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

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, sovereign of our Nation and Lord of our lives, thank You for infusing us with the confidence that You order our steps each day.

Give our lawmakers courage and a strong resolve to glorify Your Name, as they trust the unfolding of Your providence. As they remember what You have already done to bless this Nation, inspire them to march confidently toward tomorrow's difficulties with total dependence on Your power. May they recommit themselves each day to faithfully fulfilling the awesome responsibility You have entrusted to them. Lord, be their strength and shield this day and always.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY ISAKSON

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I welcome my colleagues back to the Senate. I hope all of us took advantage of the past weeks that we spent in our home States and with our constituents.

Washington is where we come to work. We come here to fight for our neighbors and for the places we love and are proud to hail from.

The American people know this is a highly charged political moment. They haven't sent us here to stage pitched battles or score political points. They elected us to make a difference for them and their families. We do that by taking care of the people's business and by collaborating in good faith to complete our work and attend to the pressing matters that are before us.

While we were spread out across the country, we heard an unwelcome announcement from our dear friend and colleague, the senior Senator from Georgia. Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON has determined that his health challenges will lead him to conclude his distinguished 15-year Senate career at the end of December, putting Georgians first, like always.

His departure will be a significant loss for the people of Georgia and for the 99 of us here in this Chamber. Senator ISAKSON is a tireless legislator. In particular, he is a dogged advocate for our Nation's veterans. But he is even more than that. JOHNNY is universally seen as one of the warmest, friendliest, most respectful, and most collaborative Members of this body. He has strong views and solid principles, but he knows that broad, often bipartisan cooperation is the way to advance those very goals.

### BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. I hope that as the Senate tackles the important matters before us in the weeks and months ahead, we will not only make sure to savor our last few months working alongside this great friend and colleague but also to embody his example in our work. Here is what that work will need to include:

Right off the bat this week, the Senate will begin working through a slate

of nominations to important Federal offices. The American people deserve to be governed by the government they voted for, and every time we confirm another one of the uncontroversial, amply qualified public servants whom President Trump has selected for these executive branch posts, we fulfill a constitutional responsibility and make manifest the people's decision.

Of course, in the days and weeks ahead, another major duty before us will be the appropriations process. Just like last year, under the leadership of Chairman SHELBY and Ranking Member LEAHY, I am confident we can make significant progress on regular appropriations this month and then pass an interim continuing resolution to prevent any funding lapse while that work continues.

Let me say that again. A major focus of the Senate this month will be moving forward as many of the regular appropriations bills as possible and then passing a temporary continuing resolution for the outstanding parts of the government before the end of September.

We have the parameters in place, thanks to the bipartisan funding agreement President Trump signed last month. Now it is time for the rubber to meet the road and for the Senate to pass appropriations bills this month.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUNT). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President pro tempore.

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

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

## IOWA TOWN MEETINGS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, during August, I continued my annual tradition of holding at least one Q&A in every one of Iowa's 99 counties. I go to Iowans where they work and live to hear what is on their minds so that I can better represent them in the Senate. No matter the setting, my citizens of Iowa set the agenda.

On August 27, with a town meeting in Spencer, IA, I completed the 39th consecutive year of my annual 99 county meetings. I look forward to continuing my dialogue with Iowans throughout the rest of this year, just to emphasize that I hold a lot more than just 99 meetings with my constituents every year.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

## TRIBUTE TO DAYTON POLICE OFFICERS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise to honor six brave Ohioans—Sergeant William C. Knight, Officers Brian Rolfes, David Denlinger, Vincent Carter, Ryan Nabel, and Jeremy Campbell.

Last month, on Sunday, August 4, the people in my State woke up to devastating news: A shooter had opened fire overnight—at about 1 o'clock that Sunday morning—in Dayton. In 31 seconds, a shooter had fired 40 bullets. He had taken the lives of 9 Ohioans and had injured 27 more. This was another senseless tragedy caused by gun violence. As awful as it was, it could have been even worse had it not been for the bravery and skill of the officers I just mentioned.

While others ran from danger, these men ran toward it. They stopped the shooter within 31 or 32 seconds after the first shot was fired. They saved,

certainly, dozens of lives as the shooter was about to go into a very crowded nightclub. Had they not gotten to him in less than a minute, the shooter would have entered the doorway he was headed toward of the Dayton institution Ned Peppers, which was filled with Ohioans who were out on a Saturday night.

Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl said: "Had this individual made it through the doorway of Ned Peppers with that level of weaponry, there would have been catastrophic injuries and loss of life." That didn't happen because these dedicated public servants did the job they signed up to do—to protect the people they serve.

Over the past month, as we have mourned those Ohioans we have lost, we have also seen the incredible strength and solidarity of the Dayton community. People from all over the city have come together to support the families of the victims and to support the law enforcement officers and officials who threw themselves in harm's way to protect their friends and neighbors.

Chief Biehl reported that the Dayton Police Department has received hundreds of emails, social media messages, and thank you cards—all from people thanking them for what they have done for this city.

Dayton has faced so many challenges this year. Each time, these officers and the entire department have risen to the occasion. They kept the public safe when a KKK group held a hate rally, and they helped residents after devastating tornados hit this summer. Now they are dealing with this awful gun violence and all kinds of tragedies that have fallen on this community.

I thank my friend Mayor Whaley, who is here in Washington today to help honor these officers and who has truly held this community together. I think she put it best when she said that Dayton has had, "as I like to term it, one hell of a summer, and you all have been on the front lines of it."

I met these officers at the Miami Valley Hospital 3 days after the shooting. The President of the United States was there to honor these officers and to see the victims and some of the injured Daytonians who were victims of the shooting and to see their families.

I said to the President that the best way he can honor these police officers is to bring the Senate back into session and pass universal background checks as 93 percent of the American public supports it and as Congress has already passed it overwhelmingly. We could do it in a day.

I thank Sergeant Knight, Officer Rolfes, Officer Denlinger, Officer Carter, Officer Nabel, Officer Campbell, and all of the Dayton law enforcement for responding far beyond the call of duty in saving the lives of so many people in the Miami Valley.

I thank their families, many of whom are here today. We know how families sacrifice alongside law enforcement

and servicemembers. Yet so often families don't get the recognition they deserve. To the officers and their families, we are forever grateful.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, today this Chamber, once referred to as the greatest deliberative body, must take action. We have people all over the country who want to see action, people who want to see change, people who are crying out for their leaders in Washington to do their jobs.

These days, the U.S. Senate has become a place where legislation goes to die and the important issues of the day go ignored, in addition to inaction—major, major issues, significant issues, like climate change and infrastructure and immigration reform.

Today I will focus on three things that are right before us—three bills in the gun legislation area that right now are on the leader's desk—and two other areas, election protection and bringing down the cost of prescription drugs, where we could literally take action immediately.

I focus on these because they all involve bills that have passed the House, and the Senate could literally act today. I focus on these because, in all three cases, the timing is urgent.

I am talking about inaction in the wake of terrible tragedies in Dayton and El Paso and in Midland-Odessa, all in just the last month; inaction in protecting our elections and making it easier for people to vote; inaction in response to serious issues of healthcare costs, particularly prescription drug prices.

First, I will speak about gun safety. Think about the courage—the incredible courage—of the people who were in Dayton and in El Paso and in Midland-Odessa, of the mom who literally shielded her baby from death as she herself perished from gunshot wounds, but she kept that baby alive. Or how about the grandpa who died shielding his wife and granddaughter or the off-duty soldier who carried children away to safety? All of that happened in that store.

As we approach the anniversary of 9/11, I think also about the first responders in all of these mass shootings. Those in Dayton, OH, got there in 1 minute—1 minute—but, still, we lost nine people in 30 seconds. But they were there in 1 minute and saved so many lives. That is courage.

That is the courage of ordinary people doing extraordinary things, and I believe in this place of extraordinary power that their courage must be matched. The courage must be

matched to that mom, to that grandpa, to that soldier, to those first responders. These are ordinary citizens who stepped up and saved lives. It is the least we can do to match their courage.

The American people can't afford more inaction. But over the past few years, to me, it seems we have lost our resolve.

Today, I implore my colleagues, I implore the Republican leadership to find the resolve once again and act with courage just as those men and women did in El Paso, in Dayton, in Midland and Odessa and Gilroy and Parkland and Newtown and Charleston and Orlando.

How about all of those families who lose a loved one every single day to gun violence in homes, to gun violence on the streets? There are 1,300 children who die from gunshot wounds each year. That is a classroom of kids every single week.

Yes, we are back today. Congress is back. I believe we should have come back sooner. We were in recess for mere hours when the gunman in El Paso claimed the lives of 22 people and for only a few hours more when the gunman in Dayton claimed 9 lives.

I was among those who immediately called for the Senate to come back from recess so that we could vote on gun safety measures—gun safety measures that had passed the House of Representatives with some Republican support.

I said that we should come back for that vote back then on background checks. By the way, 9 out of 10 Americans support sensible background checks; the majority of hunters support sensible background checks; the majority of voters who voted for President Trump support sensible background checks.

I know the history here. As the lead sponsor of the bill to prevent perpetrators of domestic violence—perpetrators, people who have been convicted of serious domestic violence and stalking—from possessing a gun and as a longtime supporter of universal background checks, as well as the assault weapon ban and limits on magazines, I was invited to the White House right after Parkland, right after all of those kids died in that school, and I thought: Well, this is a moment when we can act.

I was seated across from the President of the United States, and I had a piece of paper that I saved, and I wrote down with hash marks how many times he said that we should pass the bill for universal background checks and stop that gun show loophole. Nine times he said it—nine times.

I was seated next to the Vice President and across from the President. I told the President that I come from a proud hunting State and that when I look at proposals like this, I say to myself: Do they hurt my Uncle Dick in the deer stand? Do they do anything to hurt our hunting tradition in our State?

They don't. That is why the vast majority of hunters support universal background checks and a lot of these other measures we talked about that day in that conference room in the White House. It was on TV, so people can see it. There is a video of it. There is evidence of it.

I thought it was a done deal. But then what happened? The President, the next day, met with the NRA, and he folded. He folded, despite the fact that on TV in front of the Nation, in front of those kids, those surviving kids from Parkland, in front of the families of the kids who had died, he made a promise that he didn't keep. That is the history I know and I have lived.

But it doesn't end there. I go back in time. I go back to the saddest day in the U.S. Senate for me. That was the morning of the vote on background checks. That was years before. That was after the Sandy Hook shooting. Those families were there, and I had been working with some of the Senators who were leading that bill, and I had to tell those parents that morning who had lost their kids—their elementary school-age kids in that school—that we didn't have enough votes to pass that bill.

I remember one of the moms said to me: You know, I will never forget that day. I will never forget the last time I saw my son alive. He had severe autism, so he really couldn't speak. But every morning he would point at the picture of the school aide, whom he loved so much, who would never leave his side. He loved her, and he would point at her picture on our refrigerator.

That is what happened that last day she saw him alive. Then he went to school, and then, just a few hours later, she was waiting in that firehouse with all of those parents. One by one, those children came into that firehouse, and pretty soon, the parents who were left knew that they would never see their babies again.

As she was sobbing in that firehouse, she had this fleeting moment where she thought of that school aide, and she knew at that moment that the school aide would never leave the side of her little boy.

When they found them both, shot to death, that school aide had her arms around that little boy.

That mom was in my office that morning, and she had the courage to advocate for something she knew wouldn't have saved her kid because of the particular circumstances of how that guy got that gun. But what she knew about the background checks was that they would save more lives than a lot of these other measures. Why? Because the States that have them have reduced rates of domestic homicide. Yes, and they help with suicide as well.

It probably would have helped in Midland-Odessa. We don't know all of the facts, but what we do know is that one time that guy failed a background

check, and then somehow he was able to get a gun.

Those parents had the courage to do that. Then, a few hours later, this place didn't have the courage to pass that bill.

That is the history I have had with this issue, but it goes back even further. It goes back to when I was a prosecutor and we had cases all the time of everyday gun violence. We had officers killed; we had children killed; we had women killed in their homes.

But the case I most remember actually happened after I left that job, and I was in the Senate, and we had a shooting of a police officer in a small town. He was just doing his job. He showed up for a domestic violence call, which maybe sounds regular to a lot of people but not to officers because they know how dangerous those calls are.

It was a young woman, the victim of domestic violence, 17. The guy was in the house, and the officer went to the door, just doing his job. He opened the door, and the guy shot him in the head. He was wearing a bulletproof vest, but it didn't protect him.

