AMENDMENT NO. 3703

(Purpose: To increase funding for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) At the appropriate place in title II of divi-

sion B, insert the following:

SEC. ______. (a) There are appropriated under the heading "Mental Health" under the heading "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services", in addition to any other amounts made available under such heading and in order to provide additional funding for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, \$2.802.000.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the total amount appropriated under the heading "Substance Abuse Treatment" under the heading "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services" is hereby reduced by \$2,802,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar Nos. 1033 through 1038; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the Record; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

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:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Christopher P. Weggeman IN THE ARMY

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 general

Lt. Gen. John M. Murray

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 general

Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Chaplains, United States Air Force, and appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 8039:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Steven A. Schaick

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Ronald M. Harvell

IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Charles L. Knowles

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to 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.

REMEMBERING EARL FIELDS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, the Commonwealth of Kentucky recently lost a remarkable man and a longtime public servant, Earl Fields. At the age of 96, Earl passed away earlier this month. My friend and fellow Kentuckian, Congressman HAL ROGERS, called Earl, "one of our region's greatest treasures." I couldn't agree more, and today it is my privilege to honor his memory.

A member of the Greatest Generation, Earl left his position as a school teacher in 1942 to join the U.S. Navy. During his 4 years of service aboard the U.S.S. *Nicholson*, Earl served in 10 major conflicts and engaged both German and Japanese enemy forces. As a Navy radioman, he was tasked with copying incoming coded messages. Among his many experiences during his service, Earl remembered receiving the fateful news of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's death in 1945.

After the war, Earl returned home and married Gloria, the love of his life. Together, they raised six children and built a life together in eastern Kentucky. In subsequent years, Earl once again felt called to public service, and he ran to become the Leslie County clerk. He won his race and served his community in the role for 24 years.

When Earl left the clerk's office, he moved to Laurel County to enjoy his retirement. That doesn't mean he slowed down, however. Earl kept a number of hobbies, including hunting, fishing, and beekeeping, throughout the rest of his life.

Elaine and I would like to extend our condolences to Earl's wonderful family and his many devoted friends. His life impacted our country and so many communities in eastern Kentucky, and he will surely be missed. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in remembering the life of a great man, Earl Fields.

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The amendment (No. 3706) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

AMENDMENT NOS. 3773 AND 3703

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments be called up en bloc and reported by number: Nelson No. 3773, Kennedy No. 3703. I further ask consent that at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the order listed and that there be no second-degree amendments in order to the amendments prior to the votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the amend-

ments en bloc by number. The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCon-NELL], for others, proposes amendments numbered 3773 and 3703.

The amendments are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3773

(Purpose: To require a Comptroller General of the United States report on the implementation of the Military Health System Genesis electronic health record)

At the appropriate place in title VIII of division A, insert the following:

SEC. ______. (a) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on a study, conducted by the Comptroller General for purposes of the report, on the implementation of the Military Health System (MHS) Genesis electronic health record at the four currently active sites.

(b) The report shall include the following: (1) A description and assessment of the manner in which the Military Health System Genesis electronic health record is addressing the concerns raised by the partial Initial Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E) report on the implementation of the record.

(2) A description and assessment of the performance of Military Health System Genesis in meeting the demands of the four currently active sites.

(3) A description and assessment of underlying issues in connection with the implementation of Military Health System Genesis.

(4) A description and assessment of any anticipated delays in the implementation of Military Health System Genesis, including the effect of such delays on the execution of funds.

(5) Any other matters in connection with the implementation of Military Health System Genesis that the Comptroller General considers appropriate.