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

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

God of our destinies, keep our spirits attuned to the graciousness of Your loving providence. Deliver us from emotions and actions that thwart Your purposes for our lives.

Lord, guide our lawmakers and engender in them a spirit of unity, as they respect the integrity and patriotism of their colleagues.

Give us the wisdom to use this day to strive to do Your will on Earth even as it is done in Heaven. As You show us the way to advance Your Kingdom on Earth, provide us with goodness and mercy, wisdom and strength.

We pray in Your mighty 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAWLEY). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask to speak for 2 minutes as in morning business.

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

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to tell my colleagues in the Senate about a project I worked on in Iowa, on getting history from various veterans.

This morning, I delivered 20 stories from veterans to the Veterans History Project at our Library of Congress. These stories will be preserved in the permanent collection of the Library of Congress, making accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

I want to thank all of our veterans, including those who were interviewed, who have sacrificed for the defense of our freedoms. Their service ensures that all Americans will live in peace and prosperity for generations to come.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, May is National Foster Care Month. Due to the opioid crisis and other substance abuse issues plaguing communities in Iowa and all across America, the number of kids in foster care is rapidly rising. In 2017, there were 443,000 kids in care. Ninety-six thousand entered foster care because of parental substance abuse.

These families need help. That is why Congress passed the Family First Prevention Services Act, which will allow States to receive Federal reimbursement for services to help keep kids with their parents. These services include substance abuse treatment programs.

As we celebrate this month of May as National Foster Care Month, I hope we will think about the number of kids who are there and do what we can to help those kids have permanency and parents. As chairman of the Caucus on Foster Youth, those are the two things I hear from them when listening to them talk about going from foster home to foster home, sometimes two or three times a year. They tell me they would like to have parents and they would like to have a home. They want stability.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.
We, the undersigned Senators, in accord-
ance with the provisions of rule XXII of the
Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby
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Mr. Truncale is a graduate of Lamar University, the University of North Texas, and the Southern Methodist University School of Law. Over more than three decades of private practice, he has amassed a distinguished record in both litigation and appellate law. In addition to serving as chair of the board of regents for the Texas State University System and the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board in the Texas Comptroller’s Office.

His nomination has earned a well-qualified rating from the ABA and has twice been favorably reported by our colleagues on the Judiciary Committee. So I hope each of our colleagues will join me and add Mr. Truncale’s nomination to the growing list of uncontroversial nominees passed in an orderly, bipartisan fashion.

Following consideration of the Truncale nomination, we will vote on Kenneth Lee’s nomination to the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Lee has appeals and bankruptcy experience and Vitter’s nomination to serve as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Then we will consider the nomination of Brian Bulatao of Texas to serve as Under Secretary of State for Management. This is, effectively, the COO job at the Department of State, responsible for such critical things as embassy security. His nomination was first submitted to the Senate in June of 2018, nearly a year ago.

Following those four individuals, the Senate will also consider this week the nomination of Jeffrey Rosen to serve as our next Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Rosen is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School. He built a strong record in private practice as a litigator before entering public service in 2003. Prior to his current position, he has served as the Deputy Secretary at the Department of Justice and in the Office of Management and Budget and as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center.

The American people deserve that the Department of Justice be fully staffed, fully operational, and fully committed to upholding our Nation’s laws. So I hope that each of my colleagues reviews this impressive nominee and then votes to confirm him this week.

**Disaster Relief**

Mr. President, as we continue our efforts in the personnel business, work is also ongoing to reach an agreement for providing supplemental relief funding to communities hit hard by natural disasters.

Last year’s deadly hurricane season swept away thousands of homes across the Southeast and left hundreds of thousands more without power. The recent spate of tornadoes killed 23 and injured dozens more in Alabama and Georgia. Meanwhile, devastating floods created more than $1 billion of damage to homes, businesses, and infrastructure all across the Midwest this spring.

Bipartisan efforts are ongoing to provide aid to cover those in need—from our Territories to those who suffered west coast wildfires and east coast hurricanes. Disaster assistance in the past has not been a partisan issue. It has been over a half-year since many of these disasters hit, and our country is in need.

I am grateful to Chairman Shelby and our colleagues on the Appropriations Committee for continuing to push toward a bipartisan solution that addresses these urgent needs. I would urge Democrats and Republicans, in the House as well as the Senate, to identify our common ground and produce an outcome for the American people. They have been waiting entirely too long.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. Ernst). Without objection, it is so ordered.

**Recognition of the Minority Leader**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

**Foreign Election Interference**

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, Secretary of State Pompeo will meet with Vladimir Putin tomorrow, and there is something important he must do.

The Mueller report, for all its revelations about the President’s conduct, also reminded us of things we know to be true and must resist at all costs. The Mueller report documented the “sweeping and systematic” disinformation campaign directed by President Putin to undermine our 2016 elections. Whatever you may think of the President’s behavior, foreign interference in our elections cannot be ignored.

It was an attack on democracy itself, and in my view, America’s response has not been adequate. What happened in the past has happened, as bad as it was, but the point of looking at this is to prevent it from ever happening again in the future. We don’t know what country will try to change our elections and who it might support—Russia, China, Iran, North Korea. So we have to be ready, and until we get a full, full description of what happened and a plan to stop it from happening in 2020, America should not rest because it is an attack on democracy itself.

America’s response, thus far, has not been adequate. Congress passed sanctions, but then President Trump failed to implement some and watered others down. Only a few months ago, the Treasury Department cut a sweetheart deal with sanctions relief for Russian oligarch and Putin crony Oleg Deripaska.

Even rhetorically, the President and members of his administration have shown an unbelievable willingness to look past President Putin’s actions of 2016. A little over a week ago, just after the Mueller report came out, President Trump held a phone call with President Putin in which he reportedly brought up the Russian campus and he did not warn Putin not to try to interfere in our elections. Of course, the press conference in Helsinki last year was the epitome of President Trump’s inability to confront President Putin about his interference in our elections.

This matters a great deal because any softness on the administration’s part will be read by Putin and other foreign powers as an invitation to try and interfere with our elections again. We know, thanks to the testimony from FBI Director Wray and our national intelligence chiefs, that foreign adversaries are gearing up right now to try again and interfere with our elections in 2020. Yet it may not be just Russia next time; it might be China, North Korea, or Iran. Who knows?

So it is long past time for the Trump administration to make it crystal clear that another interference campaign by Putin will not be tolerated. Secretary of State Pompeo must make clear that the cost of trying to interfere with American elections will be dear. Secretary of State Pompeo must deliver a shot across the bow to Putin and any other foreign adversary who would dare think about trying to influence our elections. Anything else from Secretary Pompeo will be a failure of diplomacy.

Here in Congress, our response must also be strong. In the wake of multiple warnings about future election interference, we must do what we can to harden our election infrastructure before 2020. There are multiple bills—bipartisan, sponsored by Democrats and Republicans—that are in committee right now that would do just that. Leader McConnell has not committed to bringing them to the floor, which is another example of his legislative graveyard. Instead, he just schedules nomination after nomination. This is now the third week in a row that the Senate will spend processing only nominations, Leader McConnell is, slowly but surely, changing the Chamber into a legislative graveyard, where even the most urgently needed, bipartisan bills on election security and Russia sanctions get buried.

Madam President, on healthcare, it is not just election security, of course, that finds itself in the McConnell graveyard. Bipartisan bills, like background checks, paycheck fairness, and the Violence Against Women Act, have all died at the hands of the Senate Republicans. Major bipartisan support but have languished in the Senate. I wouldn’t be surprised if healthcare legislation will soon be
Our Republican colleagues are beginning to realize their constituents are complaining and asking, what is the holdup? We all know the story. It wasn’t the original idea of the Republicans in the Senate to treat Puerto Rico unfairly. President Trump came to a lunch that aid for Puerto Rico be eliminated or greatly diminished, and our Republican friends went along. They thought we would just bow down as they did, and we have not neither in the House nor in the Senate.

Now let’s get moving. It is encouraging that the Republicans are beginning to realize that Puerto Rico needs help or that it at least has to be a part of the aid package. I hope these green shoots soon bear fruit, and we can send something to the President’s desk and give relief to all of those who need it in California, Texas, Iowa, Nebraska, Alabama, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the presence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ISAACSON. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

TRIBUTE TO DEAN LEWIS

Mr. ISAACSON. Madam President, we are called upon many times to do many things in this Chamber, and in 21 years I have been called to do a lot of different things, but today may be the most different of all.

In a way, it is something that is a joy to do. It is about a place in Bartow County, Georgia, where I was born, a place that is so beloved that I have been called upon many times to do many things for it. It is about a guy named Dean Lewis who, for 41 years, has been a part of my life.

Dean Lewis was sitting on the front porch of his house, looking across the street at what he has now named Old Car City, and said: You know, that is the original idea because you can’t kill it. It just gets bigger and bigger. We have 40 years’ worth of kudzu that has grown through these cars, wrecked tractors, buses, and everything. They are almost a canopy hidden by the kudzu.

Dean Lewis was sitting on the front porch of his house, looking across the street at what he has now named Old Car City, and said: You know, that would be an interesting place for people to come and visit, because people are always looking for parts on old cars that they might get to help restore the old cars they have.

It started out as just a place where people who wanted to come and tear off parts of an old car to fix their jalopy or old car would come and get them from Dean.

One day Dean had somebody come from the Atlanta Ballet and said: You know, this would be a big, great back- ground for our ballerinas in a photo contest to talk about how agile they are.

