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House of Representatives

The House met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC, July 22, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Lord our God, thank You for giving us another day.

As they are returning to the Capitol, please be with the Members of this people’s House in all their undertakings today. You know them, through and through. You know how they relate with one another, and know them as the American people do, as the 116th Congress of the United States of America.

Lord, help them to know You. As ultimate truth, send Your spirit upon them, that You might find a dwelling place among them, so that all Your people can place trust in them as leaders, as well as their Representatives.

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

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day’s proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 22, 2019, at 11:31 a.m.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 19.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 19. Concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 4 o’clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1709. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112(b)(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-156, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1710. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-79, “Fiscal Year 2020 Local Budget Act of 2019”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1711. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-79, “Adelaide Alley Designation Act of 2019”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1712. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-86, “Legitimate Theater Sidewalk Cafe Authorization Temporary Amendment Act of 2019”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1713. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the
Department's report titled "Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act 2018 Report to Congress", pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 609(a); Public Law 105-176, Sec. 1503(a) (amending 23 U.S.C. 114-94, Sec. 1503(a); 120 Stat. 1444); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1714. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minumums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31256; Amdt. No.: 3855] received July 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1715. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minumums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31256; Amdt. No.: 3855] received July 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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1717. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removal of Jet Route J-147; Eastern United States [Docket No.: FAA-2018-1026; Airspace Docket No.: 18-AEA-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1718. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Omaha, NE [Docket No.: FAA-2019-0116; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AWA-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1719. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Fort Polk, LA [Dock et No.: FAA-2018-0984; Airspace Docket No.: 18-ASW-8] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1720. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Direc-
Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LUSTKREMEYER, Mr. COMER, and Mr. STIVERSE:  
H.R. 3869. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to make grants for the establishment or expansion of internet exchange facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.  
By Mr. ESPAILLAT:  
H.R. 3870. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 West 165th Street in New York, New York, as the "Normandia Maldonado Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.  
By Mr. FOSTER:  
H.R. 3872. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 2010 to preserve the independent funding of the Office of Financial Research; to the Committee on Financial Services.  
By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. SHEHRRILL, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. CREST, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. KIM, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. MURPHY, and Mr. GOTTTHIMER):  
H.R. 3873. A bill to authorize the National Security Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.  
By Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Ms. UNDERWOOD):  
H.R. 3874. A bill to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTI people around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.  
By Mr. TLAIB:  
H.R. 3875. A bill to prohibit Federal funding from being used for the purchase or use of facial recognition technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.  
By Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. MENG, Mr. RASHID, Mr. SOTO, Mr. LOWEY):  
H.R. 3870. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 West 165th Street in New York, New York, as the "Normandia Maldonado Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.  
By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ:  
H.R. 3868. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 1—Congressional powers of oversight  
By Mr. LONG:  
H.R. 3869. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or office thereof.  
By Mr. ESPAILLAT:  
H.R. 3870. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article One of the United States Constitution, section 8, clause 18: The Congress shall have Power—To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Office thereof.  
By Mr. FOSTER:  
H.R. 3871. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
This bill enacts provisions in the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.  
By Ms. SLOTKIN:  
H.R. 3872. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.  
By Ms. TLAIB:  
H.R. 3873. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof.  
By Ms. TITUS:  
H.R. 3874. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1 Section 8 of article I of the Constitution, which states that To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.  
ADDITIONAL SPONSORS  
Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:  
H.R. 35: Mr. CLARVER and Mrs. MCATH.  
H.R. 45: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.  
H.R. 507: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CIESNEROS, Mr. SARBANES, and Ms. SPANBERGER.  
H.R. 336: Mr. TIMMONS.  
H.R. 388: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.  
H.R. 479: Mr. BUSH.  
H.R. 510: Mr. THOMBERNERY and Mr. BUDD.  
H.R. 549: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey and Mr. SUOZZI.  
H.R. 603: Mr. CLOUD.  
H.R. 616: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.  
H.R. 617: Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. DUNN, Mr. POSNET, Miss GONZALEZ-COLON of Puerto Rico, Mr. OLSON, Mr. BRIGS, Mr. BALDERSON, and Mr. BAIN.  
H.R. 647: Ms. CHENY, Ms. WATERS, Ms. RUIZ, and Ms. SLOTKIN.  
H.R. 651: Mrs. AXNE.  
H.R. 675: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.  
H.R. 688: Mr. TAKANO.  
H.R. 689: Mr. TED LIEU of California.  
H.R. 724: Ms. HUDSON.  
H.R. 727: Ms. WILSON of Florida.  
H.R. 776: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota and Mr. WALDEN.  
H.R. 838: Ms. MCATH, Mr. SENSNERBRENNER, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. GANTZ.  
H.R. 864: Mr. TED LIEU of California.  
H.R. 895: Mr. O’HALLERAN.  
H.R. 925: Mr. ZELDIN.  
H.R. 934: Mr. BROWN of Maryland.  
H.R. 935: Mr. BROWN of Maryland.  
H.R. 945: Ms. JAYAPAL.  
H.R. 946: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.  
H.R. 961: Mr. COX of California.  
H.R. 1016: Mr. YARMOUTH.  
H.R. 1034: Mr. STEWART, Mr. HARRIS, Ms. HERRERA BRUTLER, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. GUESS, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. COLE of New York, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.  
H.R. 1056: Mr. CIESNEROS.  
H.R. 1058: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WALDEN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. HARMES, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. NUNES, Mr. HAGBORN, and Ms. HERRERA BRUTLER.  
H.R. 1133: Mr. GALLEGOS.  
H.R. 1139: Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 1140: Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. VARGAS.  
H.R. 1179: Mr. RODGELMAN.  
H.R. 1183: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.  
H.R. 1191: Mr. HICK, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. MENG, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, and Mr. STANTON.  
H.R. 1367: Ms. BOWEN.  
H.R. 1389: Mr. HUFFMAN.  
H.R. 1393: Mr. CIESNEROS.  
H.R. 1370: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
H.R. 1383: Mr. WRIGHT.  
H.R. 1392: Mr. HICK of Georgia.  
H.R. 1370: Mr. SENSNERBRENNER, Ms. WEXTON, and Mr. ADERHOLT.  
H.R. 1461: Mr. ROSE of Alabama, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. POSKRY, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. GIANFORTE.
Ms. WILSON of Florida.

JAYAPAL.

Florida.

California, Ms. D EAN, Mr. H ASTINGS, and Mrs. KING of Iowa, Ms. S PANBERGER, Mr. C OHEN, and Mrs. B EATTY, and Mr. D AVID LIEU of California.

diana, Mr. T HOMPSON of California, Ms. L EE of Nevada.

H.R. 2687: Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 2426: Mr. RASKIN and Mr. MCCLINTOCK.

H.R. 2616: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 2602: Ms. WEXTON.

H.R. 2568: Mr. CRIST.

H.R. 2778: Ms. WEXTON, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BRENDA F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 2781: Mr. LONG, Mr. RUSH, Mr. GHIJALVA, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. WALDEN, and Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 2816: Mr. NEUSE.

H.R. 2825: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 2847: Mr. NEUSE.

H.R. 2913: Mr. PAYNE and Mr. MULLIN.

H.R. 2914: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.

H.R. 2975: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 2988: Mr. NORMAN.

H.R. 3033: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 3115: Mr. BYRNE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. Sires, and Mr. CASE.

H.R. 3170: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER and Mr. DeFAZIO.

H.R. 3182: Mr. ROOKERS of Kentucky, Mr. STEIL, Mr. BARR, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 3190: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire and Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 3193: Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 3195: Mr. DeFAZIO, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mrs. MCBATH, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. McNERNY, and Ms. MUCARSEL-Powell.

H.R. 3219: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 3248: Mr. TED LIEU of California and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire and Ms. SOTO.

H.R. 3250: Mr. BROWN of Maryland.

H.R. 3272: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 3296: Ms. WEXTON.

H.R. 3315: Mr. McCGovern.

H.R. 3375: Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Ms. Herrera BUTLER, Mr. BRADY, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. HURD of Texas, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. Reschenthaler, and Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 3388: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 3409: Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 3412: Mr. GOODEN.

H.R. 3444: Mr. McCGovern.

H.R. 3446: Mr. McCGovern.

H.R. 3450: Mr. MEUSER.

H.R. 3451: Ms. DelBENE, Mr. KHAANNA, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 3452: Mr. Carrajal, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Ruppersberger, Mr. Foster, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, and Ms. Bonamici.

H.R. 3495: Mr. WOMACK.

H.R. 3501: Ms. NORTON and Mr. Sires.

H.R. 3508: Mr. MULLIN.

H.R. 3509: Ms. SCANLON, Mr. BERA, Mr. COBEY, and Ms. SANCHEZ.

H.R. 3559: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 3580: Mr. ABRAHAM.

H.R. 3589: Ms. MOOLENAAR, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. Posey, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Rooney of Florida, Mr. Turner, Mr. Bishop of Utah, Mr. Carter of Georgia, Mr. Spano, Mr. BAHN, Mr. Collins of Georgia, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Grotelman, Mr. McCArthy, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. DAVISON of Ohio, Mr. BUDD, Mr. LOUDES MILK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. CLINE, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. COMIR, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. Reschenthaler, Mr. EMMER, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. KENZINGER, Mr. CONWAY, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. David P. Roe of Tennessee, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. Austin SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HUSCHSON, Mr. RAID, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. Diaz-BALART, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. Hagedorn, Mr. Smucker, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ratcliffe.

H.R. 3596: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 3604: Mr. HASTINGS and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 3637: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 3656: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3664: Ms. MOORE.

H.R. 3665: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MOONNY of West Virginia, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 3688: Mr. WILD.

H.R. 3711: Mr. Collins of New York.

H.R. 3714: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3730: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 3742: Mr. BURMAN, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. RICHMOND, and Mr. Lucas.

H.R. 3745: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. LRSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 3746: Ms. ESCH.

H.R. 3749: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 3799: Mr. SUEZZI, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. CARDENAS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. LLEWIS, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 3804: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. CECILLINE, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. Bonamici, Ms. Brownley of California, Ms. CRAIG, Miss RICK of New York, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Ms. DI LAURO, Ms. BRATY, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. WILD, Ms. OCAÑO-CORTIZ, and Ms. OMAR.

H.R. 3817: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3867: Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. KHANNA.

H.Con. Res. 52: Mr. Petters.

H.Res. 72: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.Res. 127: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.Res. 220: Mr. MULLIN and Mr. BUTTERFIELD.

H.Res. 246: Mr. Austin SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. Rice of South Carolina, and Mr. McG尼

H.Res. 499: Mr. Johnson of Georgia and Ms. Bonamici.
The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Father Patrick Conroy, will open the Senate with prayer.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Righteous God, deliver Your people from evil. Set our lawmakers on safe paths, protecting them from dangers. Preserve them and their loved ones, keeping them from stumbling. Provide our Senators with counsel, even in the night sessions where they may prevail against the evil that seeks to destroy our Nation and world. As they trust Your loving-kindness, may their hearts rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, deal bountifully with them and the members of their staffs. We pray in Your marvelous 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.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 582 AND H.R. 748

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, first, I have a duty to perform for the leader. I understand that there are two bills at the desk due a second reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the titles of the bills for the second time. The bill clerk reads as follows:

A bill (H.R. 582) to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 748) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

Mr. GRASSLEY. In order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask to speak as in morning business for 1 minute.

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

UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, passing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement means more market access for our farmers and businesses and more protection for our workers. This agreement includes new commitments in critical areas such as customs, digital trade, services, environment, and labor that are crucial to bringing higher wages and more jobs to American workers.