The widow told me—because I was there for that funeral—the last time they had been in that church was for the Nativity play that the kids were in. After Christmas, the next time they were in that church, she was walking—a widow—down that aisle with her little children, with a little toddler in her arms in a blue dress covered with stars.

That is gun violence. It is not just about one family; it is not just about one victim; it is not even just about that police officer and that family who will never be the same. It is about our entire community. That is my history with this issue.

So when I come back here and I think of the courage of all of those people and all of those survivors and I think about those mass shootings and how, one by one, if we had passed these sensible bills, we could have prevented some of this from happening, I don't know what our excuse is anymore.

The leader on the Republican side said that “if the President took a position on a bill so that we knew we would actually be making a law and not just having serial votes, I would be happy to put it on the floor.”

Then the President said: “Congress is going to be reporting back to me with ideas.”

The time for ideas is done. The ideas passed in the House of Representatives—not all of the ideas that I would like put into law, but some really good things got passed that would prevent a lot of violence, including the background checks, including closing the Charleston loophole, when that White nationalist went into that church and gunned down those parishioners only because a background check hadn't been completed. It just gives a few more days—that is what that bill does—so police officers can do their job and complete the background checks.

How about my bill, which is a bill that is sitting on Leader MCCONNELL'S

desk? It closes the boyfriend loophole. What is the status of the law right now? Well, if you get convicted of a serious offense of domestic violence against your husband or wife—most of the time it is wives—or against someone who lives in your house, then you can't go out and get an AK-47. You can't go out and get a gun. That is the law right now.

But if you get convicted of the same crime against a boyfriend or a girlfriend—usually a girlfriend—you could go out and get that gun.

We have had hearing after hearing about this bill. We have had hearings because it is so sensible to close that loophole. Why? Because half of those domestic homicides involve girlfriends.

I remember the one we had a few years ago. We heard from the sheriff from Racine County in Wisconsin. He described himself as a conservative. He said this:

Dangerous boyfriends can be just as scary as dangerous husbands. They hit just as hard and they fire their guns with the same deadly force.

That bill is in the Violence Against Women Act right now and is sitting on Leader MCCONNELL's desk. That bill passed with 33 Republican votes in the House of Representatives. There is absolutely no reason we should stop a vote on the entire Violence Against Women Act simply because it includes this commonsense provision.

Those are the three bills right now, soon to be joined by a bill on limits on magazines. Why that bill? Because in 30 seconds, nine innocent people were killed in Dayton, OH. The cops did everything they possibly could. They were there in 1 minute, and still nine people died.

Those are the bills—background checks and closing the loopholes—so the cops have time to simply finish their vetting. Why would you want to cut off their days at 3? Third, closing the boyfriend loophole to help in cases of stalking and domestic violence, and fourth, magazines. These are commonsense bills. Would I like to do more with the assault weapon ban? Yes, I would. But right now, we could get these done.

What do we hear instead? We hear this: The President took a position on a bill, so then we can wait to see if we can have serial votes, and then we put it on the floor.

The President is saying: Congress is going to report back to me with ideas.

This is a dangerous game of whack-a-mole that has to stop. People are dying while leaders are pointing fingers. We could point our fingers and vote yes or no, and we could do that today. We ask that those bills be called up immediately.

But it doesn't end there. There are other very important bills we should be voting on right now.

Election security. We know a foreign country invaded our election. We know that because we heard it from President Trump's top intelligence officials.

In fact, Dan Coats, the Director of Intelligence back then, said that they were getting bolder. We know that. We know what happened. We know they did it in multiple ways. They did it by trying to hack into elections and election equipment in all 50 States. We found that out. In Illinois, they got as close as the voter files.

We also know they tried to do it with social media, and there, they were more successful. They ran a bunch of ads—paid for them in rubles—to try to suppress the vote. I will never forget the one shown at our Judiciary hearing, paid for in rubles. It was a Facebook ad that went on African-Americans' Facebook pages in swing districts. It was a picture of a woman—an innocent woman; they had just taken the face of someone from Chicago—and it said: Why wait in line to vote for Hillary? You can text your vote. And they gave a number, something like 86513. That is illegal. That is a crime. If we had known about that ad and found the perpetrators, they would have gone to jail. But that kind of activity by a foreign country was allowed to run rampant, and when the President was asked about it at the G20, standing with Vladimir Putin, he made a joke about it, looked at Vladimir Putin, and they laughed.

Do you know what I thought? I thought to myself, hundreds of thousands of Americans have lost their lives on the battlefield fighting for democracy in our own country and around the world. I thought of the four little innocent girls in a church in Birmingham who lost their lives in the fight for civil rights, in the fight for democracy, in the fight to vote. And he made a joke about it. This isn't a joke.

We have an opportunity. We have several bills on this that I am leading, to push for backup paper ballots in the remaining States that don't have them and to push for funding for audits and funding to get the right election equipment.

This isn't a joke. It doesn't matter if you are a Republican or a Democrat or an Independent; this is about protecting our democracy from the invasion of a foreign country. That is why our Founding Fathers started this country—because they wanted to be independent and didn't want to have foreign influence. It is what we fought for in war after war—protecting freedom and democracy.

This is the new ground for invasions. They didn't do it with missiles. They didn't do it with tanks. They are doing it with computers, and it is called cyber warfare. We have to be as sophisticated in our country as they are when they try to invade it.

When we tried to call up one of these bills—and Senator BLUNT had nicely called that hearing in the Rules Committee, of which I am ranking member—we got gut-punched—Senator LANKFORD and I and the other authors of the bill, Senator BURR, head of the Intelligence Committee, Senator WAR-

NER, Senator HARRIS, Senator GRAM—because that got stopped by the White House—calls were made—and by the leader. It is time to bring back this bill or pass one of the many versions that are out there.

The last area I am going to bring up—and there are many other things. I mentioned climate change and immigration reform, but the reason I am focusing on these things—gun safety for the obvious reason, as well as election security and prescription drugs—is because these are bills that have passed the House of Representatives. They are something we could do right now.

What about prescription drugs? It feels like years ago now, but it was actually just last January when I went to the State of the Union with my guest Nicole Smith-Holt. Nicole's son Alec was 26 years old, a restaurant manager in the suburbs of Minneapolis-St. Paul, and he had aged off his parents' insurance. Three days short of his payday, this hard-working kid—a pretty severe diabetic—wasn't able to afford his insulin, so he did what so many diabetics are doing right now because of the incredible cost of insulin: He started rationing it. He saved it. He took less than he was supposed to take.

I have talked to seniors who literally keep the injectors with those precious drops of insulin so they can use them the next day. When Alec tried it, tragically, it didn't work. He died. This should never happen in the United States of America, not with as simple a drug as insulin, which has been around for nearly a century.

I brought his mom with me to the State of the Union. She was sitting right up there looking down at the President while he claimed—of course many times—that he is going to do something about the prices of pharmaceuticals.

I think those who are blocking and slow-walking bipartisan legislation to reduce the cost of prescription drugs should give Nicole a call. She is smart, she is pretty straightforward, and she is a nice person. Listen to her story.

Healthcare is one-sixth of our economy, and total drug spending accounts for over 15 percent of our Nation's healthcare costs, from consumers to hospitals and nursing homes.

Between 2012 and 2016, the price of brand-name prescription drugs increased 110 percent. If we don't act now, that number will keep increasing as the profit margins for Big Pharma increase hand over fist. They have two lobbyists for every Member. For every desk in the Senate, pharma has two lobbyists. That is what Nicole looked down on when she saw the State of the Union. That number also applies to the House of Representatives, where we were that night.

There are solutions on the table. I think what would make the biggest difference, because it involves so many people, would be to pass my bill that I have led for years that would harness the negotiating power of 43 million seniors and allow Medicare to negotiate to

bring drug prices down. The VA does it. Medicaid does it. They have much less expensive drug prices because negotiation is allowed. I figure, with the power of 43 million seniors, we could get pretty good deals—43 million seniors—done through Medicare. But right now, it is locked in.

Why would it help people who are not at the age to be on Medicare? It helps you because it is the biggest block of drug prices, and once it starts going down for Medicare, it will start going down for everyone.

We can also pass my bill that I worked on for years with Senator GRASSLEY to stop big, brand-name companies from paying off other drug manufacturers to keep less expensive products off the market.

Let's think of what that means. What that means is pharma has a drug. A lot of times, they have a monopoly. Then someone comes along with another version of it that is less expensive. That would be great for us, especially when there are three or four competitive drugs. You always see those prices go down. Do you know what they do? They actually pay the generics to keep the product off the market. The big companies then have a monopoly. The new companies bringing the drug in, the generic, are fine; they get the money from Big Pharma. The only ones who get the short end of the stick are us, the consumers of this country. That is why Senator GRASSLEY and I have worked across the aisle, and it is time to get that bill passed.

The third one I would suggest is a bill I first introduced with Senator McCain—whom we all miss very much—that would allow Americans to bring in less expensive drugs from Canada and other countries as well. We know drug prices in Canada are so much less expensive than they are in the United States. Some States, like Maine, have tried to do this on their own, but they said: No; you have to have a Federal law to make this really work. Individuals have tried to do it. Bus tours of seniors go up there. We had bipartisan support for this in Minnesota—former Governor Pawlenty supported changing this bill—but we couldn't do it as a State. It really has to be done at the Federal level.

I am also pleased that Senator GRASSLEY has now stepped into Senator McCain's shoes and is carrying this bill for me. He is the chair of the Senate Finance Committee. There is no reason we shouldn't be able to call this bill up for a vote.

In conclusion, I started this speech by questioning whether this Chamber is even capable of action on big things anymore. I will end by asking a question that should be simple: Will the Senate respond to the needs of the American people?

When Americans are shot in cold blood, their bodies littered on the floor of a Walmart, will we respond to their needs? Will we respond to their families? When their votes are threatened

by attacks from a foreign country, will we respond to the citizens of this country? Will we respond when we know drug prices have gone completely out of control and we uniquely could do something about it?

Today, what this Chamber needs are leaders. Leaders don't hesitate. They don't drag their feet or put politics over country. They don't block or obstruct progress. If my colleagues don't want to find common ground, at least we could show some common sense.

It is time to live up to the promise of this esteemed body. Inaction won't do. The American people can't afford inaction in the wake of unprecedented attacks on our elections and our democracy. They can't afford inaction when people are actually dying because they can't afford common prescription drugs. They can't afford inaction when we have people being slaughtered on our streets, going to a festival in California, out on a weekend night with friends, going to a movie theater, or going shopping for school supplies.

Historically, this Chamber has done great things. It is one of the reasons all of us who got elected to this office decided to do it. Our predecessors fought for and passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the U.S. Senate. This place expanded voting rights the following year. This place helped provide a safety net for families, seniors, and kids across the country by passing Medicare and Medicaid. Guess what. When those things were passed, they weren't totally popular at the time, but now they are because they did the right thing. They were leaders. They didn't wait. They didn't hesitate. They led. We can and should come together and do great things now. That is the America we love. That is the America we know. That is the America we can be again.

I ask that these commonsense measures come up for a vote.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. ERNST). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, let me first welcome my colleagues back from the August State work period. As usual, it was an opportunity to travel in our States and meet with constituents and to hear from them about the issues that matter most in their lives.

These are some of the things I heard: Middle-class families are struggling with costs that keep going up while wages barely budge. Recent college graduates are saddled with crippling college debt and are worried about their future and their ability to buy a

home and do the things they want for their children. Families and seniors are worried about rising healthcare costs, particularly prescription drugs. And voters asked if we are doing enough to keep our elections safe from foreign interference.

I spent time talking with educators in Upstate New York about teacher shortages, with farmers about the future of agriculture production, with homeowners about improving flood insurance policies, and with middle-class families about keeping more of their earnings in their pockets after the Republicans repealed the State and local tax deduction. I heard from New Yorkers in every corner of my State, and the overwhelming consensus was that Washington has work to do and has to do more to shore up the middle class and those struggling to get there.

Typically, with Congress out of session, the President can spend the month of August highlighting issues and building support for laws, initiatives, and programs to help working Americans—but not this President, not President Trump. As we all could have predicted, he spent the month of August sowing discord and division at home, comforting our adversaries and alienating our allies abroad, and spreading recrimination and self-aggrandizement on Twitter.

Twenty years ago, if you read what the President had done this August, you would say that is fiction. Unfortunately, it is true. Although we have become a bit inured to the President's volatility, it is hard to recall a President having a more destructive or bizarre summer.

