

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I am glad to introduce a resolution to designate May 2018 "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month." It is my hope that this resolution will show our support for the patients battling brain tumors, as well as their families, and friends who fight alongside them. It is estimated that 78,980 new cases of primary and non-malignant tumors in the brain and central nervous system will be diagnosed and 16,616 people in the United States will lose their battle with a primary brain tumor this year alone. This resolution will increase public awareness and honor those who have suffered, or are suffering from a brain tumor, while encouraging researchers to redouble their efforts in the search for a cure. I thank Senator MARKEY and our bipartisan colleagues for their support for this important cause.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mrs. FISHER. 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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Risks to the financial services industry and its preparedness."

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 9 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Rural Health Care in American: Challenges and Opportunities."

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the nomination of John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on pending legislation and the following nominations: Andrew S. Oldham, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S.

Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Michael J. Truncale, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Erica H. MacDonald, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Ryan Wesley Bounds, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, J. Campbell Barker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Susan Brnovich, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Chad F. Kenney, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Jeremy D. Kernodle, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Scott Patrick Illing, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 2 p.m. to conduct a closed hearing.

#### VETERANS CEMETERY BENEFIT CORRECTION ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 399, H.R. 4910.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4910) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 4910) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS VA MEDICAL CENTER

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3663 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 (H.R. 3663) to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 3663) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 528, 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. 528) designating the week of May 20 through May 26, 2018, as "National Public Works Week."

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 528) was agreed to.

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

#### PROMOTING MINORITY HEALTH AWARENESS AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH IN APRIL 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 529, 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. 529) promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2018, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States such as American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the measure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 529) was agreed to.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that 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 preamble was agreed to.

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

**EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2018 AS "NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH"**

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 531, 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. 531) expressing support for the designation of May 2018 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month."

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 531) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

**ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018, THROUGH MONDAY JUNE 4, 2018**

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, May 25, at 11 a.m.; Tuesday, May 29, at 9 a.m.; Thursday, May 31, at 11:30 a.m. I further ask that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, May 31, it next convene at 3 p.m., Monday, June 4; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks,

the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Wier nomination; finally, that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 4.

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

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW**

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:23 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 25, 2018, at 11 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

CHRISTOPHER FALL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE CHERRY ANN MURRAY.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

RONALD GIDWITZ, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM.

DONALD LU, OF CALIFORNIA, 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 KYRGYZ REPUBLIC.

RONALD MORTENSEN, OF UTAH, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (POPULATION, REFUGEES, AND MIGRATION), VICE ANNE CLAIRE RICHARD.

DENISE NATALL, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (CONFLICT AND STABILIZATION OPERATIONS), VICE DAVID MALCOLM ROBINSON, RESIGNED.

ALAINA B. TEPLITZ, OF COLORADO, 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 DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES.

CHRISTINE J. TORETTI, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA.

**IN THE AIR FORCE**

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

*To be major*

JOSEPH B. RYAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

*To be colonel*

MICHAEL FRANCIS ADAMITIS  
 RUSSELL L. ADAMS  
 KIMBERLY M. AINSWORTH  
 DAVID GEORGE ALLEN  
 KEBLANI W. BAILEY  
 SONYA JEAN BATCHELOR  
 MATTHEW GRANT BRANCATO  
 GENE C. BUCKNER  
 LAURA POLZ CAPUTO  
 JEFFERY GUY CARLTON  
 JUSTIN JONATHAN CHAPMAN  
 MARCIA LYNN COLE  
 BRUCE ALLEN COWAN  
 TROY A. CRAMER  
 JEREMIAH J. CRUZ  
 ALBERT JOSEPH DANZA  
 JOHN J. DEVINE  
 TROY A. DRENNAN  
 MARC ANTHONY ECCHER  
 DAVID B. ETHEREDGE  
 CHRISTOPHER PETER FILER  
 DANIEL PATRICK FINNEGAN  
 KIMBERLY A. FITZGERALD  
 JOHN PAUL FLINT  
 DARRELL L. FUN