Of course, enforcement is key to a strong and durable trade agreement that will deliver all of the benefits that I just listed. We need enforcement measures that work for all aspects of this agreement.

It is time to bring NAFTA into the 21st century, and that is what the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement will do. The time for USMCA is now.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BLACKBURN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

NOMINATION OF MARK T. ESPER

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, the Senate’s first order of business this week will be confirming a thoroughly well-prepared nominee to a post of vital national importance. Later today, we will vote to advance the nomination of Dr. Mark Esper to serve as Secretary of Defense, and we will vote on his confirmation tomorrow.

When Dr. Esper was nominated in July of 2017 to serve as Secretary of the Army, he already possessed an impressive record that spanned public service, the private sector, and, of course, his distinguished service in uniform. As a student, he excelled at West Point. He served honorably in combat during the Gulf war as an infantry officer with Kentucky’s own 101st Airborne, the Screaming Eagles. He then later obtained a master’s degree from the Kennedy School at Harvard and a Ph.D. from George Washington University.

In the years since, Dr. Esper has continued to serve his country, compiling an outstanding record in public service. He has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Pentagon; as a Senate-appointed member of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and, of course, as a trusted staff expert right here in the Capitol.

As a result, many of our colleagues have been familiar with this nominee for more than a decade. Members on both sides remember Mark Esper from his time on staff with our former colleague Chuck Hagel. Some knew him from George Washington University.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BLACKBURN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

NOMINATION OF MARK T. ESPER

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, the Senate’s first order of business this week will be confirming a thoroughly well-prepared nominee to a post of vital national importance. Later today, we will vote to advance the nomination of Dr. Mark Esper to serve as Secretary of Defense, and we will vote on his confirmation tomorrow.

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then the Governmental Affairs Committee, and many of us inevitably crossed paths with the smart and levelheaded national security adviser for Majority Leader Bill Frist.

So, when President Trump first nominated Dr. Esper to be Secretary of the Army, I was compelled to act. I were well acquainted with his expertise, his professionalism, and his patriotic dedication to the men and women who serve to keep us safe. It is no wonder that this body confirmed him to that high calling without a partisan margin. Since then, Secretary Esper has continued to impress. He has continued to earn the praise of experts and colleagues from every corner of the national security landscape.

"He's highly regarded inside the Army. Soldiers like him."

Additionally, he is "superbly well qualified by experience and temperament for the position."

Another quote: "The nation would be lucky to have Mark serve in any capacity... He is particularly well-suited to step into one of the most important jobs in the world."

This is high praise from former Pentagon officials of the Obama years and from widely recognized national security professionals. Just last week, our colleagues on the Armed Services Committee offered a ringing endorsement of their own by voting by voice to favorably report his nomination to the floor.

It would be hard to draw up a more compelling case than the one in front of us for confirming Dr. Mark Esper, and it is hard to imagine a more persuasive argument for doing it right away—with no further delay—than the front pages of newspapers all around the world every day.

The world is full of serious threats to America, to our allies, and to our interests. Not the least among them, obviously, is Iran's insistence on continuing to ratchet up tensions in the Middle East. Having a Senate-confirmed Secretary of Defense, especially one of this quality, could not have come a moment too soon.

In closing, when Secretary Esper took his last job, he wrote Army personnel a letter that laid out three priorities: readiness, modernization, and reform. Since then, he has played an active role in this administration's efforts to restore the primacy and lethality of America's fighting forces, and the success of defense authorization and ongoing operations abroad bear his fingerprints.

We are reminded every day that this work continues, and we are reminded why. My colleagues should be proud to join me today in voting to advance the nomination of Dr. Esper and in putting the right man on the job.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

BORDER SECURITY
Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, over a week ago, I traveled to the Texas-Mexico border with the Vice President, as well as the Presiding Officer and other Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee. We visited McAllen, which is located in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley, a beautiful region with a thriving economy, but folks in the region continue to struggle to manage the growing humanitarian crisis caused by the massive influx of migrants arriving at our southern border.

The Rio Grande Valley has been disproportionately impacted by this migrant crisis, with 46 percent of all apprehensions last month occurring in that sector. It has taken a toll, as you might expect, on the Border Patrol, the Department of Health and Human Services, local communities, and the nongovernmental organizations working to provide care for these migrants.

Our trip provided the opportunity for the Vice President and members of the Judiciary Committee to meet with the men and women who are on the frontlines of this crisis and hear about the challenges they face every day. We also discussed with them the opportunities to apply for reimbursement from the federal government, which will provide care for these migrants.

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Chairman LINDSEY GRAHAM invited all the members of the Judiciary Committee, both Republicans and Democrats, to go on the trip, but unfortunately many Democratic colleagues accepted that invitation. Instead of going on a bipartisan basis, Senate Democrats chose to wait a week and go on what was clearly a partisan messaging mission.

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We both met with Chief Patrol Agent Rudy Karisch, toured the Donna holding facility, heard from Border Patrol agents and temporary workers, and spoke to the migrants themselves, but our takeaways from these nearly identical trips were quite different. This was like ships passing in the night.

I left that trip feeling immense gratitude for our professional Border Patrol agents, whom we met, working tirelessly to fulfill their duties with the utmost professionalism and compassion. As this crisis has grown, they have been asked to do more and more with less and less. They go to work each morning not knowing exactly what the day will bring. Will they encounter a group of hundreds of migrants? Will they find abandoned children left for dead by smugglers? Will they rescue a drowning family from the Rio Grande or, worse, find the remains of those who have succumbed due to the dangerous journey in very hot weather?

This growing crisis is not the fault of our professional law enforcement officials working along the border, and despite what our colleagues across the aisle claim, it is not a side effect of the 2016 Presidential election either. This migrant crisis has been bubbling up for years. We got a glimmer that it could be in 2014 when then-President Obama announced there was a "humanitarian and security crisis"—his words—on the southern border. In May of 2014—the height of apprehensions that year—nearly 60,000 people were detained at the southern border. In May of this year, that number more than doubled to 144,000 in 1 month alone. So President Obama called it a "humanitarian and security crisis" in 2014, and the problem has roughly doubled since that time.

If there is one thing I hope our colleagues found on their trip, as the minority leader said, to investigate, inspect, and evaluate, I hope it is this: I hope they were able to see what they have reflexively denied for months on end—that there is, in fact, a crisis at the border. I hope their inspection revealed that the problem isn't with the administration's policies or with the actions of our Border Patrol; it is with our broken immigration system. And I hope they evaluated that without some type of action—real action—by Congress, the situation along the border will only continue to get worse.

As this senseless partisan bickering over border security continues, people living and working along the border are also hurting. When we were in McAllen a week and a half ago, we heard from one Border Patrol agent, Oscar Escamilla, who talked about the role Border Patrol play in the centralized processing centers. He said:

We wear different hats. Sometimes we're fathers, sometimes we're mothers, brothers, sisters, play pals, and even counselors. We do this because we care. We do this because there is a real need.

There is certainly a need.

Last month, we passed bipartisan legislation to send much needed humanitarian relief, which will provide some temporary help. That bill also included funding for the departments and agencies that have depleted their resources trying to manage this crisis the best they can, and it made $30 million available for impacted communities to apply for reimbursement from the Federal Government. In other words, they have had to pay out of their own pockets for something that is the Federal Government's responsibility, and I am glad that at least we provided $30 million for reimbursements.

This was a long-overdue and important step to support those who have been working day in and day out, hour
by hour, minute by minute, to manage this crisis, but, as the folks we talked about in McAllen reiterated, the underlying problem still exists. In other words, you can treat the symptoms, or you can treat the cause. But we shouldn’t be confused. We have been maybe too focused on the symptoms; we have done nothing to address the underlying cause.

These officers and agents work incredibly hard to enforce our laws and provide compassionate care for those in their custody. Without meaningful action from Congress, we are sending them into a losing battle. Without fixing the loopholes and repairing the broken system that facilitated this humanitarian crisis in the first place, we will find ourselves experiencing deja vu every few months. If you think $4.5 billion was needed for this emergency just a couple of weeks ago, wait for 6 more months, when there will be another $4.5 billion required and thereafter and thereafter and thereafter.

Well, what is the answer to the underlying root cause? What does Congress need to do in order to fix it and to staunch this flow of humanity across our border?

We need only one bill out there with bipartisan support—with support both in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate—that would provide relief along the border, and that is the HUMANE Act. It is an honest, non-partisan effort to fix the problems of these officers and agents, no poison pills, no radical proposals, just reasonable policy designed to solve the problem.

This bill would close what has become known as the Flores loophole, which is often exploited by human smugglers as a way to gain entry into the United States. This is an effective way to stem the flow of those trying to game—their immigration system—without inhibiting legitimate trade or travel.

In addition, the HUMANE Act would improve the way we process individuals entering into our country. We got the recommendation for the legislation from the bipartisan Homeland Security Advisory Committee. It would, for example, establish regional processing centers, which would have personnel on hand from across the government to assist, including medical personnel and asylum officers right there at the border in regional processing centers.

Finally, it would improve standards of care for individuals in our custody—something we all want to see happen. It would require the Department of Homeland Security to keep families together during court proceedings and ensure that migrants have timely access to medical assistance, as well as recreational activities, educational services, and even legal counsel.

The HUMANE Act also requires additional training for Customs and Border Protection and ICE officers, otherwise known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement—in other words, everyone who deals with children.

The HUMANE Act is the only bipartisan bill currently proposed, and I would urge all of our colleagues to give it serious consideration.

I can only hope that this trip our Democratic colleagues took convinced them that it is time to quit playing games and get serious about finding a solution to the humanitarian crisis on our southern border.

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 senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak in morning business.

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

TRIBUTE TO JUDY SCHNEIDER

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, I rise to recognize and thank an extraordinary public servant, one who has contributed greatly to the U.S. Senate.

Next week, my constituent Judy Schneider will retire after a long and very distinguished career serving the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Congressional Research Service, where she has earned a reputation as one of the Nation’s top experts on the workings of the Congress. She has joined us in the Gallery today, so I hope all my colleagues will make sure we pay attention and play by the rules.

When I was a new Member of Congress, a Member of the House of Representatives, one of my very first meetings was with Judy Schneider. I was proud Judy was my constituent in Maryland’s Eighth Congressional District, and I was glad to have the benefit of her advice. Since then, I have sought her counsel many times during my years in the House and the Senate.

Judy’s service at the Congressional Research Service has been nothing short of extraordinary. Over the past four decades, she has educated hundreds of Members of Congress and their staff on congressional operations and procedures. As the author of numerous articles and the coauthor of the "Congressional Deskbook: The Practical and Comprehensive Guide to Congress," Judy’s expertise on the intricacies of congressional structures and procedures is unmatched. Judy is known equally for the positive personal impact she has had on each of her students. From giving lectures to countless conferences, to her “Direct Connect to Congress” series, Judy’s impact has been far-reaching. Through her dynamic, informative, and humorous style, she has been described as having a life-changing impact on her students.

For her remarkable work, Judy Schneider has received a number of well-deserved and prestigious awards. She received the 1988 PLEN Mentor Award for her work educating and training women in public policy, a fellowship in the 108th Congress through the Women’s Center for Public Service Leadership, and the Distinguished Member Award from Women in Government Relations. In 2015, Women in Government Relations created the Judy Schneider Fellowship in recognition of her efforts to educate about congressional procedure and policy. Judy has mentored thousands of women, and this fellowship will ensure that her legacy is felt by many more.

Last year, Judy received the Lifetime Achievement, Democracy Award from the Congressional Management Foundation in recognition of her outstanding impact and important work in Congress. This award truly exemplifies the role that Judy has played for so many of us. Her mission has always been clear. Because of her deep love for this institution and for our country, she has used her unique talents to try to help make our democracy work better. She has trained generations of staff and Members, including a number of staff who later became Members of Congress themselves.

