate degrees.

The program is celebrating 30 years of excellence at this year's 2017 Graduate Feeder Scholars Conference, which will take place Wednesday, September 6 through Friday, September 8, on FAMU's campus. I would like to commend everyone who has worked tirelessly and diligently in making sure our children have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and advance their education.

It is time to expand the Feeder Scholars program to more HBCU's and I know Florida A&M is ready to assist in the process.

I am proud to support this wonderful program and acknowledge Florida A&M's hard work over the years. Again, congratulations on 30 successful years and to many more to come.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARKTOWN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I recognize the 100th anniversary of the historic neighborhood of Marktown in East Chicago, Indiana. In honor of this special occasion, the Marktown Centennial Celebration was held at the Marktown Community Center Park on August 19, 2017. Events included a remarkable exhibit, "Marktown—The First 100 Years," as well as a walking tour of this noteworthy community.

In 1917, Marktown was constructed by Clayton Mark and designed in the English Tudor Revival style by renowned architect Howard

Van Doren Shaw. The neighborhood was built as a planned housing community for the people who worked at Mark Manufacturing, one of the first mills along Indiana's shoreline. Marktown is largely known for its distinctive design in which the cars are parked on the sidewalks and the streets are purposed for pedestrian walkways. While only part of the original design was built, the community met the needs of the American workforce and their families in the Indiana Harbor. The concept of Marktown is truly innovative and a shining example of American ingenuity in the early part of the 20th century. In 1975, the community was added to the National Register of Historic Places, capturing Marktown's historical and cultural significance from the industrial growth period in the Calumet Region. The importance of the Marktown neighborhood contributes to the history and culture of Northwest Indiana and our nation.

Today, the residents of Marktown, as well as the members of the Marktown Preservation Society and its president, Paul Myers, focus their efforts upon the preservation of the historic homes in this community. The people who live in Marktown today are very proud and protective of their neighborhood. Many of the residents descend from generations of family members who grew up in Marktown, and they continue to fight for the restoration and preservation of this unique community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating the historic neighborhood of Marktown on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. The Marktown historic community is a significant piece of the region's past and will always be remembered and admired. The commitment to preservation and the unwavering dedication of the Marktown residents and members of the Marktown Preservation Society, and Paul Myers are truly admirable, and they are worthy of the highest praise.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO DESIGNATE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS AN EMPOWERMENT ZONE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to instruct the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to deem areas within the District of Columbia as empowerment zones. This bill would effectively reauthorize the tax incentives for business investment in the District, which expired in 2011, yet are timelier than ever today. These were the only tax incentives for a big city that were not extended, even though they were initially created by Republicans, with a few Democrats. The wisdom of these bipartisan, modest, targeted tax incentives has been amply and visibly demonstrated in the economic resurgence in many parts of the nation's capital. However, the D.C. tax incentives were cut off before the poorest neighborhoods were ready to make use of them.

Congress has recognized that the benefits of incentives for investment in economically

distressed communities outweigh their costs as it has continually extended the national empowerment zone program. The positive effects of the D.C. tax incentives are apparent throughout the city. Among the most visible are the vibrant area around the Verizon Center, which is now surrounded by offices, restaurants and nightlife, and the Penn Quarter neighborhood, which had limited residential, commercial, and retail spaces and is now a popular mixed-use neighborhood. Before the business tax incentives, the city found it difficult to retain, much less attract, businesses. However, one of the business tax incentives enabled the city government to issue more than \$155 million in tax-exempt bonds on behalf of for-profit and non-profit entities for capital projects.

The federal government's decision to build facilities in the District's poorest ward, Ward 8, lays the groundwork for revitalization there. The new headquarters for the U.S. Coast Guard is now open in Southeast D.C. in the city's lowest income ward, the first in a complex of buildings Congress has authorized for the federally-owned West Campus of the St. Elizabeths Hospital. The tax incentives, particularly in areas where the federal government is expanding, as it did in NoMa, have demonstrated that they can revitalize such neighborhoods. Withdrawing the D.C. incentives, particularly after they had proven to be effective in other areas of the city, left the nation's capital with essentially half of a revival, and was tragically timed just as the lower-income parts of the District, which need the incentives most, are ready for redevelopment.

Except for having no representation in the Senate, there is no good reason why the D.C. tax incentives were not extended like those of similar cities. Like the fiscal health of many other cities, the District's overall fiscal health has improved since the tax incentives were established in 1997, but not in the poorest wards and in neighborhood pockets elsewhere. The incentives are particularly indispensable for ensuring that lower-income areas of the city are part of the city's economic progress. It would be tragic to continue to single out the nation's capital as the only empowerment zone not to be renewed just as the eastern, low-income sections of the city are about to develop. As essential as the federal incentives have been, their costs have been de minimis compared to the measurable benefits they have demonstrated they can generate.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

SIXTH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. McEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church was founded in 1867 by the Reverend John Jasper in an abandoned confederate horse stable on Brown's Island, along the shores of the James River. Credited as the first church in Richmond organized by an African-American preacher, it relocated to its current space in downtown Richmond in 1869.