LARRY EUGENE GARDNER  
 TIMOTHY JOSEPH GORDON  
 BRIAN JAMES GRASKY  
 ASHLEY E. GROVES  
 STEPHANIE L. HAINES  
 DAVID L. HALASIKUN  
 KENT ERWIN HARBAUGH, JR.  
 JEFFREY TODD HILLS  
 SUSANNE MARIE HISCOCK  
 AMY D. HOLBECK  
 CHRISTOPHER J. HOWARD  
 MICHAEL A. HRYNCIW III  
 MATTHEW R. HUMMEL  
 MARK ALAN HURLEY  
 JENNY LORAN JOHNSON  
 MARK R. JOHNSON  
 WILLIAM DAVID JOHNSTON  
 ROBBY A. KEY  
 KYLE M. KOVARIK  
 CHRISTINE M. KROMIS  
 RANDOLPH LEON LAKE  
 ERIC LEE LAUGHTON  
 BRIAN JOSEPH LAURI  
 SCOTT W. LERDON  
 TINA LOUISE LIPSCOMB  
 JOSEPH FRANKLIN LOGAN  
 ROGER D. LUDWIG  
 CLARENCE K. MAYNUS, JR.  
 ROBERT D. MCCULLERS  
 MARK ELLIOTT MCDANIEL  
 TERESA JANIE MCDONALD  
 DANIEL TIMOTHY MCGEE  
 RYAN TAYLOR MCGUIRE  
 MICHAEL BERT MEASON  
 CHARLES C. MERKEL  
 GARY S. MONROE  
 DARYL EUGENE NEWHART  
 JULIAN LEONARD PACHECO  
 CHRISTOPHER J. PAROT  
 GARY E. PELLETIER  
 GEOFFREY ALAN PETYAK  
 BRANT ALLEN PUTNAM  
 KENNETH J. RADFORD, JR.  
 MICHAEL J. REVIT  
 DAVID HERBERT RICE  
 STEVEN ROTHSTEIN  
 JOSEPH L. RUEGEMER  
 JAMES CORBY SCOTT  
 HOLLY M. SHENFELT  
 DAVID WILLIAM SHEVCHIK  
 CHRISTIAN B. SHUE  
 ROBERT A. SIAU  
 CHRISTOPHER B. SIGLER  
 KARLYN KATHRYN SLAYDON  
 JOHN P. SORGINI II  
 JOHN LEROY STEELE III  
 DANA RENE STEFANEC  
 TAMMY DENISE STREET  
 PAUL J. SYRIBEYS  
 DEREK RYAN TATE  
 STEVEN RALPH THOMAS  
 JON S. TRAINER  
 KRISTINA A. TWEEDY  
 BART T. VANROO  
 JEFFREY R. WALES  
 CARYN CHRISTINE WARREN  
 ANDREW JOSEF WINEBERGER  
 LESLIE ANN ZYZDAMARTIN

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 lieutenant colonel*

BARBARA B. ACEVEDO  
 MARY A. BAUZA LAWVER  
 KENNETH L. BEADLE  
 ERIKA L. BEST  
 SCOTT A. BLACK  
 BRYAN W. BOVITZ  
 TRACY A. BRANNOCK BENNETT  
 SAUNYA N. BRIGHT  
 PETER E. CARRA  
 VICKI L. CHARBONNEAU  
 BRIAN M. CLARKE  
 WILLIAM P. CLARKSON II  
 SHAUNA G. CRIM  
 DANNY C. DACEY  
 JESSICA DEES  
 KIERAN K. DILLON  
 DARRICK N. DURAN  
 JOSHUA M. ELSTON  
 SEAN J. ESTRADA  
 CASSANDRA J. GILBERT  
 MARC J. GRAESSLE  
 HEIDI L. GRANDIN  
 STEPHANIE K. HARLEY  
 SHANNON E. HUNT  
 DEBORAH L. KARRER  
 TRACY E. MAYFIELD  
 KIMBERLY A. MCCOY SINGH  
 JULIE M. MEBK  
 DONALD T. MICHAEL  
 REBEKAH R. MOONEY  
 BRANDON C. MORGAN  
 CHAD E. MORROW  
 MICHAEL C. RENKAS  
 PATRICE L. REVIEREBUFORD  
 DAVID M. STUEVER  
 MELISSA L. TENNANT  
 SAMUEL B. TOBLER  
 JOHN M. TONARELLI  
 AARON D. TRITCH  
 JOHN W. WAGGONER  
 SHAWNEE A. WILLIAMS  
 DAVID S. WINTER  
 HEATH S. WOOCKMAN