So the Atlanta Ballet used the backdrop of Old Car City for photos for their calendar a few years ago. The Atlanta Walk of the Legends has all kinds of businesses have used it. Businesses from around the world have used it. It has become a famous place. It is not a famous place because it is handsome or beautiful. It is not famous because it is famous but because it is unique.

I met Dean Lewis and his family took something of theirs that was unique to them and melded it into something people would come and see. It is one of those “if you build it, they will come” things.

You saw the end of that movie, where all the taillights and headlights were weaving through the town to go see the field that was finally built. That was
the same thing with Old Car City. They took a useless, rusted-out junkyard and turned it into something people would want to come to see, someplace where they would want to come to get old parts for cars or come to get their pictures with the cars. Interna-
tional companies want to come to do business there, to where it is now one of the most attractive places we have in North Georgia.

I thought I would come to the well for no other reason but to pay tribute to Dean Lewis, the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee in Georgia, because he has taken an old car in a junkyard—a jalo—v— turned it into something that raises money for the community, that memorializes our heritage and our past, that takes the use of something everybody thought was wasted and turns it into something good. If we can always try to do that, as well as make something new good, then we would all be doing well as business people, as tourist promoters, and as builders of local government.

I rise tonight to commend Dean Lewis on what he and his family have done, to commend Old Car City on what has turned into a great money-making project for the State and for our local property—the tourist attraction they have created there—and to tell them to keep on doing the work and making chicken salad out of good fried chicken. Georgia chicken is the best that you can have, and there is no better chicken than a junkyard in Georgia called Old Car City.

God bless you.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PERDUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURG), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would vote “yea.”

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRANO), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 49, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 107 Ex.]

YEA—49

Barrasso... Fischer... Paul...
Bennet... Garamendi... Peck...
Blackburn... Graham... Portman...
Blunt... Grassley... Risch...
Boozman... Hawley... Roberts...
Braun... Hoeven... Rounds...
Capito... Hyde-Smith... Rubio...
Cassidy... Inhofe... Sasse...
Collins... Isakson... Scott (R)
Cornyn... Johnson... Shelby...
Cotton... Kennedy... Sullivan...
Cramer... Lankford... Thune...
Crack... Lee... Tillis...
Cruz... McConnell... Wicker...
Daines... McSally... Young...
Emmet... Morano......
NAY—43

Baldwin... Jones... Sanders...
Bennet... Kaine... Schatz...
Blumenthal... King... Scherer...
Canwell... Kyrsten... Shanken...
Cardin... Leahy... Sinema...
Carpenter... Menendez... Smith...
Cassidy... Menendez... Stabenow...
Cortez Masto... McSweeney... Stabenow...
Duckworth... Murphy... Udall...
Durbin... Murray... Van Hollen...
Feinstein... Peters... Warner...
Harris... Reed... Whitehouse...
Hassan... Romney... Wyden...
Heinrich... Rosen... 
NOT VOTING—8

Brooker... Gillibrand... Toomey...
Brown... Hirono... Warren...
Burr... Scott (FL)... 

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 49, the nays are 43. The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business.

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

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START AND THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARLY HEAD START

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I rise to celebrate the 54th anniversary of Head Start and the 27th anniversary of Early Head Start on May 18.

We know that in January of 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson declared the War on Poverty in his State of the Union Address. Sargent Shriver, who was the then-Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, assembled a panel of experts to develop a comprehensive child development program to help communities meet the needs of disadvantaged preschool children. It resulted in Project Head Start’s launching in the summer of 1965. Early Head Start and Early Head Start have served hundreds of thousands of children with high-quality, comprehensive early learning and wraparound services. Just to give you an idea of what Head Start is in terms of the ages, Head Start serves children who are ages 3 to 5. Early Head Start serves children who are up to the age of 3—so under the age of 3.

We know that these early learning experiences provide children with the tools they need to develop and succeed in school. When children learn more earlier in life, they earn more later in life. It is not just a rhyme. All the evidence and research show that there is a direct connection between early learning and later earning. A study of Head Start children in Harrisburg, PA, found that they had higher scores in the fifth grade than a control group on all academic and executive functioning outcomes.

These benefits stay with children through adulthood. Research shows Head Start children have a higher likelihood of graduating from high school and receiving postsecondary degrees. These benefits even flow to the next generation. The children of Head Start graduates are significantly more likely to finish high school and enroll in college, and they are significantly less likely to become teen parents or to be involved in the criminal justice system.

One of the core tenets of Head Start that has made it so successful is its responsiveness to local community needs. In Pennsylvania, for example, as in many other States, the opioid epidemic has hit far too many communities, and Head Start has responded to that crisis with innovative programming.

For example, the SafeStart Program in Allentown, which is an Early Head Start program, provides early intervention to assist the development of infants and toddlers who have suffered abuse or neglect. After having completed SafeStart—the new program in Allentown—68 percent of 3-year-olds were on age developmentally, and 100 percent of the children showed significant improvement, showing that the impact symptoms, with 53 percent having shown resolution. Of the women who became pregnant while their substance-impacted children were enrolled in SafeStart, 88 percent gave birth to full-term, drug-free, and healthy second children.

The whole family approach and integration with local community partners...
have created not just better outcomes for families but have resulted in significant savings. Through this program, 91 percent of the children achieved stable, permanent homes and caregivers, and it is estimated that the SafeStart Program has resulted in nearly $1.5 million in foster care savings and in over $9.5 million in child welfare involvement by stabilizing 106 families. So we are grateful for those results from the SafeStart Program in Allentown.

Head Start is a critical program for lifting families out of poverty, obviously, and providing children with the early learning experiences they need to start kindergarten and to be ready to learn. Unfortunately, only about a third of eligible children still have access to Head Start, and less than 10 percent—these are national numbers—have access to Early Head Start. Again, Early Head Start serves those who are up to 3 years old, and Head Start serves those who are 3 to 5 years old. So funding for these programs is critical.

To give you an example of those numbers in Pennsylvania—and the numbers are even a little lower—just 27 percent of eligible 3- to 5-year-olds have access to Head Start, and only 7 percent of eligible children under 3 years old have access to Early Head Start. Even with a lot of children being eligible but not being served, this is purely supplemental funding.

As we celebrate over 50 years of Head Start on May 18, we must work to ensure these programs receive robust funding and continue to serve low-income children and families across the Nation.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. M. CONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. M. CONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted yes on rollcall vote 99, the confirmation of Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted yes on rollcall vote 100, the confirmation of Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted yes on rollcall vote 102, the confirmation of Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2023.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 103, the nomination of Michael H. Park, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 104, the confirmation of Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 103, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 105, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael H. Park, of New York, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 106, the confirmation of Michael H. Park, of New York, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(a)(1) of the Arms 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 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 classified information will be available to the committee’s designees 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. JAMES E. RISCH, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

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. 19–14 concerning the Army’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost $3.0 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,

GREGORY M. KAUSNER,
For Charles W. Hooper, Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 19–14
Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

Prospective Purchaser: Government of Qatar.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment $1.90 billion.

Other $1.10 billion.

Total $3.00 billion.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:
Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Twenty-four (24) AH-64E Apache Attack Helicopters.
Fifty-two (52) T700-GE-701D Engines (2 per aircraft, 4 spares).

Twenty-six (26) AN/ASQ-170 Modernized Target Acquisition and Designation Sight (MTADS) (1 per aircraft, 2 spares).

Twenty-six (26) AN/AQ–11 Modernized Pilot Night Vision Sensors (1 per aircraft, 2 spares).

Eight (8) AN/APG–78 Fire Control Radars (FCR) with Radar Electronic Unit (LONGBOOM component).

Eight (8) AN/MPR-48 Modernized-Radar Frequency Interferometer Systems (MRFI).

Twenty-nine (29) AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) (1 per aircraft, 5 spare segments).

Eighty (80) Embedded Global Positioning Systems with Inertial Navigation (RGI) (2 per aircraft, 10 spares).

Two thousand five hundred (2,500) AGM-114R Hellfire Missiles.

Twenty-five (25) Hellfire Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM) (1 per aircraft, 1 spare).

A Non-MDE: Also included are twentysix (26) M290 30mm automatic chain guns (1 per aircraft, 4 spares), AN/AVR-2B laser detecting sets, AN/PR–39 Radar Signal Detecting Set, AN/AVS–6 Night Vision Goggles, M299 Hellfire missile launchers, 2.75 inch Hydra Rockets, 30mm cartridges, CCU–44 impulse cartridges, M206 and 211 countermeasure flares, Committee on Foreign Relations components, 2.75 inch rocket launcher tubes, AN/ARC–211 and AN/ARC–201D radios with
associated components, AN/APX–123 transponders, image intensifiers, MUMT2i systems, AN/ARN–153 tactical airborne navigation systems, staff, repair parts, support equipment, training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is $3.0 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security interests of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be an important force for political and economic progress in the Middle East. Qatar is host to the U.S. Central Command forces and serves as a critical forward-deployed location in the region. The acquisition of these helicopters will allow for integration with U.S. forces for training exercises, which contributes to regional security and interoperability.