Judy represents the very best of public service. She exemplifies the spirit of service in a way few have brought the legislative process to life with humor and passion. Her presentations—packed with information and insight and delivered with wit and humor—were designed to train Members of Congress and their staff to function better and, consequently, so our democracy functions better. If some of us are finding that the Senate is not functioning particularly well at the moment, we can’t say we weren’t taught better. I hope that all Members of Congress will read a Senator to “Riddick’s Senate Procedure,” but you can’t make him or her read.
Some have been heard to say they have found Judy to be just a little bit intimidating. What is intimidating about Judy is the depth of her knowledge of this institution, her pursuit of excellence in her work, the exacting standards she has set and demanded of others, and her unyielding commitment to quality. Most importantly, her deep love and concern for the U.S. Congress is reflected in all she does.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the transformative impact Judy Schneider has had on this body and in thanking her for her career at CRS, her dedication to public service, and the lifetime of work that has truly made a difference in the lives and careers of Members of Congress. I know that while we will miss her daily presence in these halls, Judy Schneider’s commitment to Congress will continue to inspire us to serve this institution and the people we represent to the best of our abilities.

Since Judy Schneider is a stickler for procedure, I now suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOUTURE 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:

CLOUTURE 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 Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.


The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense, shall be brought to a close under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) I would have voted "yea." Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 85, nays 6, as follows:

[Roll Call Vote No. 219 Ex.]

YEAS—85

Alexander  Feinstein
Balbino  Fisher
Barrasos  Gardner
Blackburn  Graham
Blumenthal  Grassley
Blunt  Hassan
Boozman  Hawley
Brow  Heinrich
Brown  Hirono
Burr  Hoeven
Cantwell  Hyde-Smith
Cardin  Inman
Carper  Johnson
Casey  Kaine
Cassidy  King
Collins  Leahy
Cornyn  Lee
Cortez Masto  Manchin
Cotton  McConnell
Crapo  McSally
Cravo  Menendez
Cruz  Murphy
Daines  Murray
Duckworth  Pacheco
Durbin  Pernick
Em  Peters
Ernst  Portman

NAYS—6

Harris  Markley
Klobuchar  Merkley
Menendez  Menendez
Cuccinelli  Menendez
Cotton  Lee
Cortez Masto  Markley

NOT VOTING—9

Menendez  Menendez
Cotton  Markley
Cuccinelli  Menendez
Klobuchar  Merkley

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 85, the nays are 6.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

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

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

HEALTHCARE

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I rise to speak about an issue that, candidly, we don’t talk enough about around here, and that is the threat to the Affordable Care Act and the lawsuit that was filed and is now in a Federal court. This time, it is in the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Earlier this week, there were oral arguments. This case could be decided in a short timeframe, maybe even this fall. I guess, because it is not an issue that is being debated in the Halls of Congress by way of hearings or votes or otherwise, it doesn’t get the attention it warrants.

This lawsuit, which is now a direct challenge to the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, would be every bit as devastating and harmful as the repeal efforts that were undertaken two summers ago, in 2017, and the consequences of the success in that lawsuit would put the country in the same place it would have been had the repeal effort been successful.

If you want to simplify it, the Affordable Care Act has two parts to it. We know, for example, of the protections that were put in place in the Affordable Care Act that would go away, and the other was new coverage. So, roughly, 20 million people got coverage who didn’t have coverage before. Most of those 20 million, at the time—or a higher number at least—were folks who had gained their healthcare coverage through Medicaid expansion. As we now know, Medicaid expansion has had a number of positive impacts on the American people.

It really came into force—came into effect—right in the middle of or in one of the earliest stages of the wider awareness of the opioid crisis, of the addiction crisis. Were it not for the expansion of Medicaid, a lot of people in my home State of Pennsylvania and around the country would not have had that treatment for opioid addiction, or for the broader category of substance use disorder conditions. Medicaid expansion helped a lot of people with treatment, which is essential to freeing yourself from the grip of an addiction we have seen so often.

This lawsuit was successful in the district court. If it were to be affirmed, for example, in the Fifth Circuit, it would mean this court would declare the Affordable Care Act as unconstitutional. The effect of that would be that Medicaid expansion would go away—protections for a much larger number of Americans, not simply those who need opioid treatment or treatment for opioid addictions or for substance use disorder conditions and not just those who had been newly enrolled—for the roughly 20 million who have gotten coverage.

When you are talking about the protections, you are talking about a much larger number of Americans—maybe as high as 150 million Americans or more—who have protections not only in the circumstances in which they had preexisting conditions but also protections against capping the coverage one would get or the treatment one would get over a year or over a lifetime, which is just to mention two or three new protections. For example, it would go away for all of those young people who have been able to stay on their parents’ health insurance plans until the age of 26. So you are talking about a tremendous coverage loss of at least millions of people—potentially as high as 20-plus million people—and the elimination of protections for tens and tens and tens of millions of Americans.

You would think, in that circumstance, those who have been most determined to have the Affordable Care Act struck down—because they have
had about 8 years now, give or take, to prepare something with which to replace it—would have a replacement ready to go, maybe a replacement enacted into law, but at least a replacement that is ready to go on day one that would have all of the details worked out. This would not be just any replacement—not just a replacement that has words like “preexisting conditions” in the title of the bill—but something real and substantial and creditable on complicated subject like healthcare, meaning that the replacement would cover at least 20 million people, would provide all of the protections for all of those Americans, whether it is on protections against a preexisting condition or otherwise, and would be comparable in its positive impact on Americans. You would think this bill would be ready to go and ready to be enacted into law, but that is not the case.

I shouldn’t say I was surprised, but I was somewhat concerned when—I guess it was last week, about a week ago—I picked up POLITICO and read that a number of Senators, expressing the hope that the lawsuit would be successful, the hope that the Affordable Care Act would be declared unconstitutional. Yet what I didn’t see in that article and didn’t see in a lot of other places is a replacement that will provide a comparable, if not identical, measure of protection. That is what they told us all along—right?—that they have another way to do it and that all of the American people are going to get off because of it. That is the basic promise that has been made by the Republicans in the Senate and in the House over many years. So you would think it would be ready, but it apparently is not ready.

I hope that maybe in the month of August, the plan will be developed and ready to go and not just any old plan that has a nice title on it and a surge of protections that can’t be brought to fruition—or brought into effect—through what you provide the kind of protections the Affordable Care Act provides, you have to make the math work. You have to make sure you can pay for it, and you have to make sure the policy will support what you promise in the details of the legislation.

We will see what happens. If this lawsuit were to be affirmed at the circuit court level, I am assuming there would be an appeal to the Supreme Court. Yet, if we reach a point at which a court says the ACA is unconstitutional, I hope there is going to be a replacement that will provide all of the protections, all of the coverage, and all of the elements that were in the Affordable Care Act but that they will be done in a better way because that is what they have all promised on the other side. I don’t think it is likely to happen. Something is going to give. Something will be cut. Something will be taken away or a lot more than that.

By way of an example, I will use only one number for today—6,420,000. I think it is 6,420,000. That is the estimate of the number of children who live in Pennsylvania who have preexisting conditions. So any change in law by way of a court—a Federal court or the Supreme Court or otherwise—or any long-term policy change by congressional action has to make sure, among many things, that every one of those 6,420,000 children in Pennsylvania has protections in place by law for preexisting conditions in addition to covering all of the other adults across Pennsylvania. Basically, it is almost one out of every two Americans who has a preexisting condition. That is the rough estimate. That is a lot of people across the country. Some people believe, as well as there being some credible, reliable estimates, that it is north of 130 million Americans. So those are the only two numbers I will give.

The lawsuit is problematic. If that were all, that would be bad enough, but there are two problems problematic when it comes to healthcare. One is that of the proposed cuts by the administration. Now, I realize House Republicans and Senate Republicans may not agree with the President’s proposal, but his party, and his Budget Director is in the same party, and the Congress of the United States has to react to that budget proposal.

The administration proposed a 10-year Medicaid cut of $1.5 trillion, and that is with a “t”—trillion—not billion. The administration proposed a $1.5 trillion cut to Medicaid. It proposed a similar cut—or, I should say, a comparable cut but actually a lower number—to Medicare over 10 years of $845 billion. You have to be able to say: OK, if it is the case that there is a credible replacement that provides the identical protections and coverage that the Affordable Care Act provided, what would have to be cut if you were to cut Medicaid by $1.5 trillion and Medicare by $845 billion?

You have to answer those questions if you are serious about healthcare. Now, if you are just kind of moving things around and having a talking point for a campaign, maybe that is different, but if you are serious about healthcare and if you are serious about coverage and if you are serious about there being an adverse impact on kids, on people with disabilities, and on seniors, you can’t cut Medicaid by $1.5 trillion.

One way to describe Medicaid is in the nursing home program for the middle class, in many instances. Medicaid is not a program for someone distant out there who is not worthy of our support and our help. Medicaid is about us. Medicaid is who we are because we decided more than 50 years ago that we are the United States of America, and we are the strongest country in the world for lots of reasons. Thank goodness we have the strongest military, and thank goodness we have the strongest economy. Yet we are also the greatest country in the world because folks around the world have seen they can follow our example once in a while. They saw more than 50 years ago that we said, if you are a child in a low-income family or if you have a disability or if you are a senior who is trying to get into a nursing home, Medicaid is going to help you do that. We also passed Medicare at the same time.

If you are serious about healthcare, you have to be really concerned about these budget cut proposals by the administration.

The third and last topic on this is the efforts undertaken by the administration, when in the midst of failing to repeal the Affordable Care Act and, thereafter, the efforts to sabotage the Affordable Care Act—and not in any way an overstatement—when you have an advertising budget to let people know that they can go to the exchanges—not the Medicaid expansion but the exchanges—to get healthcare coverage and to get a subsidy to help them purchase healthcare—maybe for the first time, millions of people got the opportunity, and, still I have it—in order for folks to know about that, to know about their eligibility, to know about the benefits of that, you have to advertise. We know that. The administration cut the advertising budget by only 90 percent—not quite 100 but a 90-percent cut in the advertising budget.

There are also other ways they have undermined and sabotaged the system. If you are concerned about healthcare, you have to be concerned about that sabotage, you have to be concerned about Medicaid and Medicare cuts, and you have to be concerned about this lawsuit.

We have a lot of work to do just to protect the gains—the coverage gains and the protection gains—that have been hard won over many years that benefit tens and tens of millions of Americans, and I can put a total number on them. So I hope those who are rooting for this lawsuit to be successful will have factored in all of that when that day comes, if it were to come, to change healthcare radically and dramatically for the American people.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN). The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senator Grassley permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN LOGAN

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, on this recent Father’s Day, Dr. John...
Logan’s granddaughter wanted to publicly honor his lifetime of service and success in western Kentucky. I have had the privilege to call John a friend for more than three decades, and I enjoyed reading the stories of his youth, his early medical career, and his many contributions to his community and our Commonwealth.

Growing up, John’s baseball talent was apparent at an early age. In fact, he was still in middle school when he caught the eye of his high school coach’s attention. As the varsity team’s catcher, John quickly stood out. One sports reporter even called him the best catcher in all western Kentucky. His skill was matched only by his passion for the game, even a broken elbow didn’t stop him from playing in the 1955 State tournament.

During his senior year of high school, however, John began to hear a calling to help other people. It was a drive that took him away from the diamond and into the medical field. After graduating from Western Kentucky University, John earned a rural medical scholarship to study at Vanderbilt University. His career in medicine began with a commitment to serve rural Kentucky’s most in need.