Jasper's charismatic ministry drew increasingly large crowds, and his sermon "De Sun

Do Move" became well-known both in the United States and internationally. His speaking talents and powerful faith brought flocks of black and white Richmonders alike to the church, listening and celebrating together.

Six more pastors have led Sixth Mount Zion during its long history, including Dr. Augustus Walter who served for over forty-three years until his death in 1967. Greatly admired for his leadership and faithful dedication, Dr. Walter was instrumental in defending the church from destruction when Interstate 95 was built in downtown Richmond in 1957.

Sixth Mount Zion is one of the nation's pioneers in the field of religious historic preservation, and opened its John Jasper Memorial Room and Museum in January 1926. It contains bibles, books, paintings, clothing, ceremonial artifacts, and furniture from the church's rich history. Among these items are a golden bust of Jasper made in 1904, a rare stone from Mount Zion in Jerusalem, and a quilt commemorating the church's 130th anniversary.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has recognized the church's rich history with two highway markers—one at the church site and another in Fluvanna County near John Jasper's birthplace. Residing within the historic Jackson Ward District, the church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. In 2004, the Richmond City Council honored the church with a special designation as a local "historic district" encompassing the 3 acres of land on which it stands, the only black church in Richmond to receive this distinction.

For 150 years, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church has been a central institution in Richmond and Virginia, supporting its members and the wider community through growth and hardship. It has addressed the social concerns of the city's residents, and was one of the first black churches to have an organized charity with a staff social worker to administer to the indigent of the city. It continues to assist individuals and families with the resources necessary to overcome obstacles that prevent them from achieving personal, social, and economic goals.

JOSEPH R. D'ARCO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Joseph R. D'Arco, whose family and friends celebrated his 80th birthday on August 31, 2017.

Joseph R. D'Arco was born on August 31, 1937, at Passaic General Hospital. As a child, he was raised in Clifton's Historic Botany Village and attended the Clifton Public Schools. In 1957, Joseph volunteered to join the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1959.

In 1961, Joseph joined the Clifton Fire Department. For the first half of Joseph's fire career, he graciously worked two jobs in order to provide for his four sons—Joseph, Michael, Steven, and David—to have the opportunity to attend private schools. During his 34-year journey with the Department, Joseph ascended through the ranks, and inspired many people,

earning him the Clifton Jaycees' Fireman of the Year Award. During his tenure as Deputy Chief, Joseph served as the Department's Administrative Officer, his first assignment away from the streets of Clifton. Joseph represented Clifton with Passaic County's Mutual Aid and was additionally an instructor at the Passaic County Fire Academy. Joseph always kept the best interest of his men and the department in mind, which gained him the respect of his men and city officials.

During his working term with the Clifton Fire Department, Joseph received his Bachelors of Fire Science from Jersey City State College. Furthermore, he taught as an Adjunct Professor of Fire Science at Passaic County Community College to give back to the educational forum.

One of the greatest examples of Joseph's passion for ensuring the safety of our public servicemen is advocating for legislation that would allow E.M.T.s the use of portable defibrillation units. This piece of legislation passed, allowing the use of these units to become widespread throughout the state and now the country. The passing of this legislation has significantly helped save countless lives, which is ultimately Joseph's foremost concern.

Joseph and his wife, Patricia, currently reside in St. Lucie, Florida. Even during his retirement, Joseph continues his service for his community, remaining an active life member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, as well as the Clifton Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association. Joseph is also notably a member of both the Board of Directors for Deborah Heart and Lung Center since 1995, and the Deborah Hospital Foundation Board of Directors since 2002. He has continued to be a conscientious advocate for healthcare, spreading the word of Deborah's cardiac testing for First Responders, an initiative of "A Gift from Captain Buscio" program.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving the people. Joseph's commitment to public service is truly commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues to celebrate the 80th birthday of Joseph R. D'Arco, in which we can appreciate his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMLINE CHURCH DINING HALL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 120th Anniversary of the Hamline United Methodist Church Dining Hall at the Minnesota State Fair.

As one of the nation's oldest state fairs, and the largest state fair by attendance, Minnesota's "Great Get-Together" attracts nearly 2 million people each year over its annual 12-day run. Over the years, countless fairgoers have satisfied their hunger for good food and fellowship at the Hamline United Methodist Church Dining Hall. The 2017 fair, which just

wrapped up yesterday, marked a truly special milestone for the dining hall.

Beginning in 1897, a group of women from the Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church Ladies Aid Society decided to raise money for their congregation by hopping in the back of a church member's coal wagon and heading to the Minnesota State Fair to sell sandwiches they had made in their basement. Thus began a great ritual of feeding fairgoers that has continued through two World Wars, the Great Depression, and dramatic demographic changes in Minnesota.