The proposed sale of the AH–64E Apache helicopters will not alter the basic military balance in the region. The prime contractors will be The Boeing Company, Mesa, Arizona; Lockheed Martin Corporation, Orlando, Florida; General Electric, Cincinnati, Ohio; Lockheed Martin Mission Systems and Sensors, New York, New York; Longbow Limited Liability Corporation, Orlando, Florida; Thales Corporation, Paris, France; Honeywell International, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey; Whitehead, Florida; Thales Corporation, Paris, France; Honeywell International, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey; Whitehead, Florida; and the Improved Countermeasures Dispenser (ICMD) is dispensed, it is UNCLASSIFIED. This is the 1553 data bus compatible with the AN/APR–39 RDS, dispensed on the aircraft multi-function radar display and announced by the AN/APR–39 RDS via the aircraft Inter Communication System. In-country repair capability will not be provided. Reverse engineering is not a major concern. The hardware is classified CONFIDENTIAL. Releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified SECRET.

The AN/AAR–26 Laser Warning System is a passive laser warning system that detects and displays threat information resulting from aircraft illumination by laser designators, rangers, and beamriding missiles. The AN/AAR–26 uses the existing AN/AAR–39/A/D interface for status and control. The threat information is processed by the AN/APR–39 RDS, dispensed on the aircraft multi-function radar display and announced by the AN/APR–39 RDS via the aircraft Inter Communication System. In-country repair capability will not be provided. Reverse engineering is not a major concern. The software is classified SECRET. The GPS/INS utilize GPS satellite signals to correct or calibrate a solution from an INS. Inertial navigation systems usually can provide accurate position and velocity information, but they require periodic calibration with GPS signals. The INS accelerometers produce an unknown bias signal that appears as a genuine specific force. The EGI is Selective Available Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) based on navigation platform that combines an inertial sensor for position information and is UNCLASSIFIED. The GPS cryptography variables need a high level of security to ensure that the GPS is not spoofed.
As long as Michigan has been a State—and even before—our people have been willing to put their lives on the line in defense of this Nation. From the War of 1812, to the Civil War, the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, and the fight against terrorism, the people of Michigan have raised their hand when called upon and stood to the very end.

That was never more true than on December 7, 1941.

That morning, 2,341 American servicemen lost their lives when Pearl Harbor was attacked. More than 30 of those who died were from Michigan.

This spring, I had the opportunity to honor their sacrifice in person when I visited Pearl Harbor with Senate colleagues.

It is difficult to explain just how moving it is to see Battleship Row and to gaze down at the USS Arizona, so quiet and still in those clear blue waters. I thought about what it must have been like that Sunday morning, a day that began like any other, but which would live in infamy.

Imagine being barely out of high school, far from home, and on the threshold of adulthood. Imagine being aboard a ship that is coming under attack. Imagine the fearful realization that this might be where your story ends.

These veterans gave everything for us. It is our solemn duty to keep the promises we have made to them.

My own father served in the Navy during World War II. Being there at Pearl Harbor reminded me of his sacrifice and the sacrifices made by all of our veterans, especially those we have lost. On Memorial Day and every day, let’s give them our heartfelt thanks, surround their families with love, and honor their sacrifice.

Thank you.

REMEMBERING JACQUELINE L. FALK

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Jacqueline “Jackie” Louise Falk. Jackie was an incredible force in Democratic politics for decades. She left behind a tight-knit family of relatives and a political family that stretches around the world.

Jackie is best known for holding a key role in nearly every Democratic National Convention from 1972 through 2004. She also was on staff at the Democratic National Committee (DNC), as an aide to then-treasurer Robert Strauss, during the time of the Watergate break-in; she served as assistant to the counselor to the President during the Carter Administration; and served as administrative assistant and chief of staff to U.S. Representative Leo Zeferetti in the early 1980s.

Jackie suffered a stroke last week and passed away on Wednesday, May 8, surrounded by her loving, extended family. Jackie never sought the spotlight, but left her mark on our party and our country by bringing a semblance of order to the sometimes-chaotic world of nominating the President of the United States.

Today, I would like to honor Jackie’s memory by sharing some of her remarkable story. To tell the story of Jacqueline Falk is not more than 100 years, although it is woven throughout her life. As one friend, Yolanda Caraway, described her: “Jackie was one of the sweetest, kindest and funniest people I’ve ever known and I’m really going to miss her, especially her wonderful laugh.”

Jackie was born in Trenton, NJ, to Minnie and Arlo Falk. She grew up with her brother Albert and sister Lisa. Jackie got hooked on politics and public service at a young age thanks to her Aunt Violet (Williams Biglane), who, after service in the Navy WAVES, went on to work as the personal secretary to former Senator and former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

Jackie would tell stories of interacting with Hubert Humphrey and passing out flyers for his campaign. In 1964, Jackie accompanied Aunt Violet to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, where she heard Hubert Humphrey nominated as Vice President. Aunt Violet helped Jackie make her way to the Democratic National Committee, where she started working in 1972 for then-DNC Treasurer Robert Strauss. Jackie went on to work closely with every Democratic Party chairman from Strauss through Terry McAuliffe.

When Terry McAuliffe, former Governor of Virginia and former chairman of the DNC, heard of Jackie’s death, he had this to say: “We lost a legend. The Democratic Party and Democratic National Conventions will never be the same. Jackie’s convention credentialing was a labor of love and truly a work of art. She conducted her credential operation like Mozart conducted his symphonies. She never ceased to amaze. I, and so many others, will forever be in her debt and will miss her deeply.”

In 1975, Jackie moved to Atlanta to work on the Presidential campaign of Jimmy Carter. She returned to Washington to work on his White House staff in the Office of the Counselor to the President. The Washington region would remain her home, even as she would take up temporary residence every 4 years in whatever city was the latest to host the Democratic nominating convention. Oftentimes, she was one of the first people working on a convention and one of the last to wrap things up.

After President Carter lost re-election, Jackie worked on Capitol Hill, where she served as chief of staff, administration director, and counsel to Senator Leo Zeferetti from January 1981 to January 1983. She then was hired early for the Democratic Convention in San Francisco, which was the start of her run overseeing credentials and a larger swath of the conventions.

From 1984 on, she was responsible for credentials—who gets the precious access passes and where they could go—

COMPAcT OF FREE ASSOCIATION VETERANS REvIEw ACT

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, due to a clerical error, the senior Senator from Alaska, Ms. MURKOWSKI, was not added in the transmittal. The COMPACT of Free Association Veterans Review Act (CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — SENATE May 13, 2019)
either as credentials director or as deputy convention manager. This made her one of the most sought after and powerful women in Democratic politics.

In the 1990s, between conventions and DNC work, Jackie started an interior decorating business. Clients came from among her political contacts, including Mary Matalin and James Carville.

Jackie loved her family; she cheered on their milestones and loved celebrating holidays together. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Albert and Debbie Enourato; sister Lisa Enourato; nieces Whitney and Hannah McNees; nephews Will, Luke, and Jill McNees and Wyatt and Gunnar Enourato. Her great love also was for her Great Pyrenees; the latest was Bree, who we know misses her dearly.

Jackie also built an immensely loyal political family that came together every 4 years for conventions and as often as possible for happy hour or dinner at Jackie’s house. She was an incredible mentor and role model. She demonstrated how a woman in politics could be both strong and gentle, funny and serious.

Let me close by saying that May is National Stroke Awareness Month. Everyone is encouraged to know the signs and understand how important it is to get help quickly. The minutes and hours right after stroke occurs are crucial. According to the Centers for Disease Control—CDC—stroke, while preventable, is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of severe disability. Jackie Falk died of a stroke, and the CDC says that approximately 60 percent of individuals who die from strokes are women. I urge the women and the men out there not to ignore the signs, such as sudden numbness, confusion, trouble seeing, trouble walking, and severe headache.

The political world will never again see someone the likes of Jackie Falk. Her memory will be a blessing to her family, all those who knew her, and all those who have benefited from her hard work, dedication, and love of the Democratic Party and the good it can accomplish.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LARRY GAMMON

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the retirement of Mr. Larry Gammon of Bedford, NH, after 47 years of service to Easterseals.

Larry started his career with Easterseals New Hampshire in 1971, serving 33 years, has overseen the programs and services offered to individuals who experience disabilities in these states. Under Larry’s leadership, Easterseals has grown to offer 13 core programs, including child development centers, a family resource center, child and family services, early supports and services, autism services, residential and educational services, special transit, camps and community-based services, workforce development, military and veterans services, senior services, substance misuse treatments, and oral health services. The organization serves more than 32,000 clients annually with having slightly more than 110 full- and part-time employees. Larry has also done incredible work lending his expertise and extraordinary kindness and energy as an active member of the Queen City Rotary Club, the mayor’s task force on human services, the NH State Rehabilitation Advisory Council, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Assembly of Overseers, and YMCA task force on accessibility.

Whether on one of the boards that he serves on or in his professional life, Larry has made a difference in the lives of so many and his work has strengthened our families, communities, and State, and he has done so with humility and humor.

I hope you will join me in honoring a dedicated Granite Stater, Larry Gammon.

RECOGNIZING PEET SHOE DRYER, INC.

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my privilege to recognize an Idaho small business that exemplifies creativity, hard work, and dedication to improving their community. The small business I am honoring today is a shining example of the many Idaho businesses that are led by innovative individuals who are not afraid to harness creativity to bring new and innovative designs. In honor of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s National Small Business Week, it is my pleasure to name PEET Shoe Dryer, Inc., of St. Maries, ID, as the 2019 Senate Small Business of the Day.