On the world stage, President Trump canceled a planned trip to Denmark because they refused to consider selling us Greenland. He released a reportedly classified satellite image on Twitter and suggested inviting Putin to return to the G7, hoping, of course, that he could host the next one at, of all places, his own private resort in Florida.

Here at home, the President called the Chairman of the Federal Reserve an enemy, continued to attack the FBI, again falsely claimed he won the popular vote, and called Jews who voted for Democrats disloyal.

On the issue of policy, the President began the month vacillating wildly on support for gun safety measures, despite three mass shootings, and ended the summer by diverting funds intended for our Nation's defense and for our soldiers and their families and taking that money away from them for the construction of a border wall that we all know he promised Mexico would pay for.

Of course, we have now spent the past week and a half watching the President desperately trying to justify—sometimes with a Sharpie—his warning that the State of Alabama lay in Hurricane Dorian's destructive path—what a circus.

This is America. We are so proud of this country. We can't be proud of the

President's actions in the last month—no one can, no matter what your politics.

I say to President Trump: There are real issues facing real Americans, and it is our job as their elected representatives—whether we be in the executive branch or the legislative branch, whether we be Democrats, Independents, or Republicans—to do something to help them, but this President seems uninterested or maybe simply incapable.

As we return to work in Washington, let us aim for progress on the issues President Trump ignored during his strange, lost summer: gun safety, election security, healthcare, infrastructure, making progress on funding the government in order to avoid another government shutdown that the President caused and had to back off from last time.

That is the people's business. Even if the President isn't interested in it, it is our job to be. Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work, and sometimes we have to ignore the President's shenanigans.

One issue of particular importance looms on this upcoming Senate work period, and that is gun safety. In the month of August, more than 50 Americans were killed in mass shootings, the latest barrage in the litany of mass shootings that have become all too routine in our country, to say nothing of the American lives lost in everyday gun violence in our communities.

It is on the minds of the American people. I was at the airport, and someone I didn't know grabbed my arm and said: Senator, do something about gun violence. I lost my nephew to gun violence last year.

It is on so many people's minds. That is why our first order of business in the Senate should be to take action on H.R. 8, the House-passed Bipartisan Background Checks Act. We must grapple with the stark reality that gun violence is becoming an all-too-routine occurrence and that we in Congress have both the ability and responsibility to do something about it.

H.R. 8 is the most commonsense way for the Senate to save American lives. It is bipartisan. It has already passed the House. As a matter of policy, it is absolutely necessary to close the loopholes in our background check system in order to make other gun laws effective. We can and should pass a very strong red flag law, but what good would a red flag law do if someone were adjudicated, unable to have a gun, and he could go online and get that gun with no check at all? If you don't have background checks, bad people will get guns—felons, spousal abusers, those mentally ill, and people who get red flags. So it is critical that we pass a universal background check law and close the loopholes and that we do everything we can to prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands in the first place. Background checks must be the base, the foundation we start from,

when we talk about gun safety legislation.

Just look at the case of the shooter in Odessa, TX, who reportedly failed a background check in 2014 but was able to purchase a firearm through a private sale with no background check. This is one of the loopholes that the Bipartisan Background Checks Act would close.

These loopholes were never intended—I was the author of the Brady bill back in 1994, when I was a House Member and the chair of the Crime Subcommittee. I am proud of it. It saved tens of thousands of lives. Back then, there was no internet. When some of the gun advocates here said "Well, exempt gun show loopholes," gun shows were simply a place to show antique-type guns, like your 1938 Derringer. Now, of course, they have become the huge loopholes that felons and other people who shouldn't have guns seek to use to get guns. We have to close these loopholes. It is not doing anything more to take away the rights of legitimate American citizens who want to bear arms—something I believe in—than it was when it passed. It is just closing loopholes as time has evolved.

There are two people in Washington who would make this legislation pass, which would greatly reduce gun violence: Leader MCCONNELL and President Trump. Leader MCCONNELL has the power to make sure this legislation passes this body or to make sure that it doesn't pass. It is in their hands.

The Republican leader determines the Senate's business. After the shootings in El Paso and Dayton, we demanded that the leader call the Senate back into session so that we could respond to the crisis. He refused. Maybe he hoped the scenes of violence would fade from the minds of the public, and the issue would fizzle out. That certainly has not happened, and the Democrats will not let it happen. Unfortunately, the increased frequency in mass shootings will not let it happen either.

As Democrats return to Washington, we carry with us the frustration of Americans who demand action but have seen far too little. These are demands of Democrats and Republicans, people northeast, south, and west, men and women, and people from urban areas, suburban areas, and rural areas. With their importuning in mind, we will make sure the issue of gun safety remains front and center for these next 3 weeks and beyond, until meaningful change is achieved.

By contrast, Leader MCCONNELL did not even mention gun violence in his opening remarks today, after promising that we would have a debate in the Senate when we returned. We await word from the leader when that debate might take place. One thing we do know is that Leader MCCONNELL has said that the question of background checks will come down to President Trump. "If the president took a posi-

tion on a bill," Leader MCCONNELL said, "I'd be happy to put it on the floor." That is what he said. Those are his words.

If that is the case, the President has a historic opportunity to save lives by signaling his support for the House-passed background checks bill. So far, he has been all over the lot.

The President told me he is going to get his "strongest possible bill" but has not committed to what he might support and then, in future days, seemed to have backed off that statement. That is why Speaker PELOSI and I sent President Trump a letter today, urging him to support H.R. 8, the universal background checks bill, to make his position public.

President Trump can lead his party to do something that the NRA has long prevented Republicans from doing by providing these Republicans the cover of a Republican President's support.

President Trump, please read our letter. Support the bipartisan universal background checks bill. It is common sense. It is enormously popular with the public—93 percent—even popular with Republicans and gun owners, and above all, would save American lives.

Maybe that man at the airport—I don't know his name or where he was from—would not have to come up to me and tell me his nephew died of gun violence if we had passed some of these laws. The time to act is now, before more lives are lost. The pressure is on President Trump and Leader MCCONNELL to act.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

AUGUST RECAP

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I came to the floor, and I heard the Democratic leader talking, obviously, about some terrible incidents that occurred in El Paso, Dayton, and in Odessa.

Since we were last in session, we have had two shootings in Texas, one in El Paso and one in Odessa. I confess that these are terrible tragedies that cause us to first ask the question "Why" and then cause us to ask the question "What": What can and what should we do to try to stop incidents like these in the future?

I will remind the Democratic leader that we actually have a great template for bipartisan support for gun safety legislation, which is the bill we sent to the President last year called Fix NICS—NICS being the National Instant Criminal Background Check System that the FBI operates.

For example, if you were convicted of a felony or dishonorably discharged from the military or you were subject to a protective order or you had been committed as a result of a mental health crisis, under existing law, all of these prohibit you from purchasing or possessing a firearm. But if the background check system doesn't work, it doesn't really count for much.

I am proud of the fact that we came together on a bipartisan basis and

passed this Fix NICS legislation by overwhelming margins. Anybody who is suggesting that we simply haven't done anything has a faulty memory, at the very minimum.

I would also add that we have passed legislation that would enhance school safety. One of the problems is that these cowards who commit these terrible acts don't go shoot up police stations; they go to the soft targets, like the schools. No parent should send their child to school wondering whether they are going to be safe from attacks like those we have seen occur in places like the Santa Fe school district in Texas, so we passed bipartisan legislation to deal with that as best we could.

We also recognize that many of the people who commit these acts are a danger to themselves and others because of a mental health crisis. In the 21st Century Cures Act—a broad, bipartisan bill—we passed legislation that provides for piloting of assisted outpatient treatment. The reason that is so important is, if you are dealing with an adult—an adult child, an adult spouse, obviously, or a parent—there is very little you can do to make them follow their doctors' orders or get the kind of treatment they need to take their medication. But as a result of assisted outpatient treatment orders, a family member or law enforcement or mental health professional can petition the court for a court order requiring people to comply with their doctors' orders to show up for their appointments and to take their medication. They have reaped tremendous benefits around the country, protecting people from themselves when they are in a mental health crisis and protecting other people from potential acts of violence that they might commit. It is not true that people who are mentally ill are somehow more prone to violence, but, certainly, when they lose control of themselves—and when they are in a mental health crisis, they do—they can be a danger to themselves and others. So this assisted outpatient treatment pilot program that we pioneered in the 21st Century Cures Act, I think, provides another tool.

Then we provided law enforcement with additional training. That is where the active shooter training came from. It was actually pioneered in San Marcos, TX, at Texas State University, where they train law enforcement not to sit on the perimeter while the shooting goes on inside a building but to attack the shooters where they are.

Also, we went one step further to make sure not only that we can stop the shooter but also that we can actually save lives and keep people from bleeding to death by training emergency medical personnel to follow the police into an active shooting scene to save lives.

Part of the problem with discussing this topic is that there is a lot of mythology out there. I heard my friend the Democratic leader say: If we had

just passed another background check system, maybe Dayton or El Paso would not have happened. Well, both of those shooters passed a background check. Is he suggesting we ought to pass a law just to pretend that we are doing something, but it would actually not have a positive impact on saving lives?

That is not what we did in the Fix NICS bill. As you may recall, the particular shooter there was disqualified from purchasing firearms, but the Air Force had not uploaded his felony conviction for domestic violence into the background check system. So when he went in to buy a firearm, it didn't catch him. He was able to lie and then buy.

I am proud to say that as a result of this bipartisan legislation we passed, there has been a 400-percent increase in the Federal Government providing additional background check information for the National Instant Criminal Background Check—the NICS—System.

I think it is safe to say, as a result of the bipartisan legislation we passed, working together, that lives will be saved. That is what we ought to be about, not about show boats or political posturing. We ought to be about solving the problem.

Let's get our facts right first. The Democratic leader mentioned Odessa. It is true that the shooter in Odessa did have a mental health commitment, and he tried to buy a gun through traditional means. He failed a background check, so he wasn't successful. While the details are still being investigated, it looks as though he purchased the firearm from an unlicensed firearm dealer, which is a crime. If the dealer sold the firearm to the shooter knowing that he was disqualified from purchasing or buying a firearm, that would be another crime. So trying to suggest that some sort of additional background check would have solved that problem when what the dealer did and what the purchaser did were already illegal, I just don't think holds up.

I look forward to continued discussion and debate on this topic. It was on the minds of an awful lot of people as I traveled across my State of Texas this August—as we all did during the August work period.

I always benefit from going back home and getting refreshed by the thoughts, the ideas, and the aspirations of real people instead of living here inside this fantasyland known as Washington, DC. I always tell people that Washington is a fascinating place to visit. It is like Disneyland, but just remember one thing: It is not real.

What is real are the people we represent back home and what the laboratories of democracy produce, which are the States, including the great State of Texas.

As I travel back home, I also enjoy sharing updates about what we have been working on here in Washington

and seeing how legislation we have passed can actually make a difference back home.

One example is a program authorized by a bill that I introduced called Project Safe Neighborhoods, which is now the law of the land. It is a bill I introduced, which is now the law.

I invited Attorney General Barr to come to Dallas, TX, to hear how this initiative has already begun driving down crime rates in a couple of our communities in Dallas. This program partners with local, State, and Federal law enforcement officials, together with Federal prosecutors, to target violent offenders—people who have no legal right to possess a firearm and who use firearms routinely—and engage with the community and, thus, help create safer neighborhoods.

It is already having a positive impact in communities across my State, and I am eager to see the long-term benefits of this incredible program.

In Austin, I visited the University of Texas during the month of August and met with some student veterans who are reaping the benefits of a bill we passed this last summer. It is called the Veteran STEM Scholarship Improvement Act. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, math. The Veteran STEM Scholarship Improvement Act made a seemingly small change to an existing program, which provides extended GI bill eligibility for student veterans pursuing STEM degrees.

Because we made a technical but important change, more students are able to continue their education with significantly less financial stress.

President Fenves of the University of Texas system said that instead of just three courses that veterans could qualify for using their GI bill, they can now qualify for, I think he said, 25. It may have been 28. There are multiples of what they can qualify for under existing law.

So this small change will make a big difference. I enjoyed hearing about their career goals from the students who are using these GI bill benefits, and I look forward to seeing all they will accomplish.

In addition to those meetings and those visits, I attended a ribbon-cutting at a brandnew VA clinic in San Angelo, TX. I spoke to survivors of sexual assault in Grapevine about the need to pass the Debbie Smith Act to reauthorize the money we appropriate to help test backlog rape kits. I was able to join my friend Congressman HENRY CUELLAR from Laredo, TX, to discuss the future of the USMCA, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement, the successor to NAFTA.