Throughout its 120 years, Hamline Methodist Church has served meals from various locations on the fairgrounds. Its current home site was purchased from the East Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Church of Saint Paul in 1944. That building was replaced by the current building in 1968, with an addition added in 1983 to accommodate its increasing popularity.

While the physical venue of the dining hall has changed over the years, the heart of the operation has remained its volunteers. Every year more than 60 volunteer servers and food prep workers a day fill over 700 shifts. There, they prepare and serve its signature Hamline Ham Loaf, Swedish Meatballs, famous breakfasts, and bottomless cups of coffee. Delicious food has brought together generations of Minnesotans and other visitors from across the country. It also helped to fund reconstruction of the Church's sanctuary on Englewood Avenue in Saint Paul, after a Christmastime fire destroyed it in 1925. The dining hall remains popular with fairgoers because it offers a place to take a break, sit down, and use real silverware and a plate rather than just food on a stick.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this proud Minnesota State Fair tradition. I wish the congregation of Hamline United Methodist Church all the best as they plan for the next 120 years of hospitality at the Hamline United Methodist Church Dining Hall.

HONORING CAPTAIN RICHARD A. KIBBEY AND THE AIRMEN ABOARD THE JOLLEY GREEN 05

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, to recognize POW/MIA Day, on September 15, 2017, the Department of the Air Force, 920th Rescue Squadron, will honor the life and sacrifices of Captain Richard A. Kibbey, MIA, by presenting his Dog Tags to his surviving family at Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, FL.

Captain Kibbey was one of four aircrew members aboard the HH-3E helicopter, call sign JOLLEY GREEN 05, on a mission to rescue downed pilot Captain Lucius L. Heiskell. On February 6, 1967, despite poor weather and limited visibility, Kibbey and his crew succeeded in picking up Captain Heiskell, but they were hit repeatedly by 37mm AAA fire. The burning HH-3E flew for about a mile before colliding head-on with a limestone cliff.

Of the five men aboard JOLLEY GREEN 05, only one survived—pararescueman Dwayne Hackney, who was found after the incident. The other four airmen were designated

as Missing in Action: Major Patrick H. Wood, pilot, MIA; Captain Richard A. Kibbey, copilot, MIA; SSgt Donald J. Hall, flight engineer, MIA; and Captain Lucius L. Heiskell, O-1F pilot, MIA.

Although the four men were carried in MIA status for some years, an Air Force review board ultimately determined that all available evidence indicated that they had died in the crash. Captain Kibbey's Dog Tags were recently discovered near the accident site by a local farmer and were transferred to the U.S. authorities.

Captain Kibbey and the crew of the JOLLY GREEN 05, including Captain Heiskell, laid their lives down on the altar of freedom for the benefit of our nation and our way of life. Posthumously, for his actions, Captain Kibbey was promoted to Colonel and awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. On behalf of the United States Congress I would like to express my sincere appreciation for their sacrifices. At my request, on August 30, 2017, the Architect of the Capitol flew the United States Flag over our Capitol Building to further honor the sacrifices of Captain Richard A. Kibbey and his crew.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these brave airmen, and their families, for their commitment to serving our nation and protecting our freedom.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN GILROY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize—and say farewell—to a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce staff who has dedicated more than 20 years of public service to the People's House.

Edwin Gilroy began his congressional career on the staff of former Congressman Rod Chandler of Washington, and he would then go on to serve as Professional Staff Member for the Committee. But most of us know Ed for his nearly 16 years of service as the Committee's Director of Workforce Policy.

It was in this capacity Ed led our efforts to expand access to affordable health care for small business employees; provide moms and dads more flexibility in the workplace; protect the rights of workers and employers; and hold officials accountable for how our nation's health and safety laws are enforced.

Ed has also had a remarkable impact on policies affecting the retirement security of working families. He was instrumental in our bipartisan efforts to strengthen the defined benefit pension system with passage of the Pension Protection Act in 2006, and again with enactment under President Obama of the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act in 2014. And he has played a vital role in ensuring all Americans have access to affordable retirement advice.

He has guided us through countless hearings, markups, floor debates, field hearings, member briefings, round-table discussions, and stakeholder meetings, and through it all, he has been a trusted adviser, dedicated public servant, distinguished colleague, and an invaluable member of our Committee family.

Ed Gilroy, on behalf of my colleagues, we are deeply grateful for his many years of serv-

ice to the American people and the U.S. House of Representatives, and we wish him all the best in the years ahead.