As a doctor, John and his new wife Jackie made a home in Sebree, KY, where his gifts were in high demand. Caring for Kentuckians across three counties, John quickly honed his skills and learned that a physician must treat more than a patient’s body. He began getting involved in a number of community organizations, and has dedicated his efforts to projects through the years to make Kentucky a better place.

Moving to Henderson and opening a private family practice, John also began working with the Henderson Fine Arts Center, the Depot on the Riverfront, and the YMCA. He worked to help provide scholarships for young people to attend college, paying forward the aid he received to fund his studies years before.

Many of Henderson’s landmarks simply wouldn’t exist without John’s leadership. One of them, the Henderson Riverwalk, gave me a chance to join John’s team to get the project done. It now bears a plaque recognizing his lasting contribution to this community. When this honor was unveiled, I was proud to recognize his life spent working for others. As he enjoys his well-deserved retirement, John continues to inspire others to contribute to their communities and improve our beloved Commonwealth.

I would like to thank Ashton Brooks Logan, John’s granddaughter, for sharing these stories about his many achievements. It is my pleasure to recognize my dear friend today. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. John Logan for his years of dedication to western Kentucky, which is better because of him.

The Gleaner in Henderson, KY, recently published a profile of John’s remarkable life. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

[From the Gleaner, June 15, 2019]

JOHN LOGAN WENT FROM CHASING HOME RUNS TO MAKING HOUSE CALLS

(By Ashton Brooks Logan)

In the summer of 1950, there wasn’t much to do in historical Edmonson County, Kentucky, other than get a few local kids together and enter a baseball tournament, in Bowling Green.

“We didn’t have equipment, we didn’t have uniforms, and we didn’t have a coach, we just had nine guys,” Dr. John Logan said recently.

But John’s quick arm attracted the eye of Louis Durbin, the Brownsville High School’s baseball coach, when the team was short a catcher.

Logan was just in the sixth grade when Coach Durbin gave him an offer to play on their varsity team in 1951.

“I started with a mask and I still have the scar under my left eye to prove it,” Logan said. Logan’s passion for baseball, along with his glove-wielding ability, earned him a spot on the 1955 state tournament team.

Even now, his eyes brighten and cheeks lift with a smile as he talks about his time on the team. He believes his claim to fame was the 1955 state tournament when he played three games with a broken right elbow—without ever letting the fact on to the other team.

“I couldn’t even warm up the pitcher. I could barely step in front of the plate and flip it to him,” he said. “The coach and I had a little plan and it was unbelievable, but it happened.”

To his advantage, his team had already faced its opposition in the previous year’s state tournament and won. He can’t remember how many runners tried to steal second in that first go-round, but he recalls throwing out every one of them.

Apparently they were still scared of Logan’s arm.

“Now forget somethin’,” the opposing coach said a little later in the hotel lobby, after Logan’s team won the tournament. “I don’t recall you throwin’ a single ball to second base; you threw somethin’ else.”

John simply looked at him, smiled and said, “Well, just a broken elbow, but other than that I’m fine!”

Later that year, a sports reporter wrote in a local paper that he believed Logan was the best catcher in all of Western Kentucky.

Logan began working the Border Riverwalk, the YMCA, and the Colonels to help provide scholarships for young people coming through its diamonds in the years.

“I feel strongly that professional people, too many times, in their own community use the excuse of not helping out in community organizations because they are too busy,” Logan said.

“But these things made an impact. These things made an impression. These things help people’s lives. That is what you feel good about as well as helping people, physically.”

Logan has been deeply involved in the community of Henderson through major projects such as the Henderson Fine Arts Center, the Depot on the Riverfront, the Riverwalk, the YMCA, and the Colonels to College scholarship that ensures students graduating from Henderson County High School will get to attend two years of college.

According to Logan, baseball taught him so much more than how to throw out the runner at second base.

One of the biggest things, sugar, is discipline. Sometimes you go when you feel like you can’t go but you’ve got to do it and do it. Sometimes, to me was that," Logan said.

“It was a team effort to reach a certain goal and my goal in life and what I went into medicine for, was to help people. I’ve done a lot in the community that has nothing to do with medicine because it’s the same thing. I think every medical school should be back to that and I think, is a driving force.”

Dr. Logan is now retired and resides in Henderson with his wife Jackie. He still enjoys spending time in his garden when he isn’t busy catching crappie on Barkley Lake.
TRIBUTE TO DR. CHRISTOPHER J. SCOLESE

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, just before the July recess, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Dr. Christopher J. Scolese to serve as Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, NRO. I do not think there is any individual more qualified for the job, I suspect the nomination, but it was bittersweet because Chris has left his post as Director of NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. Chris was the longest serving Director in Goddard’s illustrious history.

Chris is well-suited to run the NRO. To put the matter simply, he knows how to put stuff into space and make it work. I will provide just one example: the Terra mission. Chris was the project manager. Terra was supposed to be a 5-year Earth science mission that has now lasted 20 years. Terra explores the connections between Earth’s atmosphere, land, snow and ice, ocean, and energy balance to further our understanding of our home planet.

I know the NRO is headquartered in Virginia, but with Chris at the helm, we Marylanders will consider it part of our State, just as we consider the Wallops Flight Facility, which is part of NASA Headquarters, first as Chief Engineer and then as Associate Administrator. Chris then returned to NASA Headquarters as Deputy Director. Chris then returned to NASA Headquarters, first as Chief Engineer and then as Associate Administrator, which is the top civil servant at the Agency. He served as Acting Administrator from January to July of 2009. He went back to Goddard, where he became Director in 2012.

I think that moving over to the helm of NRO is a natural fit for Chris since Goddard manages many of NASA’s space telescope programs, including the Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope, WFIRST, that have a technology heritage from NRO’s satellites. I have enjoyed getting to know and working with Chris over the past several years. I have a great relationship with the Maryland delegation and with local officials. He is a subject matter expert and an excellent manager. He has an upbeat, amiable, and collegial personality that brings out the best in the people who work with him. Goddard employees from custodians and bus drivers to Nobel laureates felt free to engage with Chris. He listens and relates to everyone as a colleague. Former Dodgers’ manager Leo Durocher famously said that nice guys finish last. He didn’t know Chris. Chris is a genuinely nice guy who has come out on top, and deservedly so.

Chris instituted a culture of diversity and inclusion at Goddard, and I am certain he will do the same at NRO. He is committed to inspiring the next generation. He has a great interest in STEM and talking with students. Goddard hosted over 500 interns every year while Chris was Director. He routinely referred students and young adults to whom he met to Goddard’s education director so they could learn more about working at Goddard. He has been committed to early career professionals and always included their voice in senior staff retreats. Above all, Chris is a dedicated public servant with the accolades and awards to prove it, including the 2018 American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics Von Karman Award, the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, and the NASA Distinguished Leadership Medal, among many others.

Whenever we talk about public servants, it is important to mention their spouses and other family members whose own sacrifices enable and support that service. I would be remiss if I failed to mention Chris’s wife, Dianne, and their children: daughter Jenni and her husband Mark; son Dan and his wife Maura and their daughter Maddie who is Chris and Dianne’s granddaughter; daughter Lauren and her fiancé Ian; and daughter Anna.

Chris may be from New York, and he may live and now work in Virginia, but we Marylanders will always consider him as one of our own, and we are grateful for his distinguished service to our Nation. I have no doubt that he will be a superb NRO Director.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL BARBARA R. HOLCOMB

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I wish to honor MG Barbara R. Holcomb for her 32 years of service in our Armed Forces, most notably, as the first female commanding general at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command at Fort Detrick and chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Major General Holcomb grew up in the small town of Miles City, MT, and joined the Army Reserve Officer Training Corp, ROTC, following her first year of nursing school at Seattle University. She completed her education as a distinguished military graduate with a bachelor of science in nursing. She continued her exceptional career with service to our country and continued Montana’s proud heritage of military service and firsts in female leadership.

Major General Holcomb goes above and beyond as a leader and, as such, was chosen to speak at the 2018 Women in Leadership Summit at the Aberdeen Proving Ground. She shared her experience in finding balance as a leader and the importance of a leader getting to know themselves and their peers. Even though she was not allowed to serve in a battalion commander position as a cadet in ROTC, she became a commander as a captain and commanded at every rank thereafter. Her commitment to strong leadership and personal growth that has led her to a long and successful career in the Army and distinguishes her as an exceptional Montanan.

It is not without good reason that Major General Holcomb has received many awards, including a Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, and membership in the Order of Military Merit. Between her focus on the personal, human aspect of healthcare, her commitment to continued education, and the selfless passion with which she serves her country, Major General Holcomb embodies what it means to be an outstanding leader and individual.

Upon her retirement, the U.S. Army will be losing one of their most valuable assets; however, the example of leadership that she has set for so many will have a lasting impact.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID BLOM

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the career and service of David P. Blom, who will retire later this month after serving as the president and CEO of OhioHealth since 2002. Under his leadership, OhioHealth has grown its legacy of providing high-quality care to patients across central Ohio, including residents of my hometown, Mansfield.
In the 17 years since David became CEO, OhioHealth has tripled in size. David spearheaded initiatives like the OhioHealth Research & Innovation Institute, which makes significant contributions to the field of research around new drugs, medical devices, and procedures. However, the focus on innovation and technology has helped to drastically reduce errors in medication and patient identification across the OhioHealth system.

During David’s tenure as CEO, OhioHealth has been one of the top 100 places to work by Fortune Magazine for 12 consecutive years. In 2016, David was honored with the Columbus Award, and in 2009, he was inducted into the Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame. He currently serves on the boards of the Columbus Foundation, Columbus Downtown Development Commission, Columbus Partnership, Vizient, and Healthy Roster. But beyond all that, it is David’s commitment to the communities OhioHealth serves that truly sets him apart as a leader.

David was instrumental in establishing Wellness on Wheels Women’s Health, a mobile health clinic which provides prenatal care to women in high-risk communities. This program has been invaluable in saving the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

In 2015, David was selected as one of 15 members to serve on the Veterans Affairs Health on Care Task Force that developed critical reforms to veterans’ healthcare. Out of this came the VA MISSION Act, which aims to improve veterans’ access to effective and timely health care. These reforms would not have been possible without David’s expertise and sense of service.

We are fortunate to be able to count David among the ranks of great Ohioans. His innovative leadership has touched lives in my State and across the Nation. I wish to recognize the career and accomplishments of David Blom, retiring CEO of OhioHealth.

David began his career with OhioHealth in 1983. Working through various roles in the health care system, he was named CEO of OhioHealth in 2002. In his first year as CEO, after several tough years with losses, David led OhioHealth to report a $23 million profit. Over the last 17 years at the helm, he has presided over expansion in and beyond central Ohio. OhioHealth has nearly tripled system revenue and has grown its central Ohio market share while working to unite the culture of multiple hospitals, outpatient sites, and physician practices.

Today, OhioHealth is a $4 billion system of 12 hospitals and more than 300 outpatient locations and 29,000 associates, 3,600 physicians, and 3,000 volunteers across 48 counties in Ohio.

Under David’s leadership, OhioHealth has become a major central Ohio employer and economic driver. David also cares deeply about the central Ohio community that he has called home for so many years. He has served on the boards of the Columbus Partnership, the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, and the Columbus Foundation. He was also instrumental in creating Columbus 2020, the economic development arm for central Ohio.

Under David’s leadership, OhioHealth has had a substantial positive impact in Ohio, and I want to thank him for his service and leadership.

I wish David the best in the next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOEL WARHURST

- Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today, I wish to honor COL Joel Warhurst as he relinquishes command of the Anniston Army Depot, effective on July 25, 2019. In July 2017, Colonel Warhurst became the 36th commander of the depot. His command tenure oversaw an annual $850 million operating revenue and led a workforce consisting of 2,800 people.