So while it was a busy and productive work period, sadly, it was also marked by a number of heartbreaking moments that I alluded to a moment ago. On the morning of August 3, a gunman stormed into a Walmart in El Paso, TX, killing 22 innocent people and wounding two dozen others. It became

the deadliest mass shooting in the United States this year.

In a community as tight-knit as El Paso, the devastation was immeasurable, and I would note that the shooter traveled from another part of the State to El Paso. He was not from El Paso. The heartbreaking confusion quickly turned into rage when we learned that the shooter was a White supremacist whose crime could only be described as domestic terrorism.

The day after the shooting, I visited El Paso and met with several of the victims, as well as the law enforcement officers responding to the tragedy. Members of the community created a memorial to honor those who lost their lives, and on that first day, it was relatively small, about 4 feet wide.

By the time I returned to El Paso with President Trump and the First Lady, 3 days later, this 4-foot-wide memorial had grown to hundreds of feet wide. The outpouring by the community was overwhelming.

In the face of tragedy and unthinkable grief, the strength and support of the entire community from that memorial to the long line of folks waiting to donate blood, to the donations to help the victims was truly remarkable.

As I also indicated at the beginning of my remarks, less than a month later, we experienced another shooting. A man went on a shooting rampage between Midland and Odessa, killing 7 people and wounding 25 others. When I visited Odessa this last week, I met Odessa police officer James Santana, who was injured in the shooting but fortunately is expected to make a full recovery.

When I asked the police chief in Ector County, which is where Odessa is located: What do you think we might be able to do in Washington that would help, he said: Well, we just don't have adequate resources to deal with people suffering from a mental health crisis. That might be one area where you could help.

I had the pleasure of thanking the men and women in blue, our law enforcement officers, for their quick response in Odessa and thanked them for the work they do every day.

By the way, I also had the opportunity to travel to the White House this morning. President Trump gave an award to the police officers in Dayton, OH, who were able to stop the shooter there. He offered certificates of commendation to some of the employees of Walmart who helped save lives in the shooting episode there.

While major events like these are ones that grab the headlines, Texas law enforcement officials and officials all over the country are on the streets each and every day doing everything they can possibly do to keep our communities safe. I think it would just be negligence on our part not to continue to thank these men and women and especially those who responded to tragedies like El Paso, Midland, and Odessa.

As our State continues to grieve from this senseless loss of life, the

questions are, of course, How did this happen? How can we prevent it from happening again? Well, I know we are going to try, just as we have done in the past, to identify gaps and problems with the law and fill those gaps and save lives in the process.

If I knew how we could pass a law that would prevent people from committing crimes, we would pass it unanimously, but, unfortunately, that is not the human condition. I have been speaking with my constituents as well as colleagues in the Senate over the last few weeks about what a legislative solution might look like, and I do expect us to have a wide range of debate on the subject in the coming days.

I just spoke to a representative at the White House. They say they are putting together a set of proposals to provide the President later this week, and we look forward to hearing what the President believes these proposals should consist of.

Again, I think the model we used after the Sutherland Springs shooting in 2017 was a pretty good one, where we introduced a bill to improve the background check system and to prevent people who should not be able to purchase a firearm from doing so. We passed that legislation on a broad bipartisan basis. Had that legislation passed sooner, it could have prevented the Sutherland Springs gunman from acquiring his weapon in the first place. By lying on his background check application, knowing, perhaps, that the United States Air Force had not uploaded his conviction for domestic violence into the background check system, he was able to get away with it.

These are the kind of reforms I believe we should be looking at—real solutions to real problems. We owe it to the American people to focus on making changes that will actually work, not show votes and not talking points. We ought to be about trying to solve this problem.

The American people are smart. They can see what is happening up here when we resort to the same old tired talking points and are not really engaged in trying to find solutions. They see through it, and we owe it to them and owe it to ourselves and owe it to people who might otherwise become future victims to do everything we can to provide the tools to law enforcement to try to prevent as many of these deaths as we can.

In the case of the Fix NICS Act, it was able to become law because it had broad support from Republicans and Democrats as well as the President. This will guide my approach. Again, I am not interested in scoring political points or introducing bills so we can pat ourselves on the back and run our next campaign on it. I am actually interested in trying to solve the problem and saving lives in the process. That is what we did on the Fix NICS Act.

The leader made it clear that if there is a proposal out there that is able

meet these same criteria, we will consider it on the floor of the Senate. He has asked us to come together and figure out what that legislation would look like. While there are certainly differences on both sides of the aisle about what we should do, I hope all of us can remember we share a common goal of stopping these mass shootings to the extent we humanly can.

Again, if we knew how to pass a law to prevent people from committing crimes, we would have already done that. We may not be able to do that, but we sure can, I think, make some progress and hopefully save some lives in the process.

There are a lot of discussions about ways to do that, and I am hopeful we can reach an agreement soon. We cannot allow these acts of violence to somehow become the new normal. As we keep the victims and their families and the dedicated law enforcement officers impacted by the shooting in our prayers, we owe it to all of them and to ourselves to work on a solution to prevent more communities from experiencing these types of tragedies.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### CLOTURE MOTION

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, 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.

Mitch McConnell, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Shelley Moore Capito, Mike Rounds, John Boozman, Thom Tillis, Richard Burr, James E. Risch, David Perdue, Roy Blunt, Kevin Cramer, Roger F. Wicker, Tom Cotton, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, John Thune.

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 Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the 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, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.  
The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from California (Ms. Harris), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 54, nays 38, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 263 Ex.]

YEAS—54

Barrasso	Fischer	Murphy
Blackburn	Gardner	Paul
Blunt	Grassley	Perdue
Boozman	Hassan	Portman
Braun	Hawley	Risch
Burr	Hoeben	Romney
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Inhofe	Rubio
Collins	Isakson	Sasse
Coons	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lankford	Shaheen
Cramer	Lee	Shelby
Crapo	Manchin	Sullivan
Cruz	McConnell	Thune
Daines	McSally	Toomey
Enzi	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Murkowski	Young

NAYS—38

Baldwin	Heinrich	Rosen
Bennet	Hirono	Schatz
Blumenthal	Jones	Schumer
Brown	Kaine	Smith
Cantwell	King	Stabenow
Cardin	Klobuchar	Tester
Carper	Leahy	Udall
Casey	Markey	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warren
Durbin	Murray	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Peters	Wyden
Gillibrand	Reed	

NOT VOTING—8

Alexander	Harris	Sinema
Booker	Roberts	Tillis
Graham	Sanders	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 54, the nays are 38.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO VINCE DOOLEY

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I rise for a moment to pay tribute to a great Georgian and his wife who this past Saturday in Athens, GA, before the University of Georgia football game, were honored by naming the field at the Sanford Stadium, Dooley Field.

Vince Dooley coached Georgia to a national championship in 1980 and coached Herschel Walker, probably the most famous running back in the history of football. He was also a great contributor to the university, contributing millions of dollars himself, personally, to see that libraries were built. He wrote seven books, including

a book on flowers, which is the one that all botanists around the world pay attention to, and he is an expert historian on the Civil War. He is just a great American. He went to Auburn, but he recovered and came to Georgia.

He started coaching at Georgia and did better and better until he got us a national championship. This weekend, as our senior past athletic director and past coach, we named the field at Georgia after Vince Dooley for 25 years of outstanding service to the university and a lifetime of service to education.

May God bless Vince Dooley, Barbara Dooley, and their family. Congratulations to the University of Georgia and congratulations to Vince.

I yield back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, the postcloture time on the Craft nomination expire at 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10; further, that if cloture is invoked on the Darling nomination, the postcloture time expire at 2:15 p.m. and if either of these nominations are confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; finally, that notwithstanding rule XXII, following disposition of the Darling nomination, the Senate vote on cloture motions for the Akard, Cabaniss, and Byrne nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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 Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF ED BRADY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, it is a distinct privilege to recognize my friend, Henderson County Sheriff Ed Brady, who is celebrating 50 years of a remarkable law enforcement career. Throughout his distinguished service, Ed has answered the call of duty and protected Kentucky families and communities. I am proud to join his family, colleagues, and friends in marking this golden anniversary.

Ed began his career in law enforcement as a dispatcher with the Kentucky State Police. He joined the department while in college, attending classes all day before working the dispatch's third shift overnight. It cer-

tainly wasn't easy, but the experience showed Ed's work ethic and steadfast commitment to the public's safety.

Although his father was a Kentucky State Police Trooper, Ed never thought he would be one himself, but after a few years as a dispatcher, he heard the calling to leave the office and enter the academy. As the youngest member of his class—and for a time the youngest trooper in Kentucky—Ed focused diligently on his training to get the experience he needed to excel. For 22 years, Ed worked for the Kentucky State Police, earning a reputation for his leadership and service.

Ed remembers his decision to leave the Kentucky State Police was among the hardest of his entire life, but he was presented with an offer too good to turn down. The City of Henderson, Ed's hometown, asked him to lead their police force as its chief. Although it was a major shift from his previous job, he was ready to hit the ground running. In fact, he was sworn-in as the Henderson Chief of Police only hours after turning in his State trooper badge.

As the new police chief, Ed knew he had to work to earn the trust of both his law enforcement colleagues and the Henderson community. To address the former, he invested a great deal of time into hearing from his new officers and building relationships. To gain the respect of the citizens of Henderson, Ed implemented community policing practices. He and his officers went directly into previously underserved areas in a coordinated effort with the city government. He organized more bicycle and foot patrols and a committee focused on minority relations.

Looking back on his career, Ed called the transformation of this area of Henderson his proudest accomplishment because, in his words, "We gave people back their neighborhood."

After more than a decade and half as a successful chief, Ed was on the lookout for a new challenge. He wanted to get back to his rural-policing roots and decided to run for Henderson County Sheriff. Since his first election and for the last 12 years, he has done just that. As Sheriff, Ed leads his deputies with distinction.

Over the years, I have worked with Ed on a number of projects in our Commonwealth, including to deliver critical resources to bolster the work of local law enforcement. It is an honor to call him a dear friend. To celebrate his golden anniversary in law enforcement, Ed's family and colleagues surprised him with an event in his honor. He certainly deserves our recognition for his dedication to his community and his years of leadership in Kentucky. I would also like to recognize his wife Amy, an impressive public servant in her own right. As Henderson County's jailer, Amy is the other half of this remarkable team. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in marking this wonderful occasion and wishing Ed and Amy many more successful years to come.

## TRIBUTE TO TONY RECK

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I want to take a moment today to honor Tony Reck, who recently marked 50 years of excellence in the railway industry. He has been a friend and a leader in western Kentucky for many years, and I would like to join his family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating Tony's great success.

Interestingly enough, Tony never planned to enter the railroad business at all. He studied aviation and joined the Air National Guard, expecting to spend his career in the skies. Instead, Tony's half-century career in the railroad industry began as a summer job at the Illinois Central railroad after his first year of college. When he returned to school, Tony kept working at the railroad, eventually going to class all day and working at night. Clearly, Tony had developed an unbeatable work ethic early on, and it has served him well throughout his career.

Tony was selected to join the railroad's sales department based in St. Louis, giving him the chance to travel throughout its service area. It was that position in which Tony began overseeing the operations in Kentucky.

Changes in Federal regulations also meant big changes for Tony. When Jim Smith and David Reed purchased a Western Kentucky railway, they named it the Paducah & Louisville Railway and asked Tony to help them run the operation. Two years later, Tony was named the president of the P&L Railway, and in 1995, he became chairman and CEO. According to P&L, this full-service, 265-mile, regional railroad moves more than 21 million tons of freight each year and supports hundreds of good jobs in western Kentucky.

Tapping into Paducah's geography as the inland waterways capital of the world, the railway coordinates with barge operators to expand its reach even further. Shipping many important products, including coal, P&L also connects to five of the largest railroads in the country. Tony's long career managing these complex logistics has earned him a top-notch reputation both in the industry and the local community.

Tony's experience and leadership continue to serve western Kentucky well, and I am proud to help him celebrate this milestone accomplishment. I wish him and his wife Farideh many more happy years as they continue to help make Paducah a great place to live and work. I urge my Senate colleagues to join me in marking 50 years of Tony's remarkable career in the railway industry.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL  
RON VAN STOCKUM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, recently my home State of Kentucky had the opportunity to celebrate the 103rd birthday of a truly remarkable indi-

vidual. Brigadier General Ron Van Stockum marked the occasion by sharing his lifetime full of rich memories in Shelbyville's "Sentinel-News." I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to my friend and join Ron's admirers across Kentucky in thanking him for his service.