**20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SOJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I recognize the Sojourner Truth House as the organization celebrates its 20th anniversary. In honor of this special occasion, the Sojourner Truth House will host an open house followed by a celebration mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels on September 16, 2017. The organization will then conclude its day of celebration with a reception at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Sojourner Truth House, a not-for-profit organization located in Gary, Indiana, serves an average of 2,092 homeless and at-risk women and children per month. The outstanding and compassionate employees and volunteers at the Sojourner Truth House assist and encourage their clients to regain their dignity and sense of purpose for themselves, their children, and their communities. The organization's dedication to its four core values—Openness to the Spirit, Community, Simplicity, and Dignity and Respect for all—fosters a safe environment for their clients to identify and overcome the barriers in their lives. Clients are provided with access to resources, classes, counseling, and various activities aimed at healing the mind, body, and spirit. Among the organization's numerous and important contributions, the Sojourner Truth House has clothed over 2,000 clients and has provided meals for nearly 15,000 people in need. Clients of the Sojourner Truth House share their appreciation for the warm, welcoming assistance they receive at the Sojourner Truth House, which only further reinforces the positive and lasting impact the organization has on the community of Gary and the entirety of Northwest Indiana. Recently, they have become a special limited partner in the Village of Hope, a 40-unit apartment building for homeless individuals and families with mental illness and/or addiction.

I would like to take time to mention some of the inspiring leaders in Northwest Indiana who have worked with the Sojourner Truth House to bring about positive, impactful change and to inspire the community. They include Executive Director Sister Peg Spindler, Chairwoman Judith Stanton, and the rest of the current Board of Directors: Leo Barron, Regina Biddings-Muro, Susan Cohen, Denise Dillard, James Donovan, Sister Michele Dvorak, Mike Gluszewski, Jason Griffin, Roxanne Morton, Sister Cathy Schwemer, Vickey Sultzman, Michelle Taylor, Scott Yahne and Pamela Ytri. I am also grateful for the sponsorship of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, who work tirelessly to spread the goodwill and hope the Sojourner Truth House exudes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Sojourner Truth House on its 20th anniversary. For the past 20 years, the staff and leadership have touched the lives

of countless individuals through their unwavering commitment to those in need. The ministry is both a beacon of hope and a network of support for so many and serves as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING THE FORT WORTH ASSOCIATION OF FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUBS 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fort Worth Association of Federated Women's Clubs (FWAFWC) for its 100 years of service to Fort Worth and the greater Tarrant County community.

The FWAFWC was founded in 1917 with Mrs. Fannie Mae Connally-Winn serving as the first president of the organization. Mrs. Winn created the organization because she wanted the "colored" women of Fort Worth to have the opportunity to be known for their service throughout the community. The organization has lived up to its founding mission and grown substantially over the decades.

The FWAFWC continues its commitment to ensuring that African-American women are aware of their civic duties, social issues in the community, family health matters, and the importance of educating youth for a better future. As part of their mission, FWAFWC members volunteer for the Annual Prom Dress Give Away each year and collect hundreds of donated items for local high school girls.

Additionally, FWAFWC has sponsored an annual cotillion for over 10 years, which provides young ladies with the skills to be successful later in life. The Cotillion also serves as a scholarship fundraiser event aimed at empowering young women to pursue their higher education aspirations. Along with volunteering throughout the community, the group makes monetary donations to numerous local charities and community service organizations throughout the year, including a \$500 college scholarship to graduating African American high school seniors.

I honor the Fort Worth Association of Federated Women's Clubs and its century of service to the Fort Worth and Tarrant County community.

RECOGNIZING BRUNO VIDAL

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Bruno Vidal, as he retires after 25 years of law enforcement service.

Det. Vidal began his law enforcement career in 1992 as a Police Officer with New York City's Finest, the NYPD. In 1993 he was assigned to the 90th Precinct in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. In 1995, he joined the Community Patrol Officer Program (CPOP). A program designed to promote collaborative problem solving efforts between the community and police

department. This program enabled Det. Vidal to patrol a dedicated geographic location within the community where he successfully worked with residents in identifying areas with serious quality of life conditions. As the CPOP Officer, his approach, mannerism and ability to communicate with the public, young and older, was instrumental in fortifying the trust between the 90th Precinct and the greater community.

This achievement led to his appointment as the precinct's Community Affairs Officer. In this capacity, he worked extensively within Williamsburg community. Det. Vidal established strong relationships with schools, faith-based and local organizations, small businesses, housing leaders and elected officials. He has earned numerous awards and the respect of the community and members of the service. In 2007 he was promoted to the well-deserved rank of Detective. And in 2015, he earned the new rank of Detective Specialist 2nd grade.