He has devoted over 20 years of loyal service to our country and has acquired important leadership positions and notable recognitions along the way.

Colonel Warhurst is a graduate of the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Fort McNair, VA. He holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from the Technical University in Cookeville, TN, and a master of science degree in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL. He is decorated with a Bronze Star Medal, which is the fourth highest individual military award.

Thank you, Colonel Warhurst, for your dedication to our Nation and for a job well done serving at the Anniston Army Depot. Your tenure as commander will be remembered by your remarkable leadership. The commitment you have shown during your time in Alabama is inspiring, and your command serves as an example for Alabamians, as well as Americans, from all across the country.

I join Colonel Warhurst’s friends, family, and colleagues in wishing him the best of luck as he transitions into a new chapter of his life, and I thank him for his commitment to Alabama and to the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE DAKOTA ALLIANCE SOCCER CLUB’S 14U GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

- Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club’s 14U Girls team. On July 14, 2019, the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club, DASC, 14U Girls won the U.S. Youth Soccer, USYS—National Presidents Cup in Murfreesboro, TN. Their 1-0 overtime win over Century V East 05 from Pennsylvania-West secured South Dakota’s first ever USYS national championship at any level or age group.

The DASC 14U Girls went undefeated during the 2019 National Presidents Cup, with wins over teams from Pennsylvania, Texas, and California. Impressively, the team did not surrender a single goal throughout the tournament, while tallying 13 goals in just four games.

For their outstanding play throughout the tournament, DASC players Tessa Van Overbeke, Elsie Odney, Mia Mullenmeister, and Hailee Christensen were given Best 11 honors. Additionally, Cambell Fisher received the Golden Glove award as outstanding goalkeeper, and midfielder Hailee Christensen received the Golden Boot as the competition’s top goal scorer.

The DASC 14U Girls earned their spot at the National Presidents Cup by winning the Midwest Presidents Cup, attaining wins over teams from Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. In May, they won the South Dakota Youth Soccer State Cup, with a pair of wins over the Black Hills Rapids Soccer Club.

While a perfect postseason record of 11-0 is certainly notable, it is also important to highlight this team’s entire 42-member roster. As a group, these ladies spent considerable hours together for practice sessions, community service projects, and competitive tournaments throughout their successful 2018-2019 season.

DASC 14U Girls Championship Team: Hailee Christensen, Chloe Donellinger, Addison Fawcett, Cambell Fischer, Torre Gulseth, Cassidy Jennings, Ashlyn Kellitioner, Mia Mullenmeister, Elsie Odney, Ella Ready, Taite Scheafer, Anni Sjovold.

Alternates: Lainey Breem, Alexa Brockmuller, Isabella Moe.

Team Members: Madison Baatz, Avallon Brenner, Sophie Ernster, Laura Gruhn, Chloe Hansen, Kiera Heinz, Charity LeMier, Kyra McIntyre, Hadley Meier, Reyna Moss, Ella Parkes, Stella Peterson, Lilly Raysby, Arianna Schleketay.

Head Coach: James Oppenheimer.

Assistant Coach: Makayla Grady.

Team Manager: Trecia Gulseth.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)
The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC–2054. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Privacy Act of 1974” (RIN0710–AK61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2055. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act; Section 1018 Action Plan for Technical Assistance and Support for Innovative State Strategies to Provide Housing-related Supports to Individuals with Substance Use Disorder under Medicaid”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–2056. A communication from the Chief of the Office of the Secretary, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Beginning of Construction for Sections 45 and 48; Tolling and Extension of Continuity Safe Harbor to Mitigate Significant National Security Concerns” (Notice 2019–43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–2057. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulations Regarding Advance Payments for Goods and Long-Term Services” (RIN1545–BO66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–2058. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–2059. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–2060. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report and the Management Response for the period of October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov- ernmental Affairs.

EC–2061. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Definitions and Requirements—Alaska Native Education (ANE) Program” (CHCF–2019–0008) (Docket No. OSE–0123) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2019; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC–2062. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Applications for New Awards; Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions Program” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2019; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC–2063. A communication from the Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Proposed rates charged for Community Residential Care” (RIN2900–AP63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–2064. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3769” (Docket No. 31229) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2065. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3858” (RIN2120–AAG5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2066. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3857” (RIN2120–AAG5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2067. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3857” (RIN2120–AAG5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2068. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3856” (RIN2120–AAG5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2069. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3855” (RIN2120–AAG5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2070. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3855” (RIN2120–AAG5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2071. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 3854” (RIN2120–AAG5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2072. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Route T–331; Western United States” ((RIN2120–AAG6) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0885)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2073. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes (RIN2120–AAG6) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0885)” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2074. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Expansion of R–3803 Restricted Area Complex; Fort Polk, LA” ((RIN2120–AAG6) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0886)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2075. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Removal of Jet Route J–14T; Eastern United States” ((RIN2120–AAG6) (Docket No. FAA–2018–1026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2076. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard
law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Out Equipment and Use Requirements" (RIN2120–AL16) (Docket No. FAA–2019–0052) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2085. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" (RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2019–0361) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-121. A petition from the citizens of the State of Texas relative to the decennial census questionnaire; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

EC-2081. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes" (RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2019–0199) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2082. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics (Formerly Known as Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems) Airplanes" (RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2019–1067) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 to the appropriate committees:

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. BOOKER):
S. 2194. A bill to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr., Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for reducing human-predator conflict, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI):
S. 2195. A bill to establish the National Fab Lab Network, a Federally chartered organization consisting of a national network of (non-profit) education facilities providing universal access to advanced manufacturing tools for workforce development, STEM education, developing inventions, creating businesses, producing personalized products, mitigating risks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. KING):
S. 2196. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11538 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the "Lucas Lowe Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):
S. 2197. A bill to amend chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that using drugs or illegal substances to cause a person to engage in a commercial sex act constitutes an concealment and submitting false statements or a person constitutes forced labor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. KING):
S. 2198. A bill to promote the launch of aviation’s next era; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. CRAMER):
S. 2199. A bill to provide patient protections with respect to the cost of insulin; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):
S. 2200. A bill to deposit civil penalties and assessments collected for false claims and statements made with respect to public housing to a Fraud Compensation Fund at the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. CRAMER):
S. 2201. A bill to create a safe harbor for insurers engaging in the business of insurance in connection with a cannabis-related business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH:
S. 2202. A bill to expedite detainee transport by border patrol processing facilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91. At the request of Mr. GARDEIER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senators from Alabama (Mr. JONES) were added as co-sponsors 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 disabled homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 164. At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr.
SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 164, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to remove the prohibition on eligibility for TRICARE Reserve Select of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are eligible to enroll in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

At the request of Mr. Rubin, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Harris) was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China.

At the request of Mr. Crapo, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein) was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

At the request of Mr. Warner, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein) was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided education assistance to employer payments of student loans.

At the request of Mr. Sullivan, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Blumenthal) was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Tester, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. Cornyn) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Casey, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. Cortez Masto) was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance prescription drug affordability by expanding access to assistance with out-of-pocket costs under Medicare part D for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities.

At the request of Mrs. Shaheen, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. Tester) were added as cosponsors of S. 814, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes outpatient self-management training services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. Rubio) was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to require a standard financial aid offer form, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Warren, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. Cornyn) was added as a cosponsor of S. 997, a bill to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Crapo, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Udall) was added as a cosponsor 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. Heinrich, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Van Hollen) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1142, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits for energy storage technologies, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Cardin, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Boozman) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to promote United States-Mongolia trade by authorizing duty-free treatment for certain imports from Mongolia, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Casey, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. Duckworth) 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 Mr. Inhofe, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Boozman) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to provide grants to State, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies to obtain behavioral health crisis response training for law enforcement officers.

At the request of Mr. Peters, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Van Hollen) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure nonprofit facilities from terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Udall, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. Duckworth) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1615, a bill to amend titles 10 and 37, United States Code, to provide compensation and credit for retired pay purposes for maternity leave taken by members of the reserve components, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Markey, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. Hyde-Smith) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) were added as cosponsors of S. 1728, a bill to require the United States Postal Service to sell the Alzheimer’s semipostal stamp for 6 additional years.

At the request of Mr. Harris, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. Rosen) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1750, a bill to establish the Clean School Bus Grant Program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Casey, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. Sinema) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center or contract call center work overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Wicker, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. Collins) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. Rubio) were added as cosponsors of S. 1822, a bill to provide grants to States, the District of Columbia, and the Territory of Guam to improve access to diabetes outpatient self-management training services, and for other purposes.
At the request of Mr. Young, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. Schatz) was added as a cosponsor of S. 193, a bill to require certain grantees under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to submit a plan to track discriminatory practices.

At the request of Mr. Wicker, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Udall) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1968, a bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to provide for necessary payments from the Spectrum Relocation Fund for costs associated with research and development and planning activities, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Risch, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Kennedy) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. Ernst) were added as cosponsors of S. 1975, a bill to require the Small Business Administration to issue licenses under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 within particular time frames, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Markey, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. Warren) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1976, a bill to provide grants to States to encourage the implementation and maintenance of firearms licensing requirements, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Cardin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1976, a bill to provide incentives for hate crime reporting, provide grants for State-run hate crime hotlines, and establish alternative sentencing for individuals convicted under the Matthew Shephard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

At the request of Mr. Young, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Bennet) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act with respect to organ procurement organizations.

At the request of Ms. Warren, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2072, a bill to provide for an increase, effective January 1, 2019, in the rate of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Baldwin, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Merkley), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. Ben Sasse), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Whitehouse) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Risch) were added as cosponsors of S. 2080, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in pharmacology at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Murphy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2083, a bill to amend chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, to ensure pay equity for amateur athletes, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Rosen, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. Hassan) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Boozman) were added as cosponsors of S. 2085, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Harris, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. Baldwin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2112, a bill to enhance the rights of domestic workers, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Cotton, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Menendez) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. Scott) were added as cosponsors of S. 2114, a bill to prohibit United States persons from dealing in certain information and communications technology or services from foreign adversaries and to require the approval of Congress to terminate certain export controls in effect with respect to Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd., and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Durbin, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

At the request of Mr. Scott of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Perdue) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2160, a bill to require carbon monoxide alarms in certain Federally assisted housing, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Lankford, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Braun) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2177, a bill to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leveraging existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Cardin, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. Stabenow) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 120, a resolution opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. Scott) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Gardner) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 256, a resolution designating September 2019 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world.

At the request of Mr. Collins, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. Capito) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 260, a resolution recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy.

At the request of Mr. Braun, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. Wicker) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 263, a resolution honoring the 100th anniversary of The American Legion.

At the request of Mr. Menendez, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. Blunt) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 274, a resolution expressing solidarity with Falun Gong practitioners who have lost lives, freedoms, and other rights for adhering to their beliefs and practices, and condemning the practice of non-consenting organ harvesting, and for other purposes.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEED

I, Senator Tammy Duckworth, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of William Bryan, of Virginia, to

POISON CENTER NETWORK ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 138, S. 1199.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1199) to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the poison center network program.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL TOLL-FREE NUMBER.

Section 1271 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-71) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting before the period the following: “and other communication technologies to be used to access such centers;”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary—

(1) shall provide coordination and assistance to poison control centers for the establishment and maintenance of a nationwide toll-free number, to be used to access such centers; and

(2) may provide coordination and assistance to poison control centers and consult with professional organizations for the establishment, implementation, and maintenance of other communication technologies to be used to access such centers;”;

(3) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(4) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) ROUTINE CONTACTS WITH POISON CONTROL CENTERS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019, the Secretary shall coordinate with the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, to the extent technically and economically feasible, to ensure that communications with the national toll-free number are routed to the appropriate poison control centers based on the physical location of the contact rather than the area code of the contact device;”;

(5) in subsection (c), as so redesignated—

(A) by striking “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2020 through 2024”; and

(B) by striking “maintenance of the nationwide toll free phone number under subsection (a) and (b)”;

SEC. 3. NATIONWIDE MEDIA CAMPAIGN.