Ron was born in England in the midst of the First World War. His father, a sergeant in the British forces, was tragically killed in the Battle of the Somme a week before the birth of his son. While her heart may have been broken, Ron's mother Florence felt determined to continue serving their Nation in uniform. Before his second birthday, Florence placed Ron in the care of their relatives and joined the Women's Royal Air Force.

Through her service in the war effort, Florence first met Anton Van Stockum, an immigrant to the United States who volunteered to serve his adoptive homeland in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Florence and Anton quickly developed an affection for one another, sharing a letter-writing correspondence that lasted beyond the war's conclusion.

Returning home, Anton settled in Seattle, WA, and worked at a lumber mill. Florence decided to travel with Ron, now nearly four, to visit her pen pal. It was a journey that would forever change their lives and set Ron on a previously unimagined path.

After traveling thousands of miles, Florence and Ron finally reunited with Anton in British Columbia. They married and settled in the United States to start a new family. Interestingly, no record was made of Ron's entry into our country. That oversight would prove challenging in the coming years when Ron, like his father, mother, and stepfather before him, chose to serve in uniform.

While studying at the University of Washington, Ron sought to enter the Advanced Reserve Officers' Training Corps. It would be his first step in a distinguished career of service. Without an official proof of citizenship, however, he almost wasn't allowed in at all. Ron and his family were forced to gather multiple testimonials documenting his life in the United States and attesting to his story. He was permitted to join the ROTC and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. The experience led Ron to value the high honor of calling himself an American.

For the next three decades, Ron honorably served as a marine. During World War II, he was part of the amphibious assaults in the Pacific. Ron also served at sea with the Navy aboard a battleship and an aircraft carrier. Because of his diligent service and remarkable merit, he eventually achieved the rank of brigadier general.

When Ron retired from active duty, he and his wife Susanne moved to her family's historic farm in Shelby County, KY. Since 1970, our Commonwealth has been made better because of Ron's

many contributions to the State. Here, he began his second career in education. Spending 11 years at my alma mater, the University of Louisville, Ron served as the assistant dean for administration at the school of medicine and later as the assistant to the president of Uof L.

In 1981, Ron began what he calls his second retirement, but his friends knew there was no chance he would slow down. Since then, he has written six books chronicling the history of our Commonwealth and his own family lineage. He has also taken to writing for the "Sentinel-News," and he has published more than 250 columns on a wide variety of interests.

Over the years, it is been a privilege to call this great American a dear friend, and I've enjoyed reading his reflections. As he celebrates his 103rd birthday, I share my sincere congratulations and best wishes. We are so proud of his contributions to our Commonwealth and his service to this Nation. I urge my Senate colleagues to join me in wishing a happy birthday and many future successes to Brigadier General Ron Van Stockum.

ENFORCING BUDGETARY LEVELS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, PL 16-37, included an instruction to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget to file allocations, aggregates, and budgetary levels in the Senate as soon as practicable. Today, I rise to submit the required filing found in that act.

Specifically, sections 204 and 206 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 require the chairman to file, No. 1, allocations for fiscal year 2020 for the Committee on Appropriations; No. 2, allocations for fiscal years 2020, 2020 through 2024, and 2020 through 2029 for committees other than the Committee on Appropriations; No. 3, aggregate spending levels for fiscal year 2020; No. 4, aggregate revenue levels for fiscal year 2020, 2020 through 2024, and 2020 through 2029; No. 5, aggregate levels of outlays and revenue for fiscal years 2020, 2020 through 2024, and 2020 through 2029 for Social Security; and, No. 6, a list of accounts eligible to receive advance appropriations.

The figures included in this filing are consistent with the discretionary spending limits set forth in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 and the Congressional Budget Office's May 2019 baseline, as adjusted to reflect legislation enacted since the publication of the baseline. In instances where enforceable discretionary levels are required to be adjusted for spending designated as an emergency pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended, including funding in both the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019, PL 116-20, and the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance

and Border Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019, PL 116–26, those adjustments are included.

In addition to the update for enforceable limits above, section 204 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 allows for the deficit-neutral reserve funds included in title III of the fiscal year 2018 congressional budget resolution—H. Con. Res. 71, 115th Congress—to be updated by 2 fiscal years. Pursuant to

this authority, all deficit-neutral reserve funds in the aforementioned title of the fiscal year 2018 congressional budget resolution are updated and available for use.

For purposes of enforcing the Senate’s pay-as-you-go rule, which is found in section 4106 of the fiscal year 2018 congressional budget resolution, I am resetting the Senate’s scorecard to zero for all fiscal years.

All years in the accompanying tables are fiscal years.

I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying tables detailing enforcement in the Senate be printed in the RECORD.

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

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

[Pursuant to Section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and Section 204 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 (\$ Billions)]

	Budget Authority	Outlays
Appropriations:		
Revised Security Category Discretionary Budget Authority <sup>1</sup> .....	666,500	n/a
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority <sup>1</sup> .....	621,508	n/a
General Purpose Outlays <sup>1</sup> .....	n/a	1,364,251
Memo:		
Subtotal .....	1,288,008	1,364,251
on-budget .....	1,282,266	1,358,580
off-budget .....	5,742	5,671
Mandatory .....	1,080,866	1,072,205

<sup>1</sup>The allocation will be adjusted following the reporting of bills, offering of amendments, or submission of conference reports that qualify for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits as outlined in section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. The budget authority for the revised nonsecurity category and outlays have been adjusted in this table (\$8 million in budget authority and \$6,251 million in outlays, in total) to reflect enactment of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (P.L. 116–20) and the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019 (P.L. 116–26), both of which included appropriations that were designated as emergencies pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of BBEDCA.

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEES OTHER THAN APPROPRIATIONS

[Pursuant to Section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and Section 204 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 (\$ Billions)]

	2020	2020–2024	2020–2029
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:			
Budget Authority .....	118,209	616,074	1,292,431
Outlays .....	109,763	566,684	1,194,046
Armed Services:			
Budget Authority .....	181,900	971,472	1,752,114
Outlays .....	181,726	970,392	1,750,938
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs:			
Budget Authority .....	19,685	101,347	209,084
Outlays .....	0,884	–0,095	–2,710
Commerce, Science, and Transportation:			
Budget Authority .....	18,499	91,092	186,754
Outlays .....	16,013	74,773	144,591
Energy and Natural Resources:			
Budget Authority .....	5,283	25,168	49,098
Outlays .....	5,105	25,702	49,808
Environment and Public Works:			
Budget Authority .....	41,403	207,249	414,545
Outlays .....	2,174	11,617	26,073
Finance:			
Budget Authority .....	2,624,780	15,076,375	35,392,167
Outlays .....	2,607,237	15,014,396	35,317,440
Foreign Relations:			
Budget Authority .....	39,033	179,375	352,756
Outlays .....	34,467	172,525	345,573
Homeland Security and Government Affairs:			
Budget Authority .....	153,591	815,446	1,746,667
Outlays .....	151,248	803,830	1,720,159
Judiciary:			
Budget Authority .....	23,016	94,979	183,370
Outlays .....	19,599	102,279	191,142
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:			
Budget Authority .....	32,257	133,349	256,222
Outlays .....	21,155	109,359	227,918
Rules and Administration:			
Budget Authority .....	0,050	0,248	0,498
Outlays .....	0,026	0,136	0,297
Intelligence:			
Budget Authority .....	0,514	2,570	5,140
Outlays .....	0,514	2,570	5,140
Veterans’ Affairs:			
Budget Authority .....	119,779	640,705	1,401,686
Outlays .....	122,807	643,609	1,403,403
Indian Affairs:			
Budget Authority .....	0,419	2,157	4,470
Outlays .....	0,473	2,083	4,332
Small Business:			
Budget Authority .....	0,000	0,000	0,000
Outlays .....	0,000	0,000	0,000
Unassigned to Committee:			
Budget Authority .....	–957,131	–5,327,877	–12,039,353
Outlays .....	–951,075	–5,288,820	–11,943,852
Total:			
Budget Authority .....	2,421,287	13,629,729	31,207,649
Outlays .....	2,322,116	13,211,040	30,434,298

Includes entitlements funded in annual appropriations acts.

BUDGET AGGREGATES

[Pursuant to Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and Section 204 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 (\$ Billions)]

	2020	2020–2024	2020–2029
Spending:			
Budget Authority .....	3,703,553	N.A.	N.A.
Outlays .....	3,680,696	N.A.	N.A.
Revenue .....	2,740,538	15,073,859	34,847,317

N.A. = Not Applicable.

SOCIAL SECURITY LEVELS

[Pursuant to Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and Section 204 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 (\$ Billions)]

	2020	2020–2024	2020–2029
Outlays .....	961.174	5,491.502	12,960.450
Revenue .....	940.397	5,083.693	11,238.104

ACCOUNTS IDENTIFIED FOR ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS  
[Pursuant to Section 206 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019]

Financial Services and General Government: Payment to Postal Service
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education: Employment and Training Administration Education for the Disadvantaged School Improvement Special Education Career, Technical, and Adult Education
Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development: Tenant-based Rental Assistance Project-based Rental Assistance

PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARD FOR THE SENATE  
(\$ Billions)

	Balances
Fiscal Year 2019 .....	0
Fiscal Year 2020 .....	0
Fiscal Years 2019 through 2024 .....	0
Fiscal Years 2019 through 2029 .....	0

REMEMBERING CHARLES C.  
MYERS

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the life of Charles C. Myers, a proud American and a decorated World War II veteran.

While Charles is no longer with us, his legacy lives on. On behalf of the U.S. Senate and all Americans, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for his service to this Nation.

Charles was born on November 19, 1926, in Bismarck, AR. He grew up on his family's farm in Hot Springs County, where he was raised by his mother and father, alongside two sisters and three brothers.

Charles had an unyielding sense of adventure, spending his youth hunting squirrels and riding horses. He quickly earned a reputation as an avid horseback rider, watchful older brother, and dutiful son.

Like many young men during the war, the Myers boys felt a strong obligation to defend their country. All four brothers joined the military throughout the course of the war, including Charles, whose determination to enlist knew no bounds. He falsified his age on his enlistment papers, enrolling into the Army as a paramedic. For Charles, this was a critical moment that filled him with a burgeoning sense of loyalty and honor.

After Charles completed his training at Fort Bliss, he was sent overseas, where he served as a highly respected combat medic in the 5th Cavalry Regiment 1st Cavalry Division of the Army, operating in the Pacific theater. There, the cross on the back of a combat medic eventually served as a conspicuous target for the enemy. Charles made the ultimate sacrifice while saving others, giving his life for our Nation's freedom.

I now have the profound honor of presenting Charles' family with his set of military honors. For his bravery in line of duty, Charles C. Myers received the Purple Heart Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Medal, and Presidential Unit Citation, formerly Distinguished Unit Citation. These medals serve as a small token of our country's appreciation for Charles's service and his profound sacrifice. He is an American hero who has made our Nation proud.

NATIONAL GASTROPARESIS  
MONTH

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I would like to call attention to the estimated 5 million Americans suffering from gastroparesis and recognize the observance of National Gastroparesis Month, which takes place in August.

Gastroparesis is a chronic digestive disease caused by the stomach's inability to empty properly in the absence of any observable blockage. Symptoms of gastroparesis, which include nausea, vomiting, and the inability to finish a normal-sized meal, can lead to malnutrition, severe dehydration, and difficulty managing blood glucose levels. This debilitating and sometimes life-threatening disease affects people of all ages, including thousands of patients in my home State of Wisconsin, but it is four times more likely to affect women than men.

There is no known cure for gastroparesis, and the condition is poorly understood. Some treatments, such as dietary measures, medications, procedures to maintain nutrition, and surgery, can help reduce symptoms; however, patients often face delayed diagnosis and struggle to manage their gastroparesis and access treatment. Increases in related hospitalizations and emergency room visits can be linked to rising rates of this disease, which may negatively impact the capabilities of our health care community.

Nonprofit advocacy organizations like the International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders, or IFFGD, are leading the charge to further research, raise awareness, and provide education and support to help those affected by gastroparesis. IFFGD was founded in my home state of Wisconsin, and I am proud of the work they do for gastroparesis patients across the country.

In an effort to improve our understanding and awareness of gastroparesis, I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing August as National Gastroparesis Awareness Month. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM CRAIG

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the career of Dr. William "Bill" Craig, who retired on June 25, 2018, after 58 years of civilian service.

Dr. Craig served as the director of the Software Engineering Directorate SED for 30 years at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL. Through his direction, SED experienced significant growth not only within its customer base but also by expanding its facilities. He has provided decades of service to improve the development and fielding of numerous Army systems, as well as the quality of life in his community and across the State of Alabama.