Founded in 1968 in the heart of one of the most beautiful locales in the United States, PEET Shoe Dryer has been a supporter of American outdoor enthusiasts for the last 50 years. Searching for a quicker way to dry his boots after hunting, Gene Peet designed the original shoe dryer for his own personal use. Soon, however, his friends and family began requesting shoe dryers for themselves. Realizing the demand for his new invention, Gene opened PEET Shoe Dryer, Inc., in 1974.

Starting from humble beginnings, Gene and his son Blair began building their shoe dryers in the kitchen of their family home. Gene’s first customers were loggers and hunters in the local St. Maries area, who depend on having dry and comfortable shoes for their workday. Not having enough money for advertising, Gene simply relied on the quality of his product and satisfaction of his customers to help spread the word for his new invention; and as word spread, Gene’s enterprise quickly grew into a thriving business.

Today, PEET Shoe Dryer, now run by Gene’s son Blair Peet, continues to succeed. They have improved the manufacturing of their original boot and shoe dryers, as well as expanded their offerings. Serving millions of customers over the years, PEET Shoe Dryer has never compromised on its commitment to quality and service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION—SENATE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE DAY—PEET SHOE DRYER, INC.

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Lindsay Beam, the Calhoun County Teacher of the Year from Blountstown Middle School in Blountstown, FL.

Lindsay considers her highest priority as an educator is to serve the needs of her students. She will arrange meetings with them before school and during her planning time to provide extra tutoring and support to build up their confidence in math. Her students note she is the kind of teacher that makes a difference in their lives long after they have completed her class.

Lindsay began her teaching career in 2010 as a first grade teacher at Blountstown Elementary School and moved to teaching fifth grade in 2012. Since 2015, she has taught sixth grade math, as well as a portion of eighth graders at Blountstown Middle School. I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Lindsay for her work to teach her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO HOLLY DANIELLE DOHERTY-KOCH

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Danielle DoHERTY-KOCH, the Citrus County Teacher of the Year from Crystal River High School in Crystal River, FL.

Danielle was humbled to receive this award as she believes teaching is a highly rewarding profession. She focuses on motivating her students to learn and promotes a good work ethic in their classroom. She considers this to be an important attribute for a student’s success in school and in life.

Danielle develops a lesson plan and guides her students and organizes these plans depending on a student’s individual needs. This ensures each student has an opportunity to grow in...
TRIBUTE TO TUCKER DUCLOS

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Tucker Duclos, the Dixie County Teacher of the Year from Dixie County High School in Cross City, FL. Tucker first developed his passion for teaching when he moved to Prague and worked as a full-time English teacher at a private school. Upon his return to the United States, he enrolled in a 1-year teacher certification program at Providence College.

While at the college, Tucker assumed full responsibilities as the cooperating teacher for four English classes across the 9th and 11th grades, as well as 20 hours of student teaching in a high-poverty and urban school. Afterwards, the Interstate Reciprocity Agreement between Florida and Rhode Island enabled him to receive his Florida Professional Educator's Certificate to teach in the State of Florida.

Since 2016, Tucker has taught 11th grade English and AP literature at Dixie County High School. He earned his bachelor’s degree in English writing and literature from Emmanuel College in Boston, MA.

I extend my best wishes to Tucker for his dedication to his students and look forward to hearing of his continued success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DANNY ERB

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Danny Erb, the St. Johns County Teacher of the Year from Pedro Menendez High School in St. Augustine, FL.

Danny enjoys teaching math, where he works hard to ensure that his students develop confidence in their problem-solving ability. He attempts to make math fun and empowers his students in a different light.

Danny has taught at Pedro Menendez High School since 2015. He earned his master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He taught at Green Run High School for 4 years after moving back to his hometown of Virginia Beach in 2001. He moved to Florida in pursuit of a career as an engineer with NASA, knowing he would never regret taking the opportunity. The experience is used as a reminder for his students to pursue their dreams.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Danny for his tireless work to help his students. I look forward to hearing of his continued good work in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DAKEYAN GRAHAM

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Dakeyan Graham, the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year from C. Leon King High School in Tampa, FL.

Dakeyan teaches his students more than just academic skills; he teaches patience and kindness. He considers this to be incredibly beneficial to his student’s success in life and in school. Dakeyan first began his musical career as a saxophonist at King High School and views his return as its band director the full circle to his musical career. In addition to teaching, he serves as president of the Hillsborough County Secondary Music Council and authored a high school African-American heritage curriculum for secondary music.

Dakeyan received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Florida, where he was part of an honors music fraternity and the Fighting Gators marching band. He returned to his hometown of Tampa to begin his teaching career and earned his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of South Florida.

As a proud Gator myself, I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Dakeyan for his dedication to music and his students. I look forward to hearing of his continued success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA GREEN

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Andrea Green, the Charlotte County Teacher of the Year from Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, FL.

Andrea credits her success in education to collaboration with her past and present colleagues and from the support of her family and friends. Her professional goal is to help all students find success in science and cultivate an appreciation for knowledge learned throughout their educational careers.

Outside of her classroom, Andrea sponsors the school’s environmental club, where interested students gather to discuss environmental issues affecting Florida. She is also a member of the Lemon Bay Literacy Council and an active participant in the school’s science professional learning community.

Andrea has taught in Charlotte County Public Schools since 1999. She teaches Advanced Placement environmental science, honors anatomy and physiology, and environmental science. She received her master’s degree in global sustainability from the University of South Florida.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Andrea for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN HENDERSON

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Dawn Henderson, the Highlands County Teacher of the Year from Avon Park High School in Avon Park, FL.

Dawn received this award at the Summit Awards ceremony held at her school. Her colleagues note that she dedicates herself to teaching her students believing that education is the key to changing their mindset, and opens doors for their future success. Parents of her students say she is willing to meet with them at any time, before or after school, to discuss any concerns they may have.

Dawn has worked at Avon Park High School since the beginning of her teaching career in 2004. She currently serves as an advancement via individual determination coordinator.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Dawn for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the coming years.

TRIBUTE TO JADE OSCEOLA

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jade Osceola, the Glades County Teacher of the Year from Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School in Okeechobee, FL. Pemayetv Emahakv means “Our Way” in Creek, the native tongue of Florida’s Seminole Indian Tribe.

Jade strives to teach her students about their identity as Native Americans and encourages them to practice communicating with each other in the Muscogee “Creek” language. She knows her students want to understand her heritage, and she believes learning about their ancestors’ native language is key to achieving this.

She works each day to help preserve the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s cultures and traditions.
As a student at Seminole Elementary School in the 1990s, Jade participated in a weekly culture class on the Brighton Reservation to learn about Seminole history. This was her favorite class and served as an inspiration for her continued learning of Native American affairs.

Like her students, Jade is a second language learner of Creek. She believes teaching the language to her students is very important, as there are only 59 speakers of the language left in the region. She is dedicated to doing everything she can to keep the language alive for future generations.

Jade teaches Creek 1 and 2 at Pemigewasset Charter School to seventh and eighth grade students. She graduated from Edison College in 2004 and was offered a job teaching Seminole history. The weekly program helped the creation of the charter school in the Bay County community, and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO BECKY PELTONEN

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Becky Peltonen, the Bay County Teacher of the year from Deane Bozeman School in Panama City, Florida, FL.

Becky received this award months after Hurricane Michael devastated Bay County, which caused several hurricane-related delays throughout the school district. She was honored and humbled to represent all who have worked to repair homes and begin rebuilding the Bay Greene community.

Becky is an agriculture bio-technology teacher who has taught for 29 years. She has teamed up with parents and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to develop a scientific exploration of animal and plant ecosystems, which has allowed for students to construct their own freshwater habitats.

Becky focuses on teaching students how to raise and grow their own food, which provides them meaningful tools and allows them to save money at the grocery. Becky takes pride when former students return to tell her that she better-equipped them to navigate life after their class together.

I thank Becky for her hard work in educating students, especially while facing the aftermath of Hurricane Michael’s life-changing effects. I wish her the very best in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA WOOD

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jessica Wood, the Monroe County Teacher of the Year from Key West High School in Key West, FL.

Jessica teaches Advanced Placement biology and biology and is the science department chair. Her work has an impact on the entire school as she leads the school’s recycling club efforts and serves as a sponsor for Keys to Be the Change, a school club focused on developing student character through service.

Jessica also works with members of outside agencies to read to younger students and promote substance abuse prevention outreach throughout the community. The main thing that inspires Jessica as an educator is the ability to effect positive change on her students by serving as a role model and to continue learning herself.

Jessica is active in her field, working on her pedagogy and assisting others. She has held numerous professional development trainings at her school and throughout the school district. She has been a part of the STEM fair and is also a member of the building level planning team.

I extend my best wishes to Jessica for her work as a teacher and look forward to learning of her continued success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. ALTENKIRCH

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I wish to commend Dr. Robert Altenkirch for his leadership at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Dr. Altenkirch led the university as president from 2011 to 2019. While serving in this capacity, he implemented many strategic growth initiatives and promoted economic development throughout the campus and the city of Huntsville, AL.

Under Dr. Altenkirch’s leadership, UAH provided assistance in recruiting numerous corporations to north Alabama. Those corporations include Blue Origin, Aerojet, Rocketdyne, GE Aviation, and Polaris. He also spearheaded the purchase of a 58-acre business park that is adjacent to the campus and serves as a town center for the students and faculty.

Continuing to add to his legacy, Dr. Altenkirch established the D.S. Davidson Invention to Innovation business incubator. This regional initiative fosters, promotes, and supports the commercialization of technology-based ventures through incubation, co-working, mentorship, funding, and strategic support.