Section 1272 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-72) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “NATIONWIDE MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE” and inserting “PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND OTHER COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES”; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting “and support outreach to” after “educate”;

(B) by striking “poison prevention” and inserting “poisoning and toxic exposure prevention”; and

(C) by striking “established under” and inserting “and other available communication technologies established, implemented, or maintained under”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “nationwide poison prevention” and inserting “nationwide poisoning and toxic exposure prevention”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “poison prevention and poison control center” and inserting “poisoning and toxic exposure prevention awareness materials, applicable public health emergency preparedness and response information, and poison control center” after “distribution of”; and

(3) by striking subsection (c).

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c);

(5) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), by striking “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2020 through 2024”.

SEC. 4. MAINTENANCE OF PROGRAM.

Section 1273 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-73) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and toxic exposures” after “poisonings”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “poison” and inserting “for poisoning and toxic exposure”;

(ii) by striking “and preparedness” and inserting “preparedness and response”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “United States and” and inserting “United States, or”;

(ii) by inserting before the semicolon the following: “, and other government agencies as determined to be appropriate and nonduplicative by the Secretary”; and

(C) in paragraph (8), by striking “calls” and inserting “contacts”;

(3) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) LIMITATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The sum of the number of years for a waiver under paragraph (1) and a renewal under paragraph (2) may not exceed 5 years.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—Notwithstanding any previous waivers, in the case of a poison control center whose accreditation is affected by a public health emergency declared pursuant to section 319, the Secretary may, as the circumstances of the emergency reasonably require, provide a waiver under paragraph (1) or a renewal under paragraph (2), not to exceed 2 years. The Secretary may require quarterly reports on and other information related to such a waiver or renewal under this paragraph;

(4) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

“(f) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—With respect to activities for which a grant is awarded under this section, the Secretary may require that poison control centers maintain the expenditures of the center for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is received;

(5) in subsection (g), by striking “2015 through 2019” and inserting “2020 through 2024”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(h) BILLENIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report concerning the operations of, and trends identified by, the Poison Control Network. Such report shall include—

(1) descriptions of the activities carried out pursuant to sections 1271, 1272, and 1273, and the alignment of such activities with the purposes provided under subsection (a);

(2) a description of trends in volume of contacts to poison control centers;

(3) a description of trends in poisonings and toxic exposures reported to poison control centers, as applicable and appropriate;

(4) an assessment of the impact of the public awareness campaign, including any geographic variations;

(5) a description of barriers, if any, preventing poison control centers from achieving the purposes and programs under this section and sections 1271 and 1272;

(6) a description of the standards for accreditation described in subsection (c), including any variations in those standards and any efforts to create and maintain consistent standards across organizations that accredit poison control centers; and

(7) the number of and reason for any waivers provided under subsection (d).”.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to and the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time.

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

The committee-reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. McCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the bill, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 1199), as amended, was passed.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 23; 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 the Senate proceed to H.R. 1327 under the previous order.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Senator Booz-MAN.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.
HONORING SERGEANT MIKE STEPHEN

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of Sergeant Mike Stephen of the Stone County Sheriff’s Office. Sergeant Stephen was mortally wounded in the line of duty on July 18, 2019.

As a veteran of the U.S. Army who spent 20 years in law enforcement, Mike Stephen was a true public servant. He bravely wore many of the uniforms we associate with serving and protecting communities. And his work didn’t stop in his own community; he also served for his brothers and sisters in blue before the Arkansas State Legislature.

Mike’s second home was the fire station. He started serving at the Pineville Fire Department when he was 16 years old, and for the last 11 years, he served as chief. His colleagues at the fire department had great respect and admiration for him. He was known as a leader who put 110 percent into everything he did.

Sergeant Stephen’s colleagues in the sheriff’s office will remember him as a man who led from the front and pushed everyone to do better.

Sergeant Stephen truly was a hero. We honor his service and sacrifice. Certainly my thoughts and prayers are with his wife Susan, along with many other family members, friends, and colleagues in the law enforcement community. I humbly offer my sincere condolences as they grieve Mike’s passing.

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I stand with all Arkansans in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for Sergeant Stephen’s steadfast devotion to serve as a law enforcement officer. It takes a special person to put their life on the line every day to protect our communities. Sergeant Stephen exemplified what it meant to serve and protect, running toward danger as an Army veteran, a member of the Stone County Sheriff’s Office, and as Pineville fire chief. Arkansas will be forever grateful for his sacrifice.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today’s heat index is a brutal reminder that we are in the height of summer. While we all struggle to stay cool, too many children across the country have to deal with an additional discomfort this time of the year—hunger.

We saw the temperature outside, but we do have an opportunity to help relieve their hunger pangs by modernizing USDA’s Summer Food Service Program, which offers children from low-income families free lunch and summer meals.

The Summer Food Service Program is hamstrung by rules that date back to the 1960s and dictate a one-size-fits-all approach to the problem. Because of this, five out of six of the children who participate in the school lunch program during the school year miss out on meals during the summer. The program falls short because it is inflexible. It requires that children travel to a central location and eat their meals together. While this works well in some communities, too many children still go hungry during the summer.

More than 14 million low-income children across the country live in communities eligible to operate an open summer meals site. Even in communities where there are sites, access can be far from easy. Lack of transportation and extreme weather often keep children away. In rural areas, where roughly 40 million low-income children live, the closest site could be several miles away.

Senator LEAHY and I are leading a bipartisan charge to overcome this challenge and make Federal child nutrition programs more efficient, flexible, and better equipped to reach children in need. Our bill, the Hunger-Free Summer for Kids Act of 2019, brings together Senators from different regions and with views across the political spectrum in an effort to address this issue. It is quite simply as one of its original cosponsors, as well as Senators BROWN, HYDE-SMITH, BENNET, and Hoven. I am grateful for their support. We hope to add more names to this coalition moving forward.

The bipartisan group teamed up because we have seen the need for more options to end hunger in our communities and share a belief that the best solutions to this problem come from the ground up. The changes we have put forward come directly from the leaders of organizations in our communities who are dedicated to ensuring children do not go hungry during the summertime. They have seen firsthand how difficult these summer months are for children who are unable to access meals at a central location. Their expertise and ideas helped us fashion alternative options to provide States with flexibility that will help fill the gaps where the programs fall short.

The solution proposed by the Hunger-Free Summer for Kids Act of 2019 channels the energy and want-to of these helpers to make the summer meals program work for all areas of the country. Kathy Webb, executive director of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, is one of those leaders on the ground in my State. She said the Hunger-Free Summer for Kids Act of 2019 will make a “significant difference” because it “provides the options families need to forward order to access nutritious food their kids need in the summer.”

I would stress that the organizations that provide summer meals at centralized locations do an excellent job. Not only do they supply nutritious meals children need to ensure their development does not suffer while out of school, but they also provide educational and recreational activities in a social setting. But, again, this doesn’t work for every child in need. Too many are falling through the cracks. Summer meals currently reach less than 20 percent of children who participate in similar programs during the school year.

Our bill proposes two alternative options States could utilize through the Summer Food Service Program to reach these kids. The first would allow for meals to be consumed off-site through innovative means, like mobile feeding, and other programs, such as the backpack meals. The other option would authorize the summer EBT program, which would provide eligible families $30 per summer month per child, with a maximum of $100 per child per year, to purchase food from approved retailers. Summer EBT was shown to reduce child hunger by over 30 percent in USDA pilot programs.

To my colleagues, as you plan your itinerary for the August work period, I encourage you to visit summer feeding programs in your communities. Talk to those on the frontlines of this effort and ask them about our proposed changes to the Summer Food Service Program. I think you will find they face similar challenges to those we are seeking to overcome with the Hunger-Free Summer for Kids Act of 2019. August is the ideal time to see how organizations in your communities are using the program to help those in need and how these proposed changes will help them increase their reach.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:43 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

LISA W. HERSHMAN, OF INDIANA, TO BE CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VICE JOHN H. GIBSON II, RE-NOMINATED.

CHINESE SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

KATHERINE ANDREA LEMOS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE CHIEF, CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD, FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. VICE VANDANA LORRAINE ALLEN SUTHERLAND, RE-NOMINATED.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

ADAM KEVIN BODILEY, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION, NEW POSITION.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

TO be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JAMES B. HICKER

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

TO be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JASON T. EVANS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE SURGEON GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY, AND
FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 7036:

TO BE MAJOR GENERAL

MAJ. GEN. RAYMOND D. DINGLE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

TO BE VICE ADMIRAL

CAPT. GREGORY C. HUFFMAN

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

TO BE MAJOR

BRUCE W. BAIN
AMANDA B. RAKER
AUSTIN J. FRANKEN
ERIC L. RAKER
FRANKLIN B. RAKER
KRISTEN L. RAKER
PAUL M. RAKER
WILLIAM R. RAKER
MICHAEL A. RAKUS
CAKAS S. RALMION
BAILLEY A. BALL
JUSTIN B. BALL
SCOTT D. BALL
MARGARET P. BALLARD
JOSHUA BANKS
NIELSON S. BAKER
LILLIAN D. C. BAPTIST
SAMUEL P. BARBADO
SHANNON M. BENTHART
TAYLOR S. RAILLA
CALER S. BARKER
RYAN C. BARKER
RICHARD S. BARKS
HUNTER D. BARNHILL
CHRISTOPHER D. BARRY
ANDREA M. BARRY
ANDREW D. BARTON
ADAM J. BARTSZ
JOSEPH A. BARTON
ZAMEER M. BATTSCH
JOSEPH C. BASALA
RICARDO E. BARRON BOVIRA
NICHOLAS A. BARTSNITT
MICHAEL G. BARTY
NICHOLAS R. BATEY
AARON E. BAYN
JEFFREY S. BATTERMANN
RYAN A. BATTERMANN
TAYLOR S. BAUGHN
PARKER L. BAUM
BRIAN L. BAUMGARTEN
CHRISTIAN M. BAUTISTA
BRADEN J. BAYWOM
JAMES N. BAXTER
JEREMY T. B. BAXTER
JOSEPH A. BAZA
JAY L. BAYHE
BRITTANY S. BECK
NYLON D. BECK
JASON H. BEEBA
JAMES D. BELL
KERRI F. BELL
KYLE W. BELL
SPENCER P. BELL
MATTIE D. BENTON
MELISSA L. BEEZON
BRIAN C. BENNETT
CATHELIN R. BENNICH
CHRISTOPHER J. BENIN
DAVID Z. BENT
MICHAEL L. BENNET
MORGAN A. BENNETT
PAUL D. BENNETT
BENJAMIN W. BENSON
CHRISTOPHER L. BENDON
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RONDRE F. BALUYOT
To be colonel

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TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major
ERAJ V. TENNEKOON
THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be major
HEUNG R. NOH
THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be major
CESAR C. CORRIERIVERA
THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

To be lieutenant colonel
GEORGE J. SMOLINSKI III
THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

To be major
MICHAEL J. MCNAUGHT
THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be major
KURTIS M. MILLER

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To be major
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IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major
DANIEL E. CALLAWAY
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MELINDA WALKER ON HER RETIREMENT AS CHIEF REPORTER OF DEBATES

HON. NANCY PELOSI
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 22, 2019

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Melinda Walker, the Chief Reporter of Debates, on her retirement in August after more than 20 years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives.