Mr. Bill Craig is a native of Senatobia, MS, and he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Mississippi State University. His civil service career began in 1960 at Dr. Werhner von Braun's astrophysics laboratory. Ten years later, he moved to the Army Ballistic Missile Defense Agency. He later became a charter member to the Army Missile Command's Missile System Software Center in 1976.

Bill has earned many recognitions throughout his career, including an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. In 1985, he was awarded Supervisor of the Year by the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women. Bill was the first recipient of the Joseph C. Moquin Award given by the Huntsville Association of Technology Societies. Bill also received the Medaris Award from the Tennessee Valley National Defense Industrial Association, and he was inducted into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame, the Order of Saint Barbara, and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

What is truly remarkable are Bill Craig's many contributions to the State of Alabama and the U.S. Army through his work at Redstone Arsenal. I am proud to take this time to recognize him for his service to the people of Alabama and the people of our country. Bill is a highly respected leader and visionary in the State, and I thank him for his commitment to Alabama.

TRIBUTE TO ANN RICHARDSON  
MCNAIR

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the remarkable career of Ann Richardson McNair, who dedicated over 51 years of service to NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and the Redstone Arsenal, both located in Huntsville, AL. Mrs. McNair was an acknowledged leader in both the engineering and institutional fields at Marshall. She held many significant positions and earned outstanding honors and recognitions during her tenure there. Mrs. McNair has provided decades of service to improve the quality of life in her community and across the State of Alabama, and her notable career has left a lasting mark on the space industry.

Mrs. McNair earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics from the University of Alabama. In 1958, she began her career with the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal. Mrs. McNair then moved

on to work at Marshall Space Flight Center in 1960. She continued her work there until retiring in 2012.

Mrs. Ann McNair has earned many recognitions and made history throughout her career, among them being the first female supervisor in engineering at Marshall. She was awarded the Team Redstone Women's History Award and the Technology Award for Women Honoring Women from the Women's Economic Development Council. Ann received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives in 2009, which is the highest honor a Federal employee can receive. The Alabama Senate also commended her in 2009 for her outstanding professional achievement during her 50 years of NASA service. Other noteworthy recognitions include the Outstanding Leadership Medal for leading the Mission Operations Laboratory, the NASA Exception Achievement Medal, and two NASA Exceptional Service Medals.

Ann's contributions to NASA and Marshall Space Flight Center are truly exceptional. I am proud to take this time to recognize her service to the State, as well as to the Nation. Her achievements and dedication to advancing the industry have made a lasting impact. I join Ann McNair's friends, family, and former colleagues in recognizing her wonderful career, and I thank her for her commitment to Alabama.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO LOIS BOUTON

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Lois Bouton, a WWII veteran who honorably served her country and has inspired generations of members of the U.S. Coast Guard with her letters. I am pleased to recognize this remarkable Arkansan as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

Lois has spent her life serving among and connecting with members of the Coast Guard—first, as a member of the SPARs, the Woman's Reserve of the U.S. Coast Guard, and then as a visitor to patients—especially members of the Coast Guard at Naval Station Great Lakes Hospital—and now through the letters she diligently writes to USCG members across the country which earned her the nickname the Coast Guard Lady.

"I like to write letters," Lois said during an interview my staff conducted with her for the Veterans History Project. In the decades since she started outreach to coasties through the mail, she has written nearly 50,000 letters.

In the early 1970s, the Boutons retired to northwest Arkansas. That is when her outreach to coasties began to take off. She started writing to Coast Guard units in Alaska, and soon, she had the directory with addresses of units across the country.

While far from the coast, her Rogers, AR, home is a museum of Coast Guard

memorabilia. Her collection includes the Meritorious Public Service Award she received from the Commandant of the Coast Guard, the second highest civilian award issued by the Coast Guard. In 2013, she was named an honorary chief petty officer.

Her love and appreciation for the Coast Guard is unmatched as demonstrated by her decades-long practice of correspondence to show her support for the men and women who wear the Coast Guard uniform. She is well-known among members of the Coast Guard and receives hundreds of letters and cards from them in return. She continues to serve as an inspiration for others and is widely admired for her service to our country, the men and women of the Coast Guard, and veterans across the Nation.

I want to thank the Coast Guard Lady, Lois Bouton, for her service and continued support of the U.S. Coast Guard and wish her a very happy 100th birthday.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ANNELIESE SATZ

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I congratulate U.S. Marine Capt. Anneliese Satz, of Boise, ID, on her many achievements, including being the first woman to fly the F-35 fighter jet for the U.S. Marine Corps. Above all, I thank Captain Satz for her service to our Nation.

In June, Captain Satz became the first female marine to complete the F-35B basic course. Before she joined the Marines, she earned her commercial pilots license flying helicopters. I understand Captain Satz has been assigned to her first operational unit: The Green Knights of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 in Iwakuni, Japan.

My home State of Idaho is full of trailblazers. Among them are the women who are leaders, innovators and architects of a new reality where the "first woman to . . ." is rightfully becoming a descriptor of the past. Captain Satz is a courageous marine fighter jet pilot. She is also a groundbreaker who worked hard to complete her training and prepare for her service ahead.

Thank you, Anneliese, for your service to our country and for your hard work and great leadership. Your preparation and diligence are commendable. You are showing young Americans and adults alike through your example of dedication and proficiency that high goals are achievable.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JANE WITTMAYER

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I congratulate Jane Wittmeyer, who is retiring after a more than 40-year career in Federal, State, agricultural, and natural resources policy work.

Jane has provided knowledgeable, helpful, and insightful counsel to many throughout her decades of dedicated service. Jane managed my Washington, DC, office, for 4 years during my time

serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. She brought with her the experience she gained working previously for two former U.S. Senators for Idaho, Senators Steve Symms and James McClure, and serving in positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA. Her work at USDA included serving as Deputy Manager for USDA's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Jane was invaluable in helping me get started in Congress. She came aboard to run my DC office at the beginning of my tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives. Her knowledge and understanding of the procedures, policies, and politics in Congress were useful, as I, as a freshman in the minority, worked to best represent Idaho. She had a deep understanding of Idaho through her previous work for Senators McClure and Symms, and I always knew I could count on her advice and opinions to help me make good decisions on legislation and other matters. Jane left my office to return to Idaho and join the Intermountain Forest Association.

Most recently, for the past 15 years, Jane has operated her own government affairs firm, Wittmeyer and Associates, assisting many in the timber, agricultural, and other related industries. Jane is direct and personable. She recognizes the great value in and makes use of bringing multiple perspectives to the table to advance a common cause. She has lent her energy and expertise into getting countless things done for Idahoans and others. I have been one of the lucky people to benefit greatly from having Jane on my team. Her thoughtful guidance is a true asset.

I understand that in retirement, Jane plans to find something she can do to help people in addition to traveling and spending time with family and friends. That does not surprise me. Jane has dedicated much of her time to helping others, through identifying solutions, providing experienced advocacy on their behalf, assisting with navigating State and Federal policies, and more. Thank you, Jane, for your outstanding work and friendship all these years. Congratulations on an exemplary career. I wish you all the best for a retirement filled with great happiness you so deeply deserve.●

##### TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN MIKE VITALI

● Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to an exceptional officer of the U.S. Navy, CAPT Mike Vitali. Captain Vitali currently serves as the senior military adviser for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support for Civil Authorities and will be released from Active Duty after more than 24 years of active military service on October 1, 2019. As a native of Maple Heights, OH, it is my distinct privilege to recognize his storied career.

CAPT Mike Vitali began his naval career as a midshipman in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. Captain Vitali was commissioned as an ensign upon his graduation from Purdue in 1994 and then went to the Pensacola, FL, where he earned his naval flight officer wings of gold on August 16, 1996.

As a newly minted naval flight officer, Mike earned his initial qualifications in the S-3B Viking at Sea Control Squadron Forty-One, VS-41, and then joined the VS-35 Blue Wolves at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, CA. Captain Vitali went on to complete two deployments aboard the USS *Abraham Lincoln* in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and DESERT FOX in the skies over Iraq. In October 2000, he returned to VS-41 as an instructor where he trained replacement pilots and navigators in S-3B operations and tactics. As a result of the Viking Sundown program, Captain Vitali led the fleet's transition program and completed training in the P-3C Orion at Patrol Squadron Thirty, VP-30, in Jacksonville, FL. He completed tours with the VP-16 War Eagles in Jacksonville and VP-4 Skinny Dragons in Kaneohe Bay, HI, where he conducted antisubmarine, maritime interdiction, counterdrug, and counterterrorism operations while deployed to Sicily, Djibouti, El Salvador, the Philippines, and Okinawa.

From 2008-2010, he served at the U.S. Special Operations Command, where he coordinated the update of SOCOMs memorandums of agreement with the military departments. On May 25, 2012, he assumed command of the VP-45 Pelicans in Jacksonville, FL, and successfully led the squadron through a rigorous work-up cycle and SEVENTH Fleet Deployment to Okinawa where the squadron supported 17 detachments and logged over 3,200 flight hours.

After command, Captain Vitali reported to the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, serving as Deputy Director of the Senate Liaison Office, where he supported several of my colleagues and their staffs on congressional delegations around the world. In May 2015, Captain Vitali reported to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, serving as the Director of Senate Affairs advising the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs on all matters pertaining to the U.S. Senate, especially the confirmation process. He was directly responsible for the Senate confirmation of 68 Presidentially appointed civilian positions within the Department of Defense across two administrations to include the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense, three Service Secretaries, four Under Secretaries to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, three Service Under Secretaries, and numerous Assistant Secretaries of Defense. His solid relationships and unmatched credibility with senior officials were indis-

pensable in maintaining a high level of support and dialogue with Senators and their staffs.

Throughout his career, Captain Vitali has logged over 2,570 flight hours and 267 carrier landings.

I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and CAPT Mike Vitali's family and friends in saluting this distinguished officer's many contributions and sacrifices in defense of our great Nation. It is fitting that the Senate today publicly recognizes his service and wishes him, his wife Tracy, and their children Gabrielle, Isabella, and Michael health, happiness, and success in the years to come. Congratulations, Captain Vitali, on completing an exceptional and exemplary career.●

#### RECOGNIZING BIOLOGIQ

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, It is easy for me to brag about Idaho's small businesses because they are consistently making national news for their innovative ideas. Just last month, the Office of Advocacy announced Idaho ranked third in the Nation for the fastest growth of small businesses, creating jobs and economic opportunity across the State in 2018. Globally, Idaho is renowned for our "Famous Idaho Potatoes," and recently, Idahoans have begun using their vast knowledge of the potato to innovate. As a result, new market-altering products are emerging, such as BioLogiQ, Inc.'s sustainable bioplastic resin. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my pleasure to recognize BioLogiQ, Inc., as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for September 2019.

BioLogiQ of Idaho Falls was founded in 2011 by an Idaho native, Brad LaPray. Like so many Idahoans, LaPray spent a lot of his youth playing and working outdoors and developed a passion for nature and the agriculture industry. He moved away for a while and developed an interest in bioplastics, but eventually came back home to Idaho where he saw an opportunity to use his interest in bioplastics and his passion for the agriculture industry to create a business. LaPray understood that a percentage of all potatoes is turned into starch and not used for human consumption. His company, BioLogiQ, uses excess potato starch to create a sustainable bioplastic resin.

LaPray created BioLogiQ to provide people with environmentally friendly plastic products made from renewable resources and reduce plastic waste globally. As stated on their company's website, "BioLogiQ, Inc. is a plant-based manufacturer focused on bringing sustainable packaging solutions to brand owners, retailers, and the plastics industry. Using its proprietary process, BioLogiQ's makes a low moisture content plasticized starch resin pellet called NuPlastiQ. We make NuPlastiQ in pellet form so plastic product manufacturers can use them

like other traditional plastic resin pellets using their standard production equipment. BioLogiQ's NuPlastiQ pellets are designed to be blended with conventional petroleum-resin pellets to make BioBlends that increase the sustainability of all plastic products." NuPlastiQ technology makes it possible to reduce the thickness of plastic bags and is most widely seen in TaterMade Bags at retailers such as Walmart and Sam's Club.