For twenty-five years, Det. Bruno Vidal has been an exemplary role model and dedicated public servant who served with pride and honor. I am proud to know and have worked with him on local issues. He is a loyal representative of New York's Finest. I also want to thank his family, Mrs. Arisleida Vidal-Abreu and their three children Matthew, Carolyn and Adam for supporting his career. Please join me in saluting Detective Bruno Vidal from the 90th Precinct in New York City.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEW CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oaths of citizenship on Friday, August 11, 2017. This memorable occasion, presided over by Magistrate Judge John E. Martin, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On August 11, 2017, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Feda Izzedin Aljobeh, Mahmoud Ibrahim Almakharza, Mosa Maher Awad, Roberto Barraza, Manuel de Jesus Castaneda, Maria Arminde de Leon, Jose Jorge Garcia, Lucio Chan Gudmalin, Wendy Lane Harris, Nora Ibrahim, Delia Ruiz, Ma Olivia Avila de Torres, Eduardo Torres, Victor Hugo Vargas Sanchez, Jose Jesus Vargas, Cayetano Ontiveros Rodriguez, Silvia Andrea Alvarez, Guijuan Niu, Shanqin Chen, Hamida Brkovic, Eric Kwadwo Ofori, Ling Zhou, Jose Luis Castro Vazquez, Julio Alvarez Gonzalez,

Hong Tuyet Thi Nguyen, Juana Irma Diez de Sollano Garcia, Ruth Mwhaki Chege, Jose Martin Hernandez, Hannah Rose Babbini, and Prabhakar Himatram Jani.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on August 11, 2017. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation.

Whereas on January 13, 2013, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; and

Whereas the Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University and these young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote and provide academic excellence; scholarships; support to the underserved; education and participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities; and

Whereas Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is a sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college-educated women and the Sorority currently has over 1,000 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, the Republic of Korea, and here in Dane County, Wisconsin; and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter was chartered on August 27, 1977 by twenty-two bold and visionary women who saw the urgent need for a chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in Madison, Wisconsin to create a collective shift in thinking for African American residents; to cultivate and educate the minority community in political, educational, cultural, economic and social spheres; and has continued to thrive, empower, and lead for forty years using sisterhood, scholarship and service as the guide; and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter has participated in Delta Days in the nation's capital to meet with me and my staff to discuss

issues surrounding its social action agenda and initiatives; to share concerns and seek answers to questions regarding policy issues, including incarceration rates, unemployment, housing, economics, and education; to have open and transparent conversations about these concerns that disproportionately affect the African American community with policymakers; and to discuss how we can work together towards solutions, and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter being Determined Strategic and Transcendent has established and maintained a legacy of preeminent programming which has been recognized as exemplary at both regional conferences and national conventions,

I, MARK POCAN, Congressman from the great state of Wisconsin recognize and congratulate the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Madison Alumnae Chapter on the significant impact that they have made in the lives of the citizens in their service area and the tireless work that they do to in the name of public service.

IN HONOR OF ASSEMBLYMAN
MICHAEL SIMANOWITZ

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with the support of my colleague, Congressman CROWLEY, to honor the life and exceptional service of New York State Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz. Mike passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2017, at the age of 46, after battling a long illness. Mike was a dedicated public servant, a devoted family man, and a truly remarkable individual.

Mike began a lifelong career in public service as chief of staff to former New York State Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn more than twenty years ago. He was later elected to fill her seat after her retirement in 2011. A long-time active member of his community, Mike volunteered with the New York Police Department's auxiliary program at the 107th Precinct in Flushing, Queens, for 15 years, and was its commanding officer for nine years. And as one of only a few Orthodox Jews in the New York State legislature, Mike was proud of his faith and was a strong voice for the Queens Jewish community.

When speaking to Mike's constituents, you will hear nothing but words of praise for his passionate commitment to his district and community. Congressman CROWLEY and I counted Mike as a great friend, and we join the entire New York community in mourning this terrible loss.

Congressman CROWLEY and I offer our deepest condolences to Mike's wife and four children, his parents, and all of his friends, colleagues and constituents. We continue to keep Mike's family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE ALEX
WUBBELS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give brief remarks about Alex Wubbels, the emergency room nurse at University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah who was arrested for doing her job on July 26. As a non-practicing registered nurse, this story shocked and upset me. I cannot fathom being handcuffed in my workplace for following hospital policy and the law.

Ms. Wubbels stood her ground and remained calm during the encounter, which was caught on body camera footage. Hospital policy requires that the patient be under arrest, the police have a warrant, or the patient consent in order to draw blood. Since none of those requirements were met, Ms. Wubbels refused to draw the patient's blood, with the support of several managers, administrators, and her supervisor.

While I understand that the Salt Lake City Police Department is currently taking steps to prevent incidents like this, I find it unconscionable that an officer of the law felt it appropriate to treat a health professional in this manner. I do believe that implementation of new hospital procedure, such as requiring law enforcement officials to check in to the front desk of the hospital, are positive and I encourage other hospitals to adopt similar policies.

Ms. Wubbels remained focused on providing care to her patient and ultimately, no charges were filed against her. She is encouraging health professionals and law enforcement to use this incident to "open a civic dialogue." As a nurse, I am proud to stand with individuals like Ms. Wubbels who turn negative events into positive learning experiences, always put patient well-being above all else, and stand their ground in the face of adversity.

IN SUPPORT OF AWARDED THE
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
TO SENATOR ROBERT DOLE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, we recognize Senator Dole, a patriot whose life and career embody superior public service.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest award we can bestow. We confer this honor to men and women who grace our nation with exceptional achievements and contributions.