Ms. Walker has brought great effectiveness and integrity to this critical position, which has long been vital to the transparency and accessibility of Article I, the Legislative Branch, to the American people. She carries on the long, storied tradition of shorthand reporters of debates, upon whom the House has relied for nearly two centuries to ensure that the People’s House can be open and accountable to the American people.

A proud native of Texas, Ms. Walker came to the House in 1999 after serving as a court reporter for the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania. Her career began after graduating from the Stenograph Institute of Texas in 1989, and her skills took her around the country and the world, with positions in England, the Caribbean, and South Africa.

Ms. Walker has led a career of great distinction in the House. She has reported both House committee hearings and Floor proceedings, and has taken down committee testimony from two Chief Justices of the United States and three Secretaries of State, among many others. On the Floor, Ms. Walker has reported the State of the Union messages for three Presidents as well as the speeches of numerous foreign dignitaries during Joint Meetings of Congress.

Upon her promotion to Chief Reporter in 2015, she led the team of court reporters and staff in charge of the production of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. She has distinguished herself by the excellence with which she has mastered intricate parliamentary nuances of House proceedings and by her passion for and commitment to this institution. Among her many contributions to the House is the legacy she leaves through the 200-page style and format manual that she fully revised and updated for the Office of Official Reporters, which will serve as a resource for years to come.

Ms. Walker is recognized by the National Court Reporters Association as a Registered Professional Reporter, a Certified Manager of Reporting Services, and is a Certified Shorthand Reporter in Texas. She plans to return to her hometown of San Saba, Texas, and spend more time with her family and faithful hound dog, Bleu.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Walker has joined a storied tradition of shorthand reporters of debates, upon whom the House has relied for nearly two centuries to ensure that the People’s House can be open and accountable to the American people.

In September 1962, President Kennedy delivered his famous Moon Speech at Rice University in the city of Houston, Texas, and committed America to send a man to the moon and bring him safely home before the end of the decade.

As we look to the future, Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Melinda Walker, the Chief Reporter of Debates, on her retirement in August after more than 20 years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives.

Ms. WALKER. Madam Speaker, on July 20 our nation commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.

I remember July 20, 1969, when astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin became the first humans ever to land on the moon.

With the words “the Eagle has Landed,” their place in history was secured.

I hold the men and women who made that day possible in great regard for their tireless work to make it possible in my lifetime to see people depart our tiny blue planet and visit another world.

Ms. JACkSON LEE. Madam Speaker, on July 20, 1969, when astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin became the first humans ever to land on the moon.

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To young people listening today this may sound like science fiction, but for those of us fortunate enough to have witnessed the event it is science fact.

Since the beginning of mankind, we have been driven by curiosity and a wonder of what is next for humanity.

In 1965, Jules Verne’s “From the Earth to the Moon” was published.

“From the Earth to the Moon,” was a humorous science fantasy story about three members of a post-American Civil War gun club efforts to build a spaceship to the moon. A little over a century later, the men and women of NASA made that science fiction story science fact.

People have wondered about our place in the cosmos for as long as we have been able to look up into the night sky and see the stars. And of course, after witnessing the moon landing, we have been bored by our own sense of imagination and possibility to slip the surly bonds of earth, ascend to the heavens. The visionary who made this possible was the nation’s youngest elected president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 36th President of the United States.

His election as president fired the imagination of a nation that was redefining its role on the world stage following World War II. In one-fell swoop, President Kennedy harmonized our competitive drive and merged it with mankind’s relentless pursuit of discovery and information and knowledge.

It was a bold proposition, not because of this challenge, but also because of our standing in the Space Race. Just four years before Kennedy’s Moon Speech, the Soviets released Sputnik into orbit, as the first unmanned satellite, and in the process take the lead in the global space race.

Our confidence shaken, we set out to work on the mission before us.

The 1960s were a tumultuous time in our pursuit of the moon’s surface—Vietnam, Civil Rights, and the Cold War vied for our attention.

A few years ago, the book “Hidden Figures,” about African-American women who made significant contributions to the space program was made into a motion picture.

Their contributions and those of hundreds of women was revealed for the first time.

More important, it revealed the capacity of an America absent discrimination to outperform the world on the most difficult of human endeavors—landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth.

Our path to the moon was not linear and not without setbacks.

Before we could celebrate the triumph of the Apollo 11 crew and the valor of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, we mourned the crew of Apollo 1, Gus Grissom, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee who died tragically during a launch test.

Both the Apollo 11 crew and the moon, it was necessary first to orbit the Earth.

Indeed, the journey to Mars Transquillitatis was long, and a collective, national endeavor. The challenge would be the pursuit of three presidents until, on July 20, 1969, the crew of Apollo 11 touched down on the moon’s surface.

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The words uttered by Neil Armstrong were instantly immortalized, and can be recited by every child, then and now: “One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

This was a moment for joy and celebration for the entire nation. But for those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion of unique pride.

The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women working in Mission Control at the NASA Johnson Space Center of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration.

I thank them for all that they do and urge all who will hear these words to maintain that same sense of discovery and exploration and wonder for what lies next for us.

And, I invoke President Kennedy’s admonition to us from 58 years ago, that we should not be motivated simply by what is easy, but that we should meet the difficult challenge and savor what can be accomplished by our collective efforts.

Therefore—I seek out ways each day to touch this part of American exceptionalism—our ability to take all that we know about science, seek out new knowledge, bring the talents of all our people regardless of gender, race, or ethnicity and apply our resources to solving problems. We can prevail against global climate change, cure cancer, end pandemics, and poverty—by pursuing these ends with the same sense of discovery and exploration and wonder for what lies next for us.

Today, we celebrate our trip to the moon. I look forward to our celebration of our nation sending the first humans to Mars.

HONORING LUCINDA MARIE LOPEZ FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucinda Marie Lopez, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Lucinda joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual’s outstanding accomplishments in community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

Inspired by the work and leadership of Girl Scout’s founder Juliette Low, Lucinda assembled a replica of Low’s childhood home for display at Brownsville’s Holiday Village. Her model highlights her love for children and instills in them values championed by the Girl Scouts. This project required remarkable creativity and attention to detail in order to bring an exhibit of such magnitude to life. Additionally, she designed a patch of the Holiday Village, which her fellow Girl Scouts earn by visiting the village.

It is a great honor to recognize Lucinda Marie Lopez for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learned through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

HONORING COLONEL L. OMAR LOMAS
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel L. Omar Lomas, an Army veteran, and a dedicated community leader. On July 18, 2019, he took command of 42D Military Police Brigade.

Colonel Lomas is a native of Texas’s 15th Congressional District, born in McAllen, Texas. In 1996, he graduated from Texas State University, formerly known as Southwest Texas State, as a Distinguished Military Graduate through their ROTC program, earning his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. In August 1996, Colonel Lomas enlisted and served as an Army soldier in Operations Desert Shield/Storm. After serving, he obtained two Masters degrees, one in Business and Security Administration from Webster University and another in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Colonel Lomas engaged in a variety of impressive learning opportunities including the Military Police Officer Basic course, the Captain’s Career course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College, the U.S. Army Air Assault and Airborne courses, and the Army Force Management Course.

Colonel Lomas has honorably served in key leadership roles in our military; serving as a Platoon Leader to Commander for the Military Police at Fort McClellan, Fort Polk, Fort Hood, Fort Riley, Schofield Barracks, and in Kundahar, Afghanistan. Colonel Lomas also served as Operations Officer, Directorate of Emergency Services, Fort Riley Kansas; Military Police Officer Coach/Trainer, Mission Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Deputy Director, Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency, Pentagon; and Strategic Initiatives Group Chief, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Pentagon.

Colonel Lomas has received several awards and distinctions, including the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OCL), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (3rd Bronze Star), the Afghanistan and Iraqi Campaign Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Liberation of Kuwait Medal, the Defense of Saudi Arabia Medal, the Order of the Mound of Honor, the French Legion of Honor (Bronze), the Combat Action, Air Assault and Parachutist’s badges, and the Army Staff Badge.

Colonel Lomas is a dedicated leader. On July 18, 2019, he took command of 42D Military Police Brigade. I wish Colonel L. Omar Lomas, his wife Geórgia Tania Garcia and his children Maria, Miguel, Mateo, and Diego the best in their future endeavors.

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich history of the Moye Family and their commitment to maintaining the values of loyalty and community.

Jacqueline Johnson, a constituent and Buffalo resident who worked for many years in the Buffalo Public School District, brought the Moye family history to my attention as they gather in Buffalo to celebrate their 39th annual reunion. The Moye family history begins in South Carolina, with the marriage of Ezra Moye to Sarah Howard. This union produced six children, Willis, Sonny, Ezra Moye Jr., aka “Bud”, Millie, Rachel, and Margaret. From these six children, the Moye family has grown exponentially.

The firstborn in the next generation of Moye’s is Lawrence Moye, the son of Willis and Mattie. Prior to Lawrence’s birth, all previous Moye ancestors had lived under the crushing burden of slavery. In 1865, Lawrence was freed from slavery, and in his first display of true freedom he chose to marry two weeks later to Georgia Gantt. Charlotte was unbounded by slavery, and he seized this opportunity to benefit the generations of his family to come.
Willis, Sonny, Ezra, Millie, Rachel, and Margaret endured the unspeakable hardships of slavery. Even after slavery was legally abolished, injustices in education, employment, and law enforcement have had an impact on African Americans in our society. Despite this, communities of strength and virtue have prevailed, and we bear witness today at this Moye family reunion.

While this is the 39th annual Moye family reunion, it is the first one being held in Buffalo, and the city is honored to be the site of celebration for a family with such rich history and traditions. Family members descending from Eugene and Minnie, Daisy and Joseph, and Georgia and Neb live in Buffalo today. Moye family members began moving to Western New York as early as the 1930’s, and thanks to the Moye Family Historian, Gregory Moye, we are able to recount some aspects of the family history today.

The Moye family is the embodiment of a virtuous family with a rich history of obstacles that ultimately led to great perseverance and triumph. Family members from all around the country have traveled and sacrificed to be here today, for the simple and beautiful reason of celebrating family with one another. Buffalo is honored to have been called home for many members of the Moye family and I would ask my colleagues to join me in extending a warm welcome to each member of the Moye family and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable successful celebration this year and for generations to come.

HONORING ANDREA AGUILAR FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrea Aileen Aguilar, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Andrea joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual’s outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Abigail built five libraries, three in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico and two in Brownsville, Texas. An avid reader, Abigail excelled in her goal of providing both communities with access to books. I applaud her vision and ambition as she diligently worked on both sides of our border to get the communities involved in this project. Her imagination and leadership helped improve educational opportunities for children and families.

It is a great honor to recognize Abigail Elizabeth Rocha, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

HONORING ABIGAIL ELIZABETH ROCHA FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Abigail Elizabeth Rocha, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Abigail joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual’s outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Abigail built five libraries, three in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico and two in Brownsville, Texas. An avid reader, Abigail excelled in her goal of providing both communities with access to books. I applaud her vision and ambition as she diligently worked on both sides of our border to get the communities involved in this project. Her imagination and leadership helped improve educational opportunities for children and families.

It is a great honor to recognize Abigail Elizabeth Rocha for her dedication and unwavering commitment to her community. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SUZANNE EATON

HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Dr. Suzanne Eaton, an American biologist who was murdered in Greece on July 2nd. Dr. Eaton worked at the Max Planck Institute at Dresden University in Germany, where she was a leader in the field of molecular biology. Her colleagues described her as a woman with an insatiable curiosity and a humble, loving heart.