Through their hard work, expertise, and desire to make a difference, BioLogiQ is now an industry-leading sustainable bioplastic resin provider. BioLogiQ is reshaping the bioplastic market, and I have full faith they will continue to be successful. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Brad LaPray and all of the employees at BioLogiQ, Inc., for being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for September 2019. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

#### REMEMBERING DR. THOMAS MOSS

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, today I would like to take a moment to recognize and honor the life of Dr. Thomas Moss, a great South Carolinian who touched the hearts and minds of countless people across our State. While Dr. Moss passed away in 2004, his legacy lives on today in many ways and deserves to be honored still.

Dr. Moss was an Orangeburg, S.C., native and attended Morris College in Sumter before being drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean war. He was a lifelong advocate for education and civil rights and devoted his life to the betterment of his community and State. He was truly a servant leader, and in every capacity he held, he worked tirelessly to make life better for everyone around him.

At the age of 41, Dr. Moss became the first African-American staffer in the South Carolina congressional delegation and one of the few in Congress as a whole. He served as a field representative for U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond for 30 years, during which he was a strong voice for education, civil right, and social justice.

Dr. Moss has been recognized through countless awards and honors, including the NAACP Freedom Fighter Award, the United States Senate Loyal Service Award, and the Order of the Palmetto. His legacy lives on today through the Thomas Moss Civic Leadership Award, through the portion of Highway 301 in Orangeburg that bears his name, and through the hearts of every South Carolinian whose life he helped improve.

Dr. Moss's integrity, dedication, and commitment should serve to inspire us all, even today. He will not soon be forgotten, and I am certain our State will benefit from his labors and accomplishments for years to come.●

## 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

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

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

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 2, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3253) to provide for certain extensions with respect to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

## ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 9, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 540. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the "Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office".

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the enrolled bill was signed on August 13, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. ROUNDS).

## ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 13, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 639. An act 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.

H.R. 776. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

H.R. 828. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the "Congressman Bill Carney Post Office".

H.R. 829. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the "Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building".

H.R. 1079. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1198. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 South Boulder Highway in Henderson, Nevada, as the "Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 1250. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the "Lucas Lowe Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 1449. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3033 203rd Street in Olympia Fields, Illinois, as the "Captain Robert L. Martin Post Office".

H.R. 2336. An act to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of "family farmer".

H.R. 2938. An act to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

H.R. 3245. An act to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3304. An act to exempt from an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

H.R. 3305. An act 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".

H.R. 3311. An act to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the enrolled bills were signed on August 13, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. ROUNDS).

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3352. An act to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 57. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker reappoints the following

individual on the part of the House of Representative to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. John A. Lawrence of Washington, DC.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. COHEN of Tennessee, Mr. CLEAVER of Missouri, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. VEASEY of Texas, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. HUDSON of North Carolina, and Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania.

## MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3352. An act to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 1, 2019, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 16, 2019:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1138. A bill to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-69).

S. 143 A bill to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 161-70).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 174. A bill to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector (Rept. No. 116-71).

S. 520. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program (Rept. No. 116-72).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 816. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-73).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1052. A bill to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-74).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1064. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the national security implications of building ethane and other natural-gas-liquids-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-75).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1286. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential (Rept. No. 116-76).

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 494. A bill to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-77).

S. 737. A bill to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood (Rept. No. 116-78).

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

S. 1494. A bill 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, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1207. A bill to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in Utah, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-0979).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2443. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for investment in tomorrow's pediatric health care workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2444. A bill to establish a minimum staffing level of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers along the northern border, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2445. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a surtax on corporations with significant disparities in employee wages; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2446. A bill to provide certain coverage of audiologist services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2447. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish or designate the Distributed Energy Opportunity Board to carry out a program to facilitate a voluntary streamlined processes for local permitting of dis-

tributed renewable energy, energy storage, and electric vehicle charging systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2448. A bill to control the export of electronic waste in order to ensure that such waste does not become the source of counterfeit goods that may reenter military and civilian electronics supply chains in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S.J. Res. 53. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Repeal of the Clean Power Plan; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Electric Utility Generating Units; Revisions to Emission Guidelines Implementing Regulations"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 66

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 66, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 120

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 120, a bill to protect victims of stalking from gun violence.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 172, a bill to delay the reimposition of the annual fee on health insurance providers until after 2021.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit, and for other purposes.

S. 225

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 225, a bill to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes.

S. 253

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 402

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to plan, develop, and make recommendations to increase access to sexual assault examinations for survivors by holding hospitals accountable and supporting the providers that serve them.

S. 433

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve home health payment reforms under the Medicare program.

S. 447

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 447, a bill to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) 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.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of

the Women's Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the "Six Triple Eight".

S. 636

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 636, a bill to designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs.

S. 668

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 668, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive co-insurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 684

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 684, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high-cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

S. 696

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 696, a bill to designate the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health.

S. 758

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to ensure affordable abortion coverage and care for every woman, and for other purposes.

S. 851

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 851, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added

as cosponsors of S. 875, a bill to provide for the reporting to State and local law enforcement authorities of cases in which the national instant criminal background check system indicates that a firearm has been sought to be acquired by a prohibited person, so that authorities may pursue criminal charges under State law, and to ensure that the Department of Justice reports to Congress on prosecutions secured against prohibited persons who attempt to acquire a firearm.

S. 901

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to support individuals with younger onset Alzheimer's disease.

S. 966

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize the physician self-referral prohibitions to promote care coordination in the merit-based incentive payment system and to facilitate physician practice participation in alternative payment models under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Reducing Youth Use of E-Cigarettes Initiative.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration.

S. 1122

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1122, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 1141

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S.

1141, a bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 1253

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1253, a bill to apply requirements relating to delivery sales of cigarettes to delivery sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1254

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1254, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to review and report on certain laws, safety measures, and technologies relating to the illegal passing of school buses, and for other purposes.

S. 1261

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1261, a bill to provide for the establishment of Medicare part E public health plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an interagency task force on the use of public lands to provide medical treatment and therapy to veterans through outdoor recreation.

S. 1279

At the request of Mr. JONES, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1279, a bill to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions.

S. 1309

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1309, a bill to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers.

S. 1365

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1365, a bill to provide emergency assistance to States, territories, Tribal nations, and local areas affected by the opioid epidemic and to make financial assistance available to States, territories, Tribal nations, local areas, and public or private nonprofit entities to provide for the development, organization, coordination, and operation of more effective and cost efficient systems for the delivery of essential services to individuals with substance use disorder and their families.

S. 1391

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to require reporting regarding certain drug price increases, and for other purposes.

S. 1395

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

S. 1487

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1487, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to create a national zero-emission vehicle standard, and for other purposes.

S. 1499

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1499, a bill to establish National Wildlife Corridors to provide for the protection and restoration of certain native fish, wildlife, and plant species, and for other purposes.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require additional reporting on crime and harm that occurs during student participation in programs of study abroad, and for other purposes.

S. 1575

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1575, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to make available to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention copies of consular reports of death of United States citizens, and for other purposes.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to

authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime, and for other purposes.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of pediatric subspecialists in the National Health Service Corps program, and for other purposes.

S. 1660

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1660, a bill to provide greater support for grandfamilies and older caretaker relatives.

S. 1689

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1689, a bill to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) 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.

S. 1777

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1777, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices a section on conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence, to amend the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act to authorize the President to impose economic sanctions and a visa ban on the leader of an organization that commits sexual or gender-based violence.

S. 1781

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1781, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 to provide assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras through bilateral compacts to increase protection of women and children in their homes and communities and reduce female homicides, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors 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.

S. 1801

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1801, a bill to ensure medications are affordable.

S. 1822

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1822, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes.

S. 1838

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1838, a bill to amend the Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

S. 1850

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1850, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive acts and practices in connection with primary and secondary ticket sales, and for other purposes.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to authorize actions with respect to foreign countries engaged in illicit trade in tobacco products or their precursors, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to improve efforts to combat marine debris, and for other purposes.

S. 1983

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1983, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, States and units of local government to develop, implement, or expand 1 or more programs to provide medication-assisted treatment to individuals who have opioid use disorder and are incarcerated within the jurisdictions of the States or units of local government.

S. 2001

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2001, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Willie O'Ree, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions and commitment to hockey, inclusion, and recreational opportunity.

S. 2024

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2024, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the American History for Freedom grant program.

S. 2043

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2043, 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.

S. 2054

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2054, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 2083

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) 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.

S. 2085

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) 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.

S. 2108

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2108, a bill to amend section 6903 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for additional population tiers, and for other purposes.

S. 2137

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 2137, a bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

S. 2179

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2179, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life.

S. 2203

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2203, a bill 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 for other purposes.

S. 2224

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2224, a bill to amend section 214(c)(8) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the data reporting requirements relating to nonimmigrant employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish State and Indian tribe grants for community colleges and grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2293

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2293, a bill to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank of the United States and to modify the quorum requirement of the Bank, and for other purposes.

S. 2327

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2327, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the eligibility requirements for transfer of unused entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 2353

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2353, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop guidance for firefighters and other emergency response personnel on best practices to protect them from exposure to PFAS and to limit and prevent the release of PFAS into the environment, and for other purposes.

S. 2379

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2379, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify the authority of State Medicaid fraud and abuse control units to investigate and prosecute cases of Medicaid patient abuse and neglect in any setting, and for other purposes.

S. 2390

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2390, a bill to prohibit the imposition of the death penalty for any violation of Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 2412

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2412, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of addiction counselor services under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 2413

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2413, a bill to exclude the imposition of duties and import quotas from the authorities provided to the President under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

S. RES. 252

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 252, 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.

S. RES. 267

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 267, a resolution recognizing the September 11th National Memorial Trail as an important trail and greenway all individuals should enjoy in honor of the heroes of September 11th.

S. RES. 277

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 277, a resolution remembering the 25th Anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and recommitting to efforts to

uphold justice for the 85 victims of the attacks.

S. RES. 303

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 303, a resolution calling upon the leadership of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to dismantle its kwan-li-so political prison labor camp system, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2444. A bill to establish a minimum staffing level of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers along the northern border, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

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

S. 2444

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.

This Act may be cited as the "Border Officers Utilization for National Defense Act of 2019" or the "BOUND Act".

#### SEC. 2. MINIMUM U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION STAFFING ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall ensure that not fewer than the maximum number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers deployed along the international border between the United States and Canada (referred to in this Act as the "northern border") at any time between January 1, 2016 and the date of the enactment of this Act are always deployed along the northern border, including ports of entry along the northern border.

(b) LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS.—The Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection may not transfer any U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer away from an assignment along the northern border if such transfer would reduce the number of such officers assigned to the northern border below the level required under subsection (a).

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2443. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for investment in tomorrow's pediatric health care workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am pleased to be introducing the Investment in Tomorrow's Pediatric Workforce Act with Senator CASSIDY. This critical legislation would provide fund-

ing for the Title VII pediatric subspecialty loan repayment program.

The Title VII health professions programs have a longstanding history of increasing the supply of health care professionals, expanding access to care in rural and urban underserved areas, and developing a workforce that reflects the Nation's diversity and the needs of patients. These education and training programs guide current and aspiring health professionals to high-demand careers in areas of greatest need. Pediatric subspecialty care is one such shortage area.

According to the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, there are currently only 8,300 child and adolescent psychiatrists (CAPs) in the United States—many of whom are not practicing full time—far short of the estimated need of over 30,000 CAPs. On average, patients wait almost two months to see a CAP, a startling concern given that the incidence rates of mental illness and behavioral disorders among children in the United States continue to grow. Fifty percent of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin at age 14; seventy-five percent by age 24.

This legislation would take an important first step in incentivizing more health care professionals to go into pediatric subspecialties and increase the supply of these professionals to ensure more children have greater access to the health care they need. I look forward to working with stakeholders supporting the legislation including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the Arthritis Foundation, the American College of Rheumatology, and the Child Neurology Society, as well as my colleague, Senator CASSIDY, to pass the Investment in Tomorrow's Pediatric Workforce Act, and to strengthen all of the Title VII health professions programs.

#### AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR AN EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST AFRICAN SLAVES TO THE TERRITORY THAT WOULD BECOME THE UNITED STATES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 57, which was received from the House.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 57) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States.

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

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

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 57) was agreed to.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 10; 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 executive session and resume consideration of the Craft nomination under the previous order. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess following the cloture vote on the Darling nomination until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

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 unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator GARDNER.

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

The Senator from Colorado.

#### BLM HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, of course, the Senate is back in session after the August work period, where all of us were able to go home—and in the case of Colorado, go corner to corner—to visit with constituents, to have meetings, to talk about those issues that are concerning to the people of Colorado and what we can do to help provide solutions to the greatest challenges they see in their lives, their businesses, and in their State.