Not only did Dr. Altenkirch expand the university physically and economically, but he also contributed to the university’s growth in total enrollment over the past 5 years. By the fall of 2019, the enrollment at UAH skyrocketed by more than 10,000 students. The average ACT score for incoming freshman reached an alltime record high at the university under Dr. Altenkirch. By fall 2018, the average score was 28.5, which is the highest among the State of Alabama’s public universities.

Studying mechanical engineering, Dr. Altenkirch earned a B.S. from Purdue University, an M.S. from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. from Purdue. He was recognized as one of the 101 Most Influential People in the State of New Jersey in 2009, as Dr. Altenkirch served as the president of New Jersey Institute of Technology for 9 years prior to his tenure at UAH.

Dr. Altenkirch deserves the highest recognition for his outstanding leadership at the University of Alabama in
Huntsville. He helped shape a more prosperous future for the university, the city of Huntsville, and the State of Alabama. The impact he has made on UAH and the entire north Alabama community will not be forgotten.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message which was referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO YEMEN THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13611 OF MAY 16, 2012—PM 16

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2019.

The actions and policies of certain former members of the Government of Yemen and others continue to threaten Yemen’s peace, security, and stability, including by obstructing the political process in Yemen and the implementation of the agreement of November 23, 2011, between the Government of Yemen and those in opposition to it, which provided for a peaceful transition of power that meets the legitimate demands and aspirations of the Yemeni people. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen.

DONALD J. TRUMP

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 363, a bill to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116–38).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 211. A bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116–39).

By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1208. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

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. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1419. A bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules and to conduct an analysis of the economic impacts of the rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1420. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives retrospectively, to require a submission to Congress for review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKKAY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. VAN HOLLLEN, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. WORECKI):

S. 1421. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3153rd 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; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1422. A bill to transfer revenues from the net investment income tax to the Federal Healthcare Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1423. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1424. A bill to provide affordable access to evidence-based opioid treatments under the Medicare program and require coverage of medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, opioid overdose reversal medications, and recovery support services by health plans without cost-sharing requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for interest on education loans and expand the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate the limitation on contributions to Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPО, Mr. CHUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1426. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COON (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1427. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to improve the Network for Manufacturing Innovation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1428. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit treatment of student loan payments as elective deferrals for purposes of employer matching contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRAPО, Mr. CHUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1430. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1431. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform retirement provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 1432. A bill to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish an interagency working group to study Federal efforts to collect data on violent crime, to examine the extent to which Federal programs and policies address violent crime and to make recommendations on the harmonization of those efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1433. A bill to limit funding for any extension of the New START Treaty or any successor agreement unless the agreement includes the People’s Republic of China and

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ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91
At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of home- less veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 133
At the request of Ms. MURkowski, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

S. 151
At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 151, a bill to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

S. 227
At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Washington (MRS. MURRAY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 227, a bill to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 396
At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 286, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family theria- pist services and mental health coun- selor services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 489
At the request of Ms. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to prohibit the use of amounts appropriated for military construction or the Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of barriers, land acquisition, or any other associated activities on the southern border without specific statutory authoriza- tion from Congress.

S. 562
At the request of Mr. UdALL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HONIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 362, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to re- form taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 396
At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limi- tation for family-sponsored immi- grants, and for other purposes.

S. 497
At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to provide that certain guidance related to waivers for State innovation under the Patient Protec- tion and Affordable Care Act shall have no force or effect.

S. 504
At the request of Mr. CARIDN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to improve diversity and in- clusion in the workforce of national se- curity agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 504
At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize The Ameri- can Legion to determine the require- ments for membership in The American Legion, and for other purposes.

S. 569
At the request of Mr. Young, the names of the Senator from North Da- kota (Mr. Cramer) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. Roberts) were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to commer- cial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes.

S. 668
At the request of Mr. Jones, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by virtue of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance compen- sation, and for other purposes.

S. 679
At the request of Mr. CarPER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 668, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsur- ance under Medicare for colorectal can- cer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is re- quired during the screening.

S. 679
At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UdALL), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE- SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 679, a bill to exempt from the calcula- tion of monthly income certain benefit paid by the Department of Veterans Af- fairs and the Department of Defense.

S. 726
At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California
At the request of Ms. Rosen, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Murphy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood.

At the request of Mr. Peters, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Tillis) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Cantwell, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to strengthen programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004.

At the request of Mr. Cornyn, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. Jones), the Senator from Utah (Mr. Romney), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. Stabenow) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Tillis) were added as cosponsors of S. 846, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to limit certain rolling stock procurements, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Baldwin, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Murphy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. Shaheen, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Collins) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Sanders) were added as cosponsors of S. 858, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to provide blood testing for firefighters of the Department of Defense to determine potential exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. Hassan, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Markey) were added as cosponsors of S. 867, a bill to protect students of institutions of higher education and the taxpayer investment in institutions of higher education by improving oversight and accountability of institutions of higher education, particularly for-profit colleges, improving protections for students and borrowers, and ensuring the integrity of postsecondary education programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Wyden, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. Rounds) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. King) were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to develop the personal technology devices and accounts of Senators and covered employees from cyber attacks and hostile information collection activities, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. Hawley), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. Fischer), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Hoeven) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. Thune) were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “family farmer”.

At the request of Mr. Udall, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. Hirono) was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos on food, to prohibit the registration of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Schatz, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Wyden) was added as a cosponsor of S. 944, a bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and the stability of the transportation security workforce by applying a unified personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who are responsible for screening passengers and property, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Crapo, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. Baldwin) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Carper) were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Warner, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, supra.

At the request of Mr. Menendez, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Carper) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Gardner) were added as cosponsors of S. 1025, a bill to provide humanitarian relief to the Venezuelan people and Venezuelan migrants, to advance a constitutional and democratic solution to Venezuela's political crisis, to address Venezuela's economic reconstruction, to combat public corruption, to eradicate narcotics and money laundering, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Portman, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. Blunt), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Cramer), the Senator from Montana (Mr. Daines), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. Rubio) were added as cosponsors of S. 1032, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of income for purposes of determining the tax-exempt status of certain corporations.

At the request of Mr. Udall, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to limit the use of funds for kinetic military operations in or against Iran.

At the request of Mrs. Shaheen, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Carper) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. Blackburn) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Coons, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Wyden) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to transfer and limit Executive Branch authority to suspend or restrict the entry of a class of aliens.

At the request of Mrs. Capito, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Collins) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) were added as cosponsors of S. 1126, a bill to provide better care for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers, while accelerating progress toward prevention strategies, disease modifying treatments, and, ultimately, a cure.

At the request of Mr. Cardin, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1186, a bill to promote democracy and human rights in Burma, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Merkley, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Blumenthal) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to create protection for depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.
At the request of Mr. Manchin, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Hoeven) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1201, a bill to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy), the Senator from Texas (Mr. Cornyn), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Tillis), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. Hirono), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Whitehouse), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Coons), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. Blackburn), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. Daines) were added as cosponsors of S. 1208, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Van Hollen, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Young), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Cardin) were added as cosponsors of S. 1218, a bill to require the review of the service of certain members of the Armed Forces during World War I to determine if such members should be awarded the Medal of Honor, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor based on the results of the review, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Schatz, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. Murkowski) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1222, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide hospital care and medical services to veterans in the Freely Associated States of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia, and to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of establishing regional offices, suboffices, contact units, or other subordinate offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Freely Associated States to provide such care and services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Casey, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

At the request of Mrs. Blackburn, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McConnell) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving women in the United States the right to vote.

At the request of Mr. Kaine, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. Rosen) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to extend the protections of the Fair Housing Act to persons suffering discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Cortez Masto, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. Murkowski), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Blumenthal) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Braun) were added as cosponsors of S. 1263, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an interagency task force on the use of public lands to provide medical treatment and therapy to veterans through outdoor recreation.

At the request of Mr. Blunt, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Enzi) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Schatz, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Bennet) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Education to issue guidance and recommendations for institutions of higher education on removing criminal and juvenile justice questions from their application for admissions processes.

At the request of Mr. Cassidy, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Young), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Tillis) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. Collins) were added as cosponsors of S. 1370, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain military survivor benefits as earned income for purposes of the kiddie tax.

At the request of Mr. Boozman, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. Stabenow) and the Senator from Nebraska (Ms. Rosen) were added as cosponsors of S. 1381, a bill to modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. Gillibrand) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the purchase of certain firearms by individuals under 21 years of age, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Duckworth, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Sanders) were added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to address the increased burden that maintaining the health and hygiene of infants and toddlers places on families in particular resulting adverse health effects on children and families, and the limited child care options available for infants and toddlers who lack sufficient diapers, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Coons, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. Jones) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 80, a resolution establishing the John S. McCain III Human Rights Commission.

At the request of Mr. Peters, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Casey), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. Stabenow), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. Warren), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Manchin) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 99, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Whitehouse) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 150, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that it is the policy of the United States to commemorate the Armenian Genocide through official recognition and remembrance.