The legacy she leaves behind is not one of sorrow. Instead, it is a legacy of discovery. Dr. Eaton’s work advanced our understanding of the building blocks of life, and in doing so, provided an invaluable contribution to the understanding of humankind. For this, and for her, we are grateful.

Today, it is my hope that we can remember here in this chamber her work, her life, and her legacy.
to public service and helping people has improved the quality of life in Wheat Ridge and across Jefferson County.

I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Chief Brennan for his service and commitment to our community and his service to the people of Colorado.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JUDY SCHNEIDER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 22, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judy Schneider who is retiring from the Congressional Research Service after over forty years of service on Capitol Hill.

Last year, when Judy Schneider received a lifetime achievement award from the Congressional Management Foundation, the Roll Call article on this event stated that “hundreds of members of Congress know how to legislate because Judy Schneider taught them.”

If anything, that does not capture the extent and depth of Judy Schneider’s influence on Congress and the legislative process.

Judy, who received both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from American University, has also worked for the Senate Ethics Committee, the Senate Select Committee to Study the Senate Committee System, and the House Commission on Administrative Review. She has been with CRS since 1979. She has also been active with Women in Government Relations, who recognized and honored her work through their program “Direct Connect to Congress” by creating a fellowship in her name.

Congress depends on rules and precedents, decades and sometimes centuries old. We, as legislators, must rely upon guides and pathfinders to navigate the legislative process and to make sure that the institution operates as it should. There have been few, if any, guides and pathfinders as instrumental in serving this institution and in lighting the way for all of us to assist us in working to ensure that this nation meets the challenge of its promise.

I thank Judy Schneider for her years of service to all of us and wish her the very best in her retirement.

HONORING KATHY THALIA LEOS FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FLEMON VELA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 22, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathryn Thalia Leos, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Kathryn joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual’s outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

Kathryn’s project, “Kat’s Closet,” focused on meeting the professional-attire needs of students at South Texas Academy for Medical Professions. The school serves as an alternative to larger high schools of local independent school districts for students interested in pursuing careers in healthcare. Equipping our next generation of leaders is critical as they embark on their careers. Kathryn’s work has made a lasting, positive impact on the lives of many.

It is a great honor to recognize Kathryn Thalia Leos for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on 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, July 23, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s Record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 24

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider S. 2162, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to annually hire at least 600 new Border Patrol agents, to report quarterly to Congress on the status of the Border Patrol workforce, and to conduct a comprehensive staffing analysis, S. 1976, to amend the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 2065, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish an annual report on the use of deepfake technology, S. 2183, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze certain legislation in order prevent duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, S. 2179, to provide for congressional approval of any changes to the national defense strategy and to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, S. 764, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, S. 439, to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and to authorize Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 2119, to amend title 5, United States Code, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to Federal employees, H.R. 2590, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, H.R. 3305, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Kethl Cox Post Office Building”, and the nominations of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and William Bryan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley John Jochum, of South Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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10 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the expected nominations of David L. Norquist to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, and William Jack McRaven, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

SD-450

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize, focusing on innovative solutions to reduce human-predator conflict.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary, Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and John S. McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Travis Geaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine authorities for the use of military force.

SD-419
10:30 a.m. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider S. 496, to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen, S. 893, to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, S. 1148, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to give preferential consideration to individuals who have successfully completed air traffic controller training and veterans when hiring air traffic control specialists, S. 1341, to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, S. 1349, to expand enrollment in TSA PreCheck to expedite commercial travel screening and improve airport security, S. 1520, to promote the deployment of commercial fifth-generation mobile networks and the sharing of information with telecommunications providers in the United States regarding security risks to the networks of those providers, S. 1822, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, S. 1858, to ensure the Chief Information Officer of the Consumer Product Safety Commission has a significant role in decisions related to information technology, proposed legislation entitled, “Regional Ocean Partnership Act”, S. 2035, to require the Transportation Security Administration to develop a strategic plan to expand eligibility for the PreCheck Program to individuals with Transportation Worker Identification Credentials or Hazardous Materials Endorsements, S. 2134, to extend the transfer of Electronic Travel Authorization System fees from the Travel Promotion Fund to the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Brand USA) through fiscal year 2027, and a promotion list in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Theodore Kokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, and Michael Graham, of Kansas, both to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Michael J.K. Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology, and Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

11 a.m. Committee on Rules and Administration
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Government Publishing Office, Office of the Inspector General.

2:30 p.m. Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy
To hold hearings to examine confronting Ebola, focusing on addressing a 21st century global health crisis.

Committee on Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider S. 2159, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation”; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of E. Sequoyah Sínermeyere, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Small Business Administration Reauthorization Act”.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine hemp production and the 2018 farm bill.

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Business meeting to consider pending military nominations.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine state and Federal recommendations for enhancing school safety against targeted violence.

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

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine the state of media freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region.

Committee on Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider S. 398, to support the peaceful resolution of the civil war in Yemen, to address the resulting humanitarian crisis, and to hold the perpetrators responsible for murdering a Saudi dissident, S. 606, to review United States Saudi Arabia Policy, S. 1441, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessel

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 2159, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation”; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of E. Sequoyah Sínermeyere, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vice Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, to be Admiral and Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Copyright Office.

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2194–2202.

Measures Reported:

- S. 411, to establish a Counterterrorism Advisory Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–59)
- S. 1521, to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees. (S. Rept. No. 116–60)

Measures Passed:

Poison Center Network Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 1199, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the poison center network program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1327, to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2092, as under the order of Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Esper Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.

By 85 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 219), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- Lisa W. Hershman, of Indiana, to be Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.
- Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.
- Adam Seth Boehler, of Louisiana, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

Executive Communications:

Petitions and Memorials:

Additional Cosponsors:

Additional Statements:

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—219)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4969.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.
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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3868–3875; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 506 were introduced.  Pages H7160–61

Additional Cosponsors:  Pages H7161–62

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3504, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements to the specially adapted housing program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–164); and

H.R. 759, to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–165).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Beyer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, Tuesday, July 23rd for Morning Hour debate.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 19 was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7159.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
JULY 23, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine challenges for cannabis and banking, focusing on outside perspectives, 10 a.m., SD–358.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather, to hold hearings to examine America’s waterfords, focusing on addressing economic, recreational, and environmental challenges, 2:15 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the United States’ interests in the Freely Associated States, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine promoting elder justice, focusing on a call for reform, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 1:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Restoring the Partnership: The Future of Federalism in America”, 4 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 397, the “Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3239, the “Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, continue hearing entitled “Learning from Whistleblowers at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 5 p.m., HVC–210.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on pipeline politics, focusing on energy and power in Europe, 11 a.m., 1334, Longworth Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 23 through July 26, 2019

Senate Chamber


At 12 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be
Secretary of Defense, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

At 2:30 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Lee Amendment No. 928, and Paul Amendment No. 929, and on passage of H.R. 1327, Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act, as amended, if amended.

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: July 25, to hold hearings to examine hemp production and the 2018 farm bill, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: July 23, business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of David L. Norquist to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

July 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 23, to hold hearings to examine the United States’ interests in the Freely Associated States, 10 a.m., SD–366.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the importance of energy innovation to economic growth and competitiveness, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 24, to hold hearings to examine confronting Ebola, focusing on innovative solutions to reduce human–predator conflict, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: July 23, to hold hearings to examine promoting elder justice, focusing on a call for reform, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary, Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 24, to hold hearings to examine authorities for the use of military force, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

July 24, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine confronting Ebola, focusing on addressing a 21st century global health crisis, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

July 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 398, to support the peaceful resolution of the civil war in Yemen, to address the resulting humanitarian crisis, and to hold the perpetrators responsible for murdering a Saudi dissident, S. 2066, to review United States Saudi Arabia Policy, S. 1441, to impose sanctions with respect
to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc.116–01), and the nominations of Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, Doug Manchester, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Libya, John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Adrian Zuckerman, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Romania, Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, 10:30 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 24, business meeting to consider S. 2162, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to annually hire at least 600 new Border Patrol agents, to report quarterly to Congress on the status of the Border Patrol workforce, and to conduct a comprehensive staffing analysis, S. 1976, to amend the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 2065, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish an annual report on the use of deepfake technology, S. 2183, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze certain legislation in order prevent duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, S. 2177, to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory, S. 2169, to amend section 3116 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the appointment limitations for students appointed under the expedited hiring authority for post-secondary students, S. 2107, to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support staff in the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, S. 2193, to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, S. 764, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, S. 439, to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 2119, to amend title 5, United States Code, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to Federal employees, H.R. 2590, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, H.R. 3305, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building”, and the nominations of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and William Bryan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine state and Federal recommendations for enhancing school safety against targeted violence, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 24, business meeting to consider S. 2159, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation”; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 23, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD–226.

July 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1494, to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: July 24, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Government Publishing Office, Office of the Inspector General, 11 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: July 24, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Small Business Administration Reauthorization Act”, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 23, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 1:30 p.m., SH–219.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.
House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, July 24, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Unaccompanied Children Program: Ensuring the Safety of Children in HHS Care”, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget and oversight hearing on the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10:15 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Border Patrol, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.


July 25, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, July 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Costs of Climate Change: From Coasts to Heartland, Health to Security”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.


Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 24, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Building America’s Clean Future: Pathways to Decarbonize the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.


July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Next Megabank? Examining the Proposed Merger of SunTrust and BB&T”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 25, Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled “Examining the Use of Alternative Data in Underwriting and Credit Scoring to Expand Access to Credit”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 24, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “The FY20 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism Bureau”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “Human Rights in Southeast Asia: A Regional Outlook”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.


July 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 9 a.m., 310 Cannon.


July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Family Separation and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Short-Term Custody under the Trump Administration”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 934, the “Health Benefits for Miners Act of 2019”; and H.R. 935, the “Miners Pension Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Status of the Reclamation Fund and the Bureau of Reclamation’s Future Infrastructure Funding Needs”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.


Committee on Oversight and Reform, July 24, Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “Examining JUUL’s Role in the Youth Nicotine Epidemic: Part I”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Beyond the Citizenship Question: Repairing the Damage and Preparing to Count ‘We the People’”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “The Devil They Knew—PFAS Contamination and the Need for Corporate Accountability”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 25, Full Committee, markup on a resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find Kellyanne Conway, Senior Counselor to the President, in contempt of Congress for her refusal to comply with the Committee’s duly authorized subpoena seeking her testimony on July 15, 2019 and authorizing Chairman Elijah E. Cummings to take all necessary steps to enforce the subpoena; a resolution offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for
records relating to the Committee’s investigation into the use of non-official electronic messaging accounts by non-career officials at the White House; S. 406, the “Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act of 2019”; legislation on the ONDCP Technical Corrections Act; and postal naming measures, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.


July 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Patient Perspective: The Devastating Impacts of Skyrocketing Drug Prices on American Families”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 24, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 24, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3597, the “Solar Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 3607, the “Fossil Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 3609, the “Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 335, the “South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Benign by Design: Innovations in Sustainable Chemistry”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.


Committee on Small Business, July 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Is the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act a Help or Hindrance to Main Street?”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled “Supporting the Next Generation of Agricultural Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 24, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “China’s Maritime Silk Road Initiative: Implications for the Global Maritime Supply Chain”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Role in Improving School Bus Safety”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.


Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 24, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Former Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election”, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.


Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Creating a Climate Resilient America: Business Views on the Costs of the Climate Crisis”, 2 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.


Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 23, to receive a briefing on pipeline politics, focusing on energy and power in Europe, 11 a.m., 1334, Longworth Building.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of media freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region, 3 p.m., HVC–210.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, July 23

Senate Chamber


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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Tuesday, July 23

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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