Senator Bob Dole is a leader of great integrity, a public servant of deep dignity and an American hero of extraordinary courage.

Before the people of Kansas brought him to Capitol Hill, Bob Dole fought for our country in the mountains of central Italy during the Second World War.

For his courage and immense sacrifice, he was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for Valor.

Bob's bravery was not limited to the battlefield. When he came to Congress, he fought

relentlessly to ensure that every person in uniform would receive the care they needed upon coming home.

It is a special source of pride that Bob Dole first came to Washington to serve in the House of Representatives.

There, as a proud Representative of western Kansas, he proved his mettle as a tenacious fighter for American families and American values.

Later, in the Senate, as Majority Leader, he continued to champion the vital causes central to our identity and our ideals as Americans.

Senator Dole was a champion for justice, battling to expand the civil rights of every American during the 1960s.

He was a champion for working families, reaching across the aisle to expand eligibility for food stamps.

He was a champion for equality, fighting for passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

After he left Capitol Hill, he continued the fight. He has advocated tirelessly on behalf of veterans, disabled Americans and families struggling with hunger and poverty in every part of the world.

Twenty years ago, President Clinton awarded the Senator our nation's other highest civilian honor: The Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Receiving this award, he said, "Our challenge is not to question American ideals or replace them, but to act worthy of them."

Senator Bob Dole: for a lifetime spent defending, advancing and exemplifying our proudest American ideals, we are grateful.

This Congress thanks you. We send our warmest congratulations to your incredible wife Elizabeth—a fierce champion for our hidden heroes: our military caregivers—and to the entire Dole family.

TRIBUTE TO EMMETT TILL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, sixty-two years ago, on August 28, 1955, in Money, Mississippi, a young African-American child by the name of Emmett Till was murdered while visiting from Chicago. Till's life was taken from him after a white woman alleged he whistled at her. Following her claim, the woman's husband and brother found Till and assassinated him. The two men took Till from the home of his great uncle and shortly after, his body was found mutilated and disfigured. Yet, the murderers of Emmett Till were found not guilty by an all-white jury. Recently, the allegations against Till have been found to be untrue. The accuser herself recanted her accusations in July of this year. Six decades later, she finally admits that she lied while under oath about Till's actions on the day she alleged he made advances toward her outside of a grocery store.

Today, we also mourn the death of Simeon Wright, Emmett's cousin, and one of the last people to see Till before he was abducted and murdered. The story of Emmett Till is a blunt reminder of racial inequality, as well as the inequality in our justice system in which we must continue to combat. As we continue the fight to overcome racial injustice, white supremacy and police brutality, let us do so by

honoring the legacy of Emmett Till and many other African-Americans in Mississippi and throughout this country who have suffered from racial discrimination.

IN HONOR OF 125 YEARS OF
AUBURN WOMEN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the

125th Anniversary of women attending Auburn University.

Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, had its first females attend the school on September 13, 1892. The first three women were: Willie Gertrude Little, Katherine C. Broun and Margaret Kate Teague.

Little was the daughter of Auburn's mayor and graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree and honors. A hall in the Upper Quad is named in her honor. Broun was the daughter of Auburn University President William L. Broun (1882 to 1902) and as an inaugural female student had to take tests in English, Latin, history and mathematics. She was most notably Auburn's first graduate student after receiving her bachelor's degree

in 1894. Teague moved from Arkansas to Auburn after her mother's death and graduated with honors. She also has a hall named in her honor in the Upper Quad.

The 125th Anniversary of Auburn Women campaign recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of the women who have graduated from Auburn University since 1892. The ground floor of Ralph Brown Draughon Library, located on campus, will have a display of unique artifacts on the history of women at Auburn. During the week of October 23, Auburn's campus will culminate several events in honor of this anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating this important milestone, 125th Anniversary of Auburn Women. War Eagle.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1761–1764. **Page S4939**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, August 18, during the adjournment:

S. 1761, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

Reported on Tuesday, September 5:

S. 772, to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants. (S. Rept. No. 115–147) **Page S4938**

Measures Passed:

Bankruptcy Judgeship Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1107, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S4956**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 787, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4956**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 188), Timothy J. Kelly, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S4923, S4969**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gregory Ibach, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

William Northey, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Robert Behler, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Thomas B. Modly, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Dean L. Winslow, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Mark L. Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2019.

Suzanne Israel Tufts, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Timothy Gallaudet, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Bruce J. Walker, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

Steven E. Winberg, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2023.

Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

David Ross, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Thomas L. Carter, of South Carolina, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Michael T. Evanoff, of Arkansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Nina Maria Fite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Daniel L. Foote, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Kenneth Ian Juster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

W. Robert Kohorst, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

Barbara Lee, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Edward Masso, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic Estonia.

Edward T. McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Jennifer Gillian Newstead, of New York, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

David Dale Reimer, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

Christopher Smith, of New Jersey, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Eric P. Whitaker, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

Frederick M. Nutt, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

James Thomas Abbott, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2020.