At the request of Mr. Cruz, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Braun) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. Gillibrand) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 188, a resolution encouraging a swift transfer of power by the military to a civilian-led political authority in the Republic of the Sudan, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Durbin, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Cardin), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Sanders) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Booker) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 198, a resolution condemning Brunel’s dramatic human rights backsliding.
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STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1428. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit treatment of student loan payments as elective deferrals for purposes of employer matching contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I have introduced the Retirement Parity for Student Loans Act. This legislation would permit employers to make matching contributions to workers under 401(k) and similar types of retirement plans as if worker student loan payments were salary reduction contributions to the retirement plan. This legislation will help workers who cannot afford to both save for retirement and pay off their student loan debt by providing them with employer contributions to build their retirement savings. This is a commonsense fix to our nation’s laws that govern employer-sponsored retirement plans and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1428

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 “Retirement Parity for Student Loans Act”.

SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS AS ELECTIVE DEFERRALS FOR PURPOSES OF MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section 401(m)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and” at the end of clause (i), by striking the period at the end of clause (ii) and inserting “,” and”, and by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) subject to the requirements of paragraph (13), any employer contribution made to a defined contribution plan on behalf of an employee on account of a qualified student loan payment.”.

(b) QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT.—Paragraph (4) of section 401(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT.—The term ‘qualified student loan payment’ means a payment made by an employee in repayment of a qualified education loan (as defined in section 221(d)(1)) incurred to pay qualified higher education expenses of the employee, but only—

“(i) to the extent such payments in the aggregate for the year do not exceed an amount equal to—

“(A) the limitation applicable under section 402(g) for the year (or, if lesser, the employee’s compensation (as defined in section 415(c)(3)) for the year), reduced by

“(B) the elective deferrals made by the employee for such year, and

“(ii) if the employee certifies to the employer making the matching contribution under this paragraph that such payment has been made on such loan.

For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘qualified higher education expenses’ means the cost of attendance (as defined in section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as in effect at the time of the enactment of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997) at an eligible educational institution (as defined in section 221(d)(2)).

(c) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—Subsection (m) of section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating paragraph (12) as paragraph (13) by inserting after paragraph (12) the following new paragraph:

“(13) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (4)(A)(iii), an employer contribution made to a defined contribution plan on account of a qualified student loan payment shall be treated as a matching contribution for purposes of this title if—

“(I) the plan permits matching contributions on account of elective deferrals at the same rate as contributions on account of qualified student loan payments,

“(II) the matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments only on behalf of employees otherwise eligible to make elective deferrals, and

“(III) under the plan, all employees eligible to receive matching contributions on account of elective deferrals are eligible to receive matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments.

“(B) TREATMENT FOR PURPOSES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION RULES, ETC.—

“(1) NON-DISCRIMINATION RULES.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii), subsection (a)(4), and section 410(b), matching contributions described in paragraph (4)(A)(iii) shall not fail to be treated as available to an employee solely because such employee does not have debt incurred under a qualified education loan (as defined in section 221(d)(1)).

“(2) SIMPLE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.—Paragraph (2) of section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(F) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to treat the rules of clause (iii), an arrangement shall not fail to be treated as meeting the requirements of subparagraph (A)(iii) solely because under the arrangement, solely for purposes of such subparagraph, qualified student loan payments are treated as amounts elected by the employee under subparagraph (A)(i) to the extent such payments do not exceed—

“(A) the applicable dollar amount under subparagraph (E) (after application of section 444) for the year (or, if lesser, the employee’s compensation (as defined in section 415(c)(3)) for the year), reduced by

“(B) any other amounts elected by the employee under subparagraph (A)(i)(I) for the year.

“(2) QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT.—For purposes of this subparagraph—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified student loan payment’ means a payment made by an employee in repayment of a qualified education loan (as defined in section 221(d)(1)) incurred to pay qualified higher education expenses of the employee, but only if the employee certifies to the employer making the matching contribution that such payment has been made on such loan.

“(II) QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES.—The term ‘qualified higher education expenses’ has the same meaning as when used in section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

“(III) APPLICABLE RULES.—Clause (i) shall apply to an arrangement only if, under the arrangement—

“(A) the matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments are provided only on behalf of employees otherwise eligible to elect contributions under subparagraph (A)(i)(I), and

“(B) the matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments are provided only on behalf of employees otherwise eligible to elect contributions under subparagraph (A)(i)(I).

“(IV) DEEMED CONTRIBUTIONS.—Clause (i) shall not apply to a matching contribution on account of a qualified student loan payment if the contribution described in such clause is provided on behalf of an employee other than an employee otherwise eligible under clause (i) to elect contributions under subparagraph (A)(i)(I).

“(IV) SIMPLE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.—Paragraph (2) of section 408(p)(2)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, at a different frequency than matching contributions are otherwise made under section 411(a)(11), provided that the frequency is not less than annually.

“(III) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to contributions for years beginning after December 31, 2019.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1436. A bill to make technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110–279; considered and passed.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO COM-PUTATION OF AVERAGE PAY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 110–279.

(a) In General.—Section 1(c)(2)(A) of Public Law 110–279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking “For purposes of” and all that follows through “(i) any period” and inserting—

“(1) TREATMENT OF SERVICE.—For purposes of chapters 83, 84, and 87 of title 5, United States Code, (4) in clause (1), by striking “; and” and inserting “(i) any period; and (ii) any period”; and

(3) by inserting “TREATMENT OF PAY.—For purposes of chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code,” before “the rate of basic pay”; and

(b) by striking “the covered” and inserting “a covered”.

(b) Regulations.—

(1) In General.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulations promulgated under paragraph (1) shall take effect not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) APPlicability of AmendMents.—

(1) Definitions.—In this subsection, the terms “covered individual”, “covered individual”, and “food services contract” mean the terms given those terms in section 1(a) of Public Law 110–279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(a)), respectively.

(2) Amendments made by this subsection shall apply with respect to—

(A) a covered individual who separates from service as an employee of a contractor performing for the Federal Government a food services contract before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) each payment to a covered individual under chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, made on or after the effective date of the regulations promulgated under subsection (b).

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. King, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1437. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require that direct-to-consumer advertisements for prescription drugs and biological products include truthful and non-misleading pricing information; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1437.

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 “Drug-price Transparency in Communications (DTC) Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and biological products is specifically required by section 1150C of the Social Security Act to be truthful and non-misleading; and

(2) The Secretary of Health and Human Services is authorized to require drug manufacturers to provide a copy of advertisements to the Secretary for the purpose of establishing whether the advertisements are truthful and non-misleading.

(b) REQUIREMENT THAT DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS INCLUDE TRUTHFUL AND NON-MISLEADING PRICING INFORMATION.

SEC. 1150C. (a) In General.—The Secretary shall require that each direct-to-consumer advertisement for a prescription drug or biological product for which payment is available under title XVIII or XIX includes an appropriate disclosure of truthful and non-misleading pricing information with respect to the drug or product.

(b) Determination by CMS.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall determine whether a prescription drug or biological product is subject to the requirement under subsection (a), such as the forms of advertising, the manner of disclosure, the price point listing, and the price information for disclosure.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS


Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORA). I submit the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 201.

Whereas in 1950, 9-year-old Linda Brown, the daughter of Oliver L. Brown, was denied entry into the all-white Sumner Elementary School in Topeka, Kansas, and forced to attend the all-black Monroe Elementary School in Topeka, Kansas;

Whereas on February 28, 1951, the complaint in Brown v. Board of Education was filed with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, with Oliver L. Brown as the lead plaintiff;

Whereas the plaintiffs in Brown v. Board of Education appealed the ruling of the district court to the Supreme Court;

Whereas, at the Supreme Court, the case of Brown v. Board of Education was combined with other cases from Delaware, Virginia, and the District of Columbia regarding segregation in public schools;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall argued the case of Brown v. Board of Education before the Supreme Court as lead counsel for the appellants;

Whereas on May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court delivered an unanimous opinion holding that—

(1) separate educational facilities are inherently unequal; and

(2) the “separate but equal” doctrine violated the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which states that no citizen may be denied equal protection under the law;

(1) overruled the 1896 decision in Plessy v. Ferguson, 163 U.S. 537 (1896); and
(2) ended discriminatory Jim Crow laws; and
(3) invalidated the “separate but equal” doctrine, ending segregated classrooms in Kansas and across the United States.
Whereas, Linda Brown lived and attended school in Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), the landmark decision of the Supreme Court in Topeka, Kansas, the school that Linda Brown attended: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Senate recognizes and celebrates—
(1) the 65th anniversary on May 17, 2019, of the landmark decision of the Supreme Court in Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 (1954); and
(2) the contribution the decision has made to—
(A) equal education; and
(B) justice under the law, which is recognized in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 202—CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR MAKING ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, AND SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE 20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK, TO BE HELD ON MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2019

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DUXBURY, Mr. ELISBERG, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas charter schools are public schools that do not charge tuition and enroll any student that wishes to attend, often through a random lottery when the demand for enrollment is outmatched by the supply of available charter school seats; Whereas high-performing public charter schools deliver a high-quality public education and challenge each student to reach the student's potential for academic success; Whereas high-performing public charter schools provide millions of families with diverse and innovative educational options for their children; Whereas in the 80 years since AOPA was formed the organization has been led by only 5 presidents: Joseph B. “Doc” Hartranft, John L. Baker, Philip B. Boyer, Craig L. Perez, and Mark R. Baker; and
Whereas AOPA tirelessly advocates for and contributes to improving the safety of aviation; Whereas AOPA is committed to growing the general aviation population and introducing young people to career opportunities and welcoming more women and minorities into aviation; Whereas in the 80 years since AOPA was formed the organization has been led by only 5 presidents: Joseph B. “Doc” Hartranft, John L. Baker, Philip B. Boyer, Craig L. Perez, and Mark R. Baker; and
Whereas AOPA remains committed to protecting and promoting aviation in the United States; Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Senate—
(1) congratulates the students, families, teachers, leaders, and staff of public charter schools across the United States for—
(A) making ongoing contributions to public education; and
(B) making impressive strides in closing the academic achievement gap in schools in the United States, particularly in schools with academically disadvantaged students in both rural and urban communities; and
(2) leaving a lasting legacy for future generations of aviators.

