

## (b) DEFERRED ACTION STATUS.—

(1) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall establish a program through which an eligible individual may apply for deferred action status.

(2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—An individual shall be eligible for deferred action status under the program established under paragraph (1) if the individual—

(A) on June 15, 2012, was under the age of 31 years;

(B) entered the United States—

(i) on a date on which the alien was under the age of 16 years; and  
(ii) without inspection or lawful status before June 15, 2012;

(C) has continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007;

(D) was physically present in the United States—

(i) on June 15, 2012; and

(ii) on the date on which the Secretary makes a determination with respect to the eligibility of the individual for deferred action status;

(E)(i) is in school;

(ii) has—

(I) graduated from high school; or

(II) obtained—

(aa) a certificate of completion from a high school; or

(bb) a general education development certificate; or

(iii) is—

(I) a member of the armed forces (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code), including a member of the National Guard or Reserves; or

(II) a veteran, as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code, except that an individual discharged other than honorably is excluded;

(F) has not been convicted of—

(i) a felony;

(ii) a significant misdemeanor; or

(iii) 3 or more misdemeanor offenses;

(G) does not pose a threat to national security or public safety; and

(H) was granted deferred action status before the date of the enactment of this Act.

## (3) PERIOD OF DEFERRED ACTION STATUS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), deferred action status granted under this subsection shall be valid for a period of 2 years beginning on the date on which the Secretary grants deferred action status to the eligible individual.

## (B) RENEWAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On application to the Secretary, deferred action status granted under this subsection may be renewed for additional 2-year periods.

(ii) RENEWAL APPLICATION.—Not more than 120 days before the date on which the deferred action status of an eligible individual expires, the eligible individual may submit to the Secretary an application for renewal of deferred action status.

## SEC. \_\_\_\_ BORDER SECURITY TRUST FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the Border Security Trust Fund (in this section referred to as the “Trust Fund”), consisting of amounts appropriated to the Trust Fund under subsection (b) and any amounts that may be credited to the Trust Fund under subsection (c).

(b) APPROPRIATION.—There are appropriated to the Trust Fund \$25,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.

## (c) INVESTMENT OF AMOUNTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest such portion of the Trust Fund as is not required to meet current withdrawals in interest-bearing obligations of the United States or in obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States.

(2) INTEREST AND PROCEEDS.—The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Trust Fund shall be credited to and form a part of the Trust Fund.

## (d) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), amounts in the Trust Fund shall be available to the Secretary of Homeland Security, without further appropriation, for—

(A) construction of not fewer than 700 miles of reinforced fencing, excluding vehicle barriers;

(B) installation of additional physical barriers;

(C) construction and maintenance of access and patrol roads;

(D) lighting;

(E) an interlocking surveillance camera system;

(F) remote sensors; and

(G) the purchase from the Secretary of Defense of surplus aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems.

(2) LIMITATION.—Not more than \$5,000,000,000 of the amount in the Trust Fund may be obligated and expended in any fiscal year.

## SEC. \_\_\_\_ ANNUAL REPORT ON BORDER SECURITY.

Not less frequently than once each fiscal year, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit annually to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report that describes for the applicable fiscal year—

(1) the status of the construction of fencing and security improvements at United States borders; and

(2) the estimated number of unlawful border crossings.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I have 6 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

## COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “The President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.”

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a

hearing on the following nominations: Andrea L. Thompson, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Susan A. Thornton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary (East Asian and Pacific Affairs), and Francis R. Fannon, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Resources), all of Department of State.

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 14, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on S. 1917 and the following nominations: Michael B. Brennan, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Susan Paradise Baxter, and Marilyn Jean Horan, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Daniel Desmond Domenico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Adam I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, McGregor W. Scott, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, Gary G. Schofield, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada, and Jonathan F. Mitchell, of Washington, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 2 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 413, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 413) celebrating Black History Month.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 413) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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