Colleen Kiko, of North Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2022.

Emily Webster Murphy, of Missouri, to be Administrator of General Services.

Margaret Weichert, of Georgia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Christopher R. Sharpley, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

John C. Demers, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Adam I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2018.

Adam I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2024.

Tom Marino, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Jonathan F. Mitchell, of Washington, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States for the term of five years.

Cheryl L. Mason, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals for a term of six years.

60 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S4958–69**

Messages from the House: **Page S4929**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S4917, S4929**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S4941–42**

Additional Statements: **Pages S4927–29**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4942–46**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—188) **Page S4923**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4956.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3672–3680; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 501, were introduced. **Page H6654**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6654–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1843, to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from carrying out seizures relating to a structuring transaction unless the property to be seized derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of another criminal law or regulation, to require notice and a post-seizure hearing for such seizures, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–286, Part 1); ional Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–287);

H.R. 2316, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to repeal provisions relating only to the Allegheny National Forest (H. Rept. 115–288);

H.R. 2083, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–289);

H.R. 2611, to modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–290);

H.R. 2768, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak” (H. Rept. 115–291);

H.R. 2864, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to allow certain issuers to be exempt from registration requirements, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–292);

H.R. 3110, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (H. Rept. 115–293);

H.R. 3388, to provide for information on highly automated driving systems to be made available to prospective buyers, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–294); and

H. Res. 500, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and waiving

a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 115–295).

Pages H6653–54

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6633**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H6634**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers Restraining Excessive Seizure of Property through the Exploitation of Civil Asset Forfeiture Tools Act: H.R. 1843, amended, to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from carrying out seizures relating to a structuring transaction unless the property to be seized derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of another criminal law or regulation, and to require notice and a post-seizure hearing for such seizures; **Pages H6634–37**

Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act: H.R. 3110, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 439; **Pages H6637–38, H6643**

Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 1616, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Bob Dole, in recognition for his service to the nation as a soldier, legislator, and statesman; and

Pages H6638–41

Improving Access to Capital Act: H.R. 2864, amended, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to allow certain issuers to be exempt from registration requirements, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 440.

Pages H6641–43, H6644

Recess: The House recessed at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6643**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to H. Con. Res. 69, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Pages H6644–45**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, September 6. **Page H6645**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 11:47 p.m. **Page H6652**

Discharge Petition: Representative Coffman presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the consideration of H.R. 496, to provide provisional protected presence to qualified individuals who came to the United States as children (Discharge Petition No. 4).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6643 and H6644. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 3354, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018” [Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a structured rule for H.R. 3354. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–31, modified by Rules Committee Print 115–32 and the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI, except beginning with the colon on page 327, line 22, through “crime” on page 328, line 2; beginning with the semicolon on page 535, line 12, through “(12 U.S.C. 3907(b)(2).” on page 536, line 14; and section 7080. The rule provides that where points of order are waived against part of a section, a point of order may only be raised against the exposed provision and not the entire section. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of the res-

olution. Each further amendment printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, except as provided by section 4 of the resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 20 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. The rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 3354, it shall not be in order to use a decrease in Overseas Contingency Operations funds to offset an amendment that increases an appropriation not designated as Overseas Contingency Operations funds or vice versa, but does not apply to amendments between the Houses. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of September 9, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The rule Waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of September 9, 2017. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frelinghuysen and Representatives Lowey, Rogers of Kentucky, Roybal-Allard, Carter of Texas, Diaz-Balart, Price of North Carolina, Adersholt, Bishop of Georgia, Hastings, Polis, Lee, Barr, Bass, Buchanan, Blumenauer, Budd, Jackson Lee, Gaetz, Schiff, Mitchell, Perry, and Rothfus.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D881)

H.R. 3298, to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries, and for other purposes. Signed on August 4, 2017. (Public Law 115–45)

S. 114, to authorize appropriations and to appropriate amounts for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve hiring authorities of the Department, to authorize major medical facility leases, and for other purposes. Signed on August 12, 2017. (Public Law 115–46)

H.R. 2210, to designate the community living center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butler Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center”. Signed on August 16, 2017. (Public Law 115–47)

H.R. 3218, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Signed on August 16, 2017. (Public Law 115–48)

H.R. 374, to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384, and for other purposes. Signed on August 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–49)

H.R. 510, to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog. Signed on August 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–50)

H.R. 873, to authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Signed on August 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–51)

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. Signed on August 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–52)

H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands. Signed on August 22, 2017. (Public Law 115–53)

H.J. Res. 76, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the

State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission. Signed on August 22, 2017. (Public Law 115–54)

H.R. 2288, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Signed on August 23, 2017. (Public Law 115–55)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, 11 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018”, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine addressing the risk of waste, fraud, and abuse in the Federal Communications Commission’s Lifeline Program, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Gilbert B. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Matthew Bassett, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Robert Charrow, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine priorities and challenges in the United States-Turkey relationship, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals on the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on state insurance commissioners, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the history and current reality of the United States health care system, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Joan Louise Larsen, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, William L. Campbell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, to be United