SENATE RESOLUTION 204—TO TURN TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE ARMS TRADE TREATY

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:
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Whereas, on April 29, 2019, President Donald J. Trump transmitted the following to the United States Senate: ‘‘I have concluded that it is not in the interest of the United States to become a party to the Arms Trade Treaty (Senate Treaty Doc. 114-14, transmitted December 9, 2016). I have, therefore, decided to withdraw the aforementioned treaty and accordingly request that it be returned to me.’’; Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate shall return to the President of the United States the Arms Trade Treaty, Done at New York on April 2, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114-14).

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 116th Congress: DIANNE FEINSTEIN of California (Democratic Administrative Co-Chairman); JACK REED of Rhode Island (Democratic Co-Chairman); ROBERT MENENDEZ of New Jersey (Democratic Co-Chairman); RICHARD J. DURBIN of Illinois; BENJAMIN L. CARDIN of Maryland; ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr. of Pennsylvania; TAMMY DUCKWORTH of Illinois; MARGARET WOOD HASSAN of New Hampshire; and KYRSTEN SINEMA of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 202, 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. 202) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 12 through May 18, 2019.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?
There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 202, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read, as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 202) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 12 through May 18, 2019.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?
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. 202) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 203, 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. 203) recognizing the 80th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?
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. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read, as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 203) recognizing the 80th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 203) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE PAY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 110-279

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1436, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read, as follows:

A bill (S. 1436) to make technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110-279.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?
There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion 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 bill (S. 1436) as ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows: S. 1436

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

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE PAY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 110-279.

(a) In General.—Section 3(a)(2)(A) of Public Law 110-279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking “For purposes of” and all that follows through “(i) any period” and inserting the following:
(i) TREATMENT OF SERVICE.—For purposes of chapters 83, 84, and 87 of title 5, United States Code, any period;
(2) in clause (i), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and
(3) in clause (i)—
(A) by inserting “TREATMENT OF PAY.—For purposes of chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, before the “rate of basic pay”; and
(B) by striking the “covered” and inserting “a covered”.
(b) Regulations.—In general.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulations promulgated under paragraph (1) shall take effect not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENTS.—
(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms “contractor”, “covered individual”, and “food services contract” have the meanings given those terms in section 1(a) of Public Law 110-279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(a)).

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to—
(A) a covered individual who separates from service as an employee of a contractor performing services under the food services contract before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act;
(B) each payment to a covered individual under chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, made on or after the effective date of the regulations promulgated under subsection (b).

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate complete its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, further, 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, morning business be closed, and that the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Bruncale nomination; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:29 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ROBERT WALLACE OF WYOMING, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE; VICK THOMAS L. STRICKLAND, RESIGNED.
THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY

To be colonel

JAMBS R. MATTSKO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

To be major

CARMEN Y. SALCEDO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

MICHAEL R. BRUEBAU

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

ERYN G. ADAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

STEVEN D. MILLS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

TIMOTHY D. FORREST

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

JAMES A. CHRISTIE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

MATTHEW J. SKLEROV

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

MARK A. THOMAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

JASON L. JONES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

MARK A. THOMAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

BRIAN J. ELLIS, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

LISA A. WHITE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

MARY E. PHILLIP

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

JEFFREY S. MARTENS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

JAMIE L. OCH-Julien
To be captain

ADAM V. BELLIN
MARY G. BOOKEY
JEFFREY L. BOSCHERT
Bennett W. BOYER
Jason B. BROOKEMAN
MATTHEW A. BUCKLEY
John E. BURKE

CHRISTOPHER T. BURNS
Robert T. BURNS
Jeffrey L. BUTLER
Jonathan M. BUTZKE
Dierk J. CEDAR
Michael N. CLAVERO
Elizabeth A. CLEMENT
Mark C. CRAVEN
Justin S. CROSS
Joshua R. CURRIER
Brian A. EISENHErtl
Caroline Figueroa, Jr.
Robert M. FERSTEIN
Eric C. FLAIG
Michael J. FREUDENTHAL
Vincent E. GARCIA
BRITT M. GARLAND
John C. GILLIS
Tara S. GOLDEN
Blair R. GREENLAW
Suzanne M. HARKER
Dana W. HARRISON
Brittany L. HIBBARD
Patrick M. HOFFMAN
Carrie C. HOFFMAN
Joshua B. HORTON

MARY W. HUGHES
Joseph M. HUGHES
Cristina M. HUSSAN
Reginald D. HUSSEY
Jonathan W. HYDE
Michael J. IHO
Robert J. IVY

ONEFRIO P. MARGIONI
Kurt D. WILLIAMS
ONOFRIO P. MARGIONI
Kurt D. WILLIAMS
JASON B. BROOKHAM
MARY G. BOOKEY
ADAM V. BELLIN

JACQUELINE F. BETH
PHILLIP H. BURD
FELICIANO D. BURGER
PAMELA R. KILMARTIN
FATUELLA A. KILMARTIN
BERTHEL L. KRUEGER
MARY C. Mcdonald
Gwendolyn A. Mccalf
Keith L. MICHON
JOANNA M. MILLS
KAREN J. MOORE
SUSAN A. PAINTER-LACQUA
JOHNNY J. SACCO

JASON S. STEWART

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

DAVID L. BELL, Jr.
WILLIAM J. BURKE, Jr.
JAMES T. CORBETT
MICHAEL D. FERRERIA
BRIAN M. GILLEN
CHRISTOPHER N. HANSHA
SUSAN M. HANSHA
KEVIN L. JENSEN
JEFFREY D. NEL
JEROME M. NAGANO
CHRIS R. SMILEY
CALVIN B. SUFFRIDGE
Joshua A. SUTER
ROGER S. THOMPSON
NATHAN C. WOODRUFF
BRIAN H. ZAD

The following NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

BRIAN J. HALL
JONATHAN J. JETTFAIRMER
BENJAMIN P. MICHAEL
CHARLIE W. SCHREIBER
Phillip E. SMITH

The following NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

ESTHER A. BOPP
KARIN J. MUNTREAN
ROBERT W. TAYLOR

The following NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

JEREMY T. CARELLA
PAUL J. CHEN
Christopher D. COFFEE

The following NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

FREDERICK G. ALEXIS
ALAN G. RACA
To be captain

DAVID A. SCHUBKEGEL

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy Reserve under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12203:

To be captain

JON B. VOIGTLANDER

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy Reserve under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12203:

To be captain

REBEKAH R. JOHNSON

ANN R. LEANOS

THOMAS H. FOSTER

ROBERT S. THOMAS

Seth D. Burmaster

Christopher M. Cassano

Daniel R. N. Corkery

Zoe A. Goss

Bryan M. Hoffmann

Russell W. Horton

Donald R. Moor

David J. Sall

Jay R. Senterfitt

Troy J. Sherrill

MATTHEW A. BUCH
SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 15

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service.  SD-124

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators.  SD-538

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider S. 411, to establish a Counterterrorism Advisory Board, S. 1275, to require the collection of fees for background checks on services provided by agencies, S. 580, to amend the Act of August 23, 1958, commonly known as the ‘‘Former Presidents Act of 1958’’, with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, S. 347, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the ‘‘Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building’’, S. 1186, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1715 Linnerud Drive in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, as the ‘‘Fire Captain Cory Barb Post Office Building’’, S. Con. Res. 15, expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2019, as ‘‘Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day’’, H.R. 965, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of settlement agreements, H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, H.R. 108, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committee meetings, H.R. 44, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, H.R. 1590, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign threat, H.R. 549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayraut Road in Fairport, New York, as the ‘‘Lodihouse and Bob Slaughter Post Office’’, H.R. 828, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the ‘‘Congressman Bill Carney Post Office’’, H.R. 829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the ‘‘Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building’’, an original bill entitled, ‘‘Repeal Insurance Plans of the Multi-Program Act’’, an original bill entitled, ‘‘Construction Consent Procurement Improvement Act of 2019’’, an original bill entitled, ‘‘Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act of 2019’’, an original bill entitled, ‘‘Early Participation in Regulations Act of 2019’’, an original bill entitled, ‘‘Supply Chain Counterintelligence Training Act of 2019’’, an original bill entitled, ‘‘Setting Manageable Analysis Requirements in Domestic Alliances Act of 2019’’, and the nominations of James A. Crowell IV, and Jason Park, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Ron A. Bloom, of New York, and Roman Martinez IV, of Florida, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Michael Eric Wooten, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.  SD-342

10 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
To hold closed hearings to examine an intelligence program update and global threat assessment.  SVC-217

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Treasury.  SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider S. 727, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood, S. 1228, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirated radio, S. 1289, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, S. 1294, to require Federal agencies with jurisdiction over broadband deployment to enter into an interagency agreement related to certain types of funding for broadband deployment, and an original bill entitled, ‘‘Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act for Fiscal Year 2020’’; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.  SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Council on Environmental Quality.  SD-406

10:15 a.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the future of arms control post-Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.  SD-419

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider S. 279, to allow tribal grant schools to participate in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, S. 832, to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865, and S. 1287, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in Utah; to be immediately following by an oversight hearing to examine the President’s fiscal year 2020 budget request for Indian Programs, and S. 1211, to provide for improvements to Tribal transportation facilities and Tribal transportation safety.  SD-628

Committee on Rules and Administration
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Election Assistance Commission.  SR-301

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration’s innovation programs.  SR-428A

3 p.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Water and Power
To hold hearings to examine issues and challenges at the Power Marketing Administrations.  SD-366

MAY 16

10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather
To hold hearings to examine atmospheric science research and forecasting innovation.  SD-562

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy’s carbon capture, utilization, and storage programs, including S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology.