States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Sharing Economy: Creating Opportunities for Innovation and Flexibility”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Powering America: Reevaluating PURPA’s Objectives and its Effects on Today’s Consumers”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “EPA Oversight: Unimplemented Inspector General and GAO Recommendations”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled “Low Cost, High Impact: Combatting the Financing of Lone-Wolf and Small-Scale Terrorist Attacks”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2661, the “State Mineral Revenue Protection Act”; H.R. 2907, the “Planning for American Energy Act”; and H.R. 3565, the “Federal Land Freedom Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, continue hearing on H.R. 3354, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018” [Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018], 2 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Examining the Scientific and Operational Integrity of EPA’s IRIS Program”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Expediting Economic Growth: How Streamlining Federal Permitting Can Cut Red Tape for Small Businesses”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Missing from the Labor Force: Examining Declining Employment among Working-Age Men”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Determining Eligibility for Disability Benefits: Challenges Facing the Social Security Administration”, 10 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 6 through September 8,
2017

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 6, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, 11 a.m., SD–124.

September 6, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018”, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

September 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018”, and an original bill entitled, “Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 7, business meeting to consider S. 1463, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, and the nominations of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Reappointment), and to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine evaluating sanctions enforcement and policy options on North Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 6, to hold hearings to examine addressing the risk of waste, fraud, and abuse in the Federal Communications Commission’s Lifeline Program, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 7, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor, both of the Department of the Interior, and Richard Glick, of Virginia, and Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: September 6, business meeting to consider the nominations of Gilbert B. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Matthew Bassett, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Robert Charrow, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–215.

September 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Children’s Health Insurance Program, focusing on the path forward, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 6, to hold hearings to examine priorities and challenges in the United States-Turkey relationship, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 6, to hold hearings to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals on the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on state insurance commissioners, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on governors, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 6, to hold hearings to examine the history and current reality of the United States health care system, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 7, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold oversight hearings to examine Federal infrastructure permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 6, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Joan Louise Larsen, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, William L. Campbell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 705, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and the nominations of Kurt G. Alme, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Donald Q. Cochran, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, Russell M. Coleman, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Bart M. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, Robert J. Higdon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Brian J. Kuester, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and R. Trent Shores, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 7, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, September 7, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled “Navy Readiness—Underlying Problems Associated with the USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 7, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “The Broadcast Incentive Auction: Update on Repacking Opportunities and Challenges”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 7, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for a More Efficient Federal Financial Regulatory Regime”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 7, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 7, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Maintaining U.S. Influence in South Asia: The FY 2018 Budget”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 7, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of State Counterterrorism Bureau: The FY 2018 Budget”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 7, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2142, the “International Narcotics Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming Contraband with Technology Act”; H.R. 3101, the “Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2017”; H.R. 3551, to amend the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 to reauthorize the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3669, the “Securing General Aviation and Commercial Charter Air Carrier Service Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

September 7, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Challenges of Recruiting and Retaining a Cybersecurity Workforce”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 7, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3229, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes; H.R. 620, the “ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 488, resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the removal of former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 7, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Examining the Shipment of Illicit Drugs in International Mail”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 7, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Private Sector Lunar Exploration”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 7, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Examining the Small Business Labor Market”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 7, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 479, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide to the House of Representatives the tax return information of President Don-

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Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through August 31, 2017

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	128	124	..
Time in session	770 hrs., 41'	544 hrs., 11'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	4,913	6,630	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,150	..
Public bills enacted into law	15	40	55
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	236	432	668
Senate bills	50	11	..
House bills	26	281	..
Senate joint resolutions	7	5	..
House joint resolutions	15	19	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	5	4	..
House concurrent resolutions	5	9	..
Simple resolutions	128	103	..
Measures reported, total	*199	*278	477
Senate bills	153	1	..
House bills	21	205	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	3	..
Simple resolutions	23	67	..
Special reports	12	4	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	164	58	..
Measures introduced, total	2,070	4,358	6,428
Bills	1,751	3,667	..
Joint resolutions	48	116	..
Concurrent resolutions	22	77	..
Simple resolutions	249	498	..
Quorum calls	3	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	187	206	..
Recorded votes .....	..	231	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through August 31, 2017

Civilian nominations, totaling 341, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	132
Unconfirmed	179
Withdrawn	30
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 710, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	699
Unconfirmed	11
Air Force nominations, totaling 3,081, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,075
Unconfirmed	6
Army nominations, totaling 5,429, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,420
Unconfirmed	9
Navy nominations, totaling 2,091, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,089
Unconfirmed	2
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,311, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,310
Unconfirmed	1
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	12,963
Total confirmed	12,725
Total unconfirmed	208
Total withdrawn	30
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 146 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 282 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 6

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3354—"Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018" (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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