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 1338, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, S. 1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and the nominations of Ada E. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Steven D. Grimberg, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, David John Novak, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Matthew H. Solomson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, and Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, all of the Department of State.

MAY 20

4 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

5 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

5:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

11 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

MAY 21

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

MAY 22

9 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

MAY 23

9 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Chamber Action
Routine Proceedings, pages S2775–S2796

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1419–1437, S.J. Res. 20, and S. Res. 201–204. Pages S2786–87

Measures Reported:
Report to accompany S. 383, to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines. (S. Rept. No. 116–38)

Report to accompany S. 747, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program. (S. Rept. No. 116–39)

S. 211, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime. (S. Rept. No. 116–40)

S. 1208, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S2786

Measures Passed:

National Charter Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held on May 12 through May 18, 2019. Page S2793

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association 80th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 203, recognizing the 80th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Page S2793

Technical Corrections: Senate passed S. 1436, to make technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110–279. Page S2793

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 116th Congress: Senator Feinstein (Democratic Administrative Co-Chairman), Senator Reed (Democratic Co-Chairman), Senator Menendez (Democratic Co-Chairman), Senator Durbin, Senator Cardin, Senator Casey, Senator Duckworth, Senator Hassan, and Senator Sinema. Page S2793

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16) Page S2786

Truncale Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michael J. Truncale, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. Pages S2775–76, S2779–80

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 107), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 10:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Rosen Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice. Pages S2776–79

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition
of the nomination of Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:
Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.
Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:
Robert Wallace, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.
Douglas Russell Cole, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.
Vincent F. DeMarco, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.
Charles R. Eskridge III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.
William D. Hyslop, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of four years.
Wilmer Ocasio, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.
Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.
Kea Whetzel Rigggs, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.
William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
Peter M. Vito, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.
Jennifer Philpport Wilson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.
1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

Additional Cosponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—107)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2793.)

Committee Meetings
(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS
(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D448)

H.R. 1222, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States. Signed on May 10, 2019. (Public Law 116–17)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, Naomi C. Earp, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department
of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, focusing on the perspectives of two former Chairmen, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, to hold hearings to examine the emerging space environment, focusing on operational, technical, and policy challenges, 3 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the importance of and path to achieving mineral security, including S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, and S. 1317, to facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 242, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona, S. 258, to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, S. 434, to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, S. 490, to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B–47 Ridge", S. 499, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, S. 526, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 1079, to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, and S. 1262, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine challenges in the retirement system, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine 5G, focusing on national security concerns, intellectual property issues, and the impact on competition and innovation, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5, the "Equality Act"; H.R. 312, the "Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation Reaffirmation Act"; and H.R. 987, the "Marketing and Outreach Restoration to Empower Health Education Act of 2019" [Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act], 4:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Compartmented FY 2020 Budget Request", 5:30 p.m., HVC–304. This hearing is closed.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 14 through May 17, 2019

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Michael J. Truncale, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 10:45 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Michael J. Truncale, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kenneth Kiyul Lee, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 14, business meeting to consider the nominations of Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, Naomi C. Earp, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Appropriations: May 15, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

May 15, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–138.

May 15, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine an intelligence program update and global threat assessment, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: May 14, to hold hearings to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, focusing on the perspectives of two former Chairmen, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 14, Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, to hold hearings to examine the emerging space environment, focusing on operational, technical, and policy challenges, 3 p.m., SD–562.

May 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 737, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood, S. 1228, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio, S. 1289, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, S. 1294, to require Federal agencies with jurisdiction over broadband deployment to enter into an interagency agreement related to certain types of funding for broadband deployment, and an original bill entitled, “Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act for Fiscal Year 2020”; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

May 16, Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather, to hold hearings to examine atmospheric science research and forecasting innovation, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 14, to hold hearings to examine the importance of and path to achieving mineral security, including S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, and S. 1317, to facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs, 10 a.m., SD–366.

May 14, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 242, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona, S. 258, to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, S. 434, to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, S. 490, to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as “B–47 Ridge”, S. 499, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, S. 526, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 1079, to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, and S. 1262, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

May 15, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine issues and challenges at the Power Marketing Administrations, 3 p.m., SD–366.

May 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy’s carbon capture, utilization, and storage programs, including S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Council on Environmental Quality, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: May 14, to hold hearings to examine challenges in the retirement system, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 15, to hold hearings to examine the future of arms control post-Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

May 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, and Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 15, business meeting to consider S. 411, to establish a Counterterrorism Advisory Board, S. 1275, to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, S. 580, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the “Former Presidents Act of 1958”, with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, S. 347, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the “Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building”, S. 1196, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1715 Linnerud Drive in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, as the “Fire Captain Cory Barr Post Office Building”, S. 1196, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1715 Linnerud Drive in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, as the “Fire Captain Cory Barr Post Office Building”, S. Con. Res. 15, expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2019, as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day”, H.R. 995, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of settlement agreements, H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, H.R. 1608, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, H.R. 1654, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, H.R. 1590, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, H.R. 540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the “Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office”, H.R. 828, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the “Congressman Bill Carney Post Office”, H.R. 829, to designate the

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 15, business meeting to consider S. 279, to allow tribal grant schools to participate in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, S. 852, to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865, and S. 1207, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in Utah; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the President’s fiscal year 2020 budget request for Indian Programs, and S. 1211, to provide for improvements to Tribal transportation facilities and Tribal transportation safety, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 14, to hold hearings to examine 5G, focusing on national security concerns, intellectual property issues, and the impact on competition and innovation, 10 a.m., SD–226.

May 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1328, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, S. 1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and the nominations of Ada E. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Steven D. Grimberg, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, David John Novak, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Matthew H. Solomson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: May 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Election Assistance Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR–301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: May 15, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration’s innovation programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: May 16, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 14, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

May 16, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 15, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “To Review USDA Farm Bill Conservation Programs”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 15, Subcommittee on Defense, markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol. This hearing is closed.


May 16, Full Committee, markup on the Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2020; and the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, May 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Department of Defense’s Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan: The Path Forward”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.


Committee on the Budget, May 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Keeping Our Promise to America’s Seniors: Retirement Security in the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, May 15, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled “Examining the Older Americans Act: Promoting Independence and Dignity for Older Americans”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 15, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Accountability and Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Protecting Americans at Risk of PFAS Contamination and Exposure”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 15, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “Promoting Economic Growth:
A Review of Proposals to Strengthen the Rights and Protections for Workers”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.


May 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Prudential Regulators: Ensuring the Safety, Soundness and Accountability of Megabanks and Other Depository Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 15, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “The Conflict in Libya”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.


Committee on Homeland Security, May 15, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 542, the “Supporting Research and Development for First Responders Act”; H.R. 1158, the “DHS Cyber Incident Response Team Act”; H.R. 2083, the Homeland Procurement Reform Act”; H.R. 2383, the “Secure Communities and Safe Schools Act”; H.R. 2476, the “Securing American Non-Profit Organizations Against Terrorism Act”; H.R. 2539, the “Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2019”; H.R. 2589, the “Unifying DHS Intelligence Enterprise Act”; H.R. 2590, the “DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act of 2019”; H.R. 2609, the “DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2019”; H.R. 2621, the “Homeland Security Assessment of Terrorists’ Use of Ghost Guns Act”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

May 16, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers: Preparing America’s Law Enforcement to Protect the Homeland”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Executive Privilege and Congressional Oversight”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Justice Denied: Forced Arbitration and the Erosion of our Legal System”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of the Interior Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 2020”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Examining the Impacts of Climate Change on Public Lands Recreation”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 15, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 2552, the “Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Oil and Gas Development: Impacts of Water Pollution Above and Below Ground”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 16, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Examining the President’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Geological Survey”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 16, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled “Investigating the Health and Safety Risks of Native Children at BIE Boarding Schools”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.


May 15, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Confronting White Supremacy (Part I): The Consequences of Inaction”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.


May 16, Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “CFPB’s Role in Empowering Predatory Lenders: Examining the Proposed Repeal of the Payday Lending Rule”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, May 15, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Advancing the Next Generation of Solar and Wind Energy Technologies”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.


May 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members’ Day Hearing: House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing: Committee on Small Business”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure, hearing entitled “Oversight of the SBA’s Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 15, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Status of the Boeing 737 MAX”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.


May 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Department of Veterans Affairs Budget
Request for the Veterans Health Administration”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Economic and Health Consequences of Climate Change”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Overcoming Racial Disparities and Social Determinants in the Maternal Mortality Crisis”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled “China’s Digital Authoritarianism: Surveillance, Influence, and Political Control”, 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, May 14

Senate Chamber

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(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
12 noon, Tuesday, May 14

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.