It really is a remarkable time to go through such an incredible and beautiful State. In Colorado and in the West, we are blessed with amazing beauty and splendor. Our public lands are one of the smartest ideas this government has ever created over the 200-plus years of our Nation's history.

To spend time in Southwestern Colorado, down by Mesa Verde National Park, over by Larimer County and Rocky Mountain National Park, to be on the Eastern Plains of Colorado, to visit places like the Sand Creek Massacre site, to reflect on what that dark chapter in our American history

meant, to look at what we are trying to do to include Amache, the Japanese-American internment site, into our National Park Service, it really is a chance to reflect on the greatness of our country.

This is a State that is composed of almost 50 percent public lands, a significant number of acres that are controlled, owned, and managed by the State of Colorado and, of course, a vast amount of acres controlled and operated by the Federal Government—whether that is the U.S. Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management or the National Park Service.

It is the Bureau of Land Management that brings me to the floor of the Senate tonight.

Prior to our departure for the August work period, an announcement was made from the Secretary of the Department of the Interior that the headquarters of the Bureau of Land Management would finally be moving west and indeed would be moving to Grand Junction, CO.

The Bureau of Land Management manages roughly 250 million acres of surface lands and surface area in our country, and almost all of it—over 99 percent—is west of the Mississippi River. You can see the land that is highlighted in red here. Some of this land is just mineral rights and not surface land, but over here the vast amount of acreage is all surface land—some 245-some million acres of land, 99 percent of which is west of the Mississippi River.

The idea we have been pursuing is that the public lands are managed better when you manage them from within the communities that those public lands surround. In the case of Grand Junction, CO, the Bureau of Land Management—almost 73 percent of Mesa County, in which Grand Junction resides, is public land. Why not make the decisions facing these millions of acres of public lands in the West, where the lands reside, instead of thousands of miles removed in Washington, DC?

Moving the Bureau of Land Management headquarters closer in proximity to the land it oversees and regulates makes sense. It is common sense—two things we don't hear very often in Washington.

Moving the BLM is a priority I have been working on for a number of years, going back to an Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing with Neil Kornze, then the Director of the Bureau of Land Management under President Obama. It was a hearing where almost every county commissioner in the West had objected to a regulation that the BLM was pursuing, and yet the BLM continued to pursue it.

I remember being frustrated in this hearing and finally saying to Director Kornze: If you were just located in the West, if you just had your BLM offices in the West, your headquarters, you would understand why this is a bad idea.

At the time, he kind of laughed and said: Well, we should think about that.

Do you know what? We did, and I am pretty excited to say that in just a couple of weeks, we will be signing the lease for new office space in Grand Junction to house the headquarters of the Bureau of Land Management.

This is not—and I think this is important because this seems to get lost in the day-to-day shuffle of media coverage. This is not a partisan issue. This is not a Republican-driven idea or a Democratic-driven idea. This is a bipartisan approach that has been embraced by leaders on both sides of the aisle.

Democratic Colorado Governor Jared Polis in July said of moving the Bureau of Land Management to Grand Junction that “we are thrilled to welcome the Bureau of Land Management and their employees to the great state of Colorado. As I stated to Secretary Bernhardt many times, Grand Junction is the perfect location for the BLM because of the community support, (its) location closer to the land BLM manages and the positive impact it will have on our western Colorado economy.”

That wasn't a Republican who said that. That was the Democratic Governor of the State of Colorado embracing the move of the headquarters of BLM. In fact, we had both Republicans and Democrats cosponsoring legislation I introduced in the Senate and Congressman TIPTON introduced in the House to legislatively move the headquarters of the Bureau of Land Management to the West and now in Colorado.

Unfortunately, we are starting to hear some partisan debate, though, creep into this incredibly important move. What we are seeing in Washington, of course, are Washington Democrats trying to stop the process. In the news, we read about Washington bureaucrats who are opposed to the move, but it is important to realize that this decision is not about the bureaucrats; it is about the job we are doing to represent our public lands.

This is an agency that doesn't just work for each other. It is an agency that works for the people of this country and to do the best job they can representing and managing our public lands, the public lands they are charged to manage and to protect. Why wouldn't you do that job from where the public lands reside?

Moving the headquarters to the West will improve support. It will improve engagement. It will improve oversight. It will improve collaboration with western Governors whose States, in some cases, are overwhelmingly dominated by public lands. It will improve relationships with State and local elected officials. It will improve relationships and management decisions and will work with the Tribes and Tribal officials and sports men and women and ranchers and grazers and farmers and recreationalists and energy users.

It will also save States in western communities thousands of dollars in travel expenses. Imagine, if you live in Colorado and Western Colorado, that you no longer have to fly thousands of miles to Washington, DC; that you don't have to buy an expensive round-trip airplane ticket, spend the night at an expensive hotel, buy an expensive meal at an expensive restaurant. You get to travel, drive, or fly—a very short trip—to Western Colorado, with great air service and great interstate access. You don't have to pay for a Washington hotel or a Washington meal. These are things you can do when the BLM is actually located where 99 percent of the land they represent resides.

Under the Department of the Interior's proposal, every western State will get additional staff. Two hundred ninety-six current Washington positions will be moved to locations throughout the West. From Alaska to Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Wyoming, all will receive new staff out of Washington, DC, and onto the public lands they represent, that they oversee.

For those of us who are routinely in Washington, we will still be able to get information immediately and meet with officials from the Bureau of Land Management. The Deputy Director of Policy and Programs will continue to be located in Washington, along with 60 other positions that are responsible for budgetary items, legislative affairs, regulatory affairs, and public affairs. They will still be here. So it is not like Washington will all of a sudden have no one to call or no one answering their calls. It is a little bit absurd. It talks a little bit about the lack of hubris that government has, to think that only Washington knows best and only Washington can lead, to think that you can't manage these lands from where they are.

This will improve the management of our public lands, and BLM employees will see benefits as well. The cost of living for BLM employees who move from Washington to a State office will be considerably lower. That will result in a significant increase back into their pocketbooks.

Leasing costs are also worth raising when we talk about the BLM headquarters. The BLM compared leasing space for 27 staffers in Washington versus the leasing space available in Grand Junction, CO. The difference is \$50 per square foot in Washington versus just over \$32 per square foot in Grand Junction.

If you think about what that means, it is a significant savings. You think about what it means for travel and the cost to taxpayers of travel expenses for BLM employees. According to the Department, in fiscal year 2018, BLM employee travel from Washington to the West was more than \$37.2 million. There is no question that these resources could have been better spent on State offices and field offices that have been starving for resources for years.

In its own analysis, the Department of Interior projects that the total cost over 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management's headquarters relocation and relocations to other Western States will have a net savings—get this—of over \$123 million. Not only will we have better decision making and not only will the leadership of an agency that is the largest holder of public lands and manager of public lands in the country be located finally in the lands they oversee, with better decisions coming as a result, but we are going to save \$123 million. It is a commonsense move designed to save taxpayer money, and management decisions will be better by the fact that these lands are now in their front yard, instead of thousands of miles away, bringing these decisions closer to the American people.

The only reason to oppose this move is if you don't care about the people of the Western United States or you don't think somehow that the people in the Western United States are smart enough to figure out how to run public lands or manage public lands or maybe you don't think that Colorado is up to the task of being the headquarters of the BLM because apparently you don't trust the people in the West. There is no other reason to oppose this. This is common sense.

Colorado is already home to significant portions of the USGS. Colorado is already home to NORTHCOM and NORAD. In fact, just today the new space command, the United States Space Command, stood up in Colorado Springs at Peterson Air Force Base. Yet, somehow, there are people—Washington Democrats—who don't think Colorado can handle the management of our public lands. It is offensive—it really is—to think that there are people in Washington who think that only Washington can do this job. It is wrong.

We should stand up against that kind of, I guess, idea that only Washington can do something and fight back against that mentality. Colorado is home to significant EPA offices, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, significant resources of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of the U.S. Patent and Trademark office. All are in Colorado. With so many acres of public lands, yes, we can manage public lands, and, yes, Colorado should be the gateway to our public lands in this great country and to all of the wonderful access opportunities that means to our economy, to recreation, to conservation.

Ask any one of the thousands of Federal Government employees currently living in Colorado if they believe we can do this, and the answer is a resounding yes. Only in Washington do they think it is only Washington that can do the job.

Washington bureaucrats and Washington Democrats can oppose Colorado

all they want, but I believe in Colorado. I believe in our ability to manage these public lands better than they have ever been managed before. I believe this is the best place in the Nation to manage our public lands and to house and headquarter the Bureau of Land Management. As a result, we will have a cleaner and better environment, more conservation opportunities, and a greater public lands economy as a result.

I am excited about this future. The people of Grand Junction are excited about this future. It is far time that we now have a little bit less Washington and a lot more Colorado common sense. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN). The Senator from Ohio.

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

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

#### RECOGNIZING DAYTON, OHIO, POLICE OFFICERS

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today six police officers from the Dayton Police Department were awarded our Nation's highest honor for law enforcement. These were the six individuals who stood tall at 1 a.m. on August 4, in Dayton, OH, standing up to a shooter, engaging him within 30 seconds of the tragedy beginning. Nine people had already died. Another 27 were injured. By standing up to him and doing it so quickly and responding so effectively, they saved so many lives.

They put their lives in danger because they were standing between the shooter and innocent civilians who were out that evening, having a celebration, enjoying themselves, not imagining this horror could be committed. These six individuals were well trained. As Chief Rick Biehl of the Dayton Police Department has told me—and he is a friend of mine—the training worked, and he is right. It was more than just training. It was instinct. It was heart. It was their willingness to step up as soon as they saw the danger and run into the danger, literally.

President Trump today awarded the highest honor to these individuals. When he did so, he said: "The light from these intrepid souls defies the darkness and confronted the most sinister danger."

Well said.

Sergeant William Knight and Officers Vincent Carter, David Denlinger, Ryan Nabel, Brian Rolfes, and Jeremy Campbell deserve the gratitude of all of us for stepping into the breach.

Tonight I will have the opportunity to be with them on this floor. They are going to come see the world's greatest deliberative body. I know that everyone in the Senate joins me in expressing our gratitude to them for the work they do every single day to protect all of us and for their extraordinary brav-

ery that horrible night. We thank them, and we say God bless them for what they do.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

#### REVIVING AMERICA'S SCENIC BYWAYS ACT

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 116, S. 349.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 349) to require the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for, and make determinations regarding, roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, 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 "Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019".*

##### SEC. 2. NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM.

(a) REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue a request for nominations with respect to roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, as described in section 162(a) of title 23, United States Code. The Secretary shall make the request for nominations available on the appropriate website of the Department of Transportation.

(b) DESIGNATION DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the request for nominations required under subsection (a) is issued, the Secretary shall make publicly available on the appropriate website of the Department of Transportation a list specifying the roads, nominated pursuant to such request, to be designated under the national scenic byways program.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 349), as amended, was passed.

Mr. PORTMAN. 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.

PERMITTING STATES TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE CLEAN WATER REVOLVING FUND OF A STATE TO THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND OF THE STATE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 125, S. 1689.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1689) to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. PORTMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

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

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

Mr. PORTMAN. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 1689) was passed, as follows:

S. 1689

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

**SECTION 1. TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) lead is a toxic chemical that—  
(A) is particularly harmful to young children; and

(B) can cause reduced intelligence quotients, attention disorders, and other serious health problems;

(2) excessive and harmful levels of lead have been found in water systems across all 50 States and those water systems serve drinking water to millions of people in the United States;

(3) hundreds of the water systems described in paragraph (2) are water systems that provide drinking water to schools or day care centers;

(4) not all States have sufficient funds in the drinking water revolving fund of that State to address the threat to public health from heightened exposure to lead in drinking water; and

(5) some States have available funds in the clean water revolving fund of that State that could be used to provide additional resources to help address lead in drinking water.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CLEAN WATER REVOLVING FUND.—The term “clean water revolving fund” means a State water pollution control revolving fund established under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.).

(2) DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND.—The term “drinking water revolving fund” means a State drinking water treatment revolving loan fund established under section 1452 of

the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12).

(c) AUTHORITY.—In addition to the transfer authority in section 302(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 300j-12 note; Public Law 104-182), and notwithstanding section 1452(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(d)), during the 1-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, if a State, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, determines that available funds in the clean water revolving fund of the State are necessary to address a threat to public health as a result of heightened exposure to lead in drinking water, the State may transfer an amount equal to not more than 5 percent of the cumulative clean water revolving fund Federal grant dollars to the State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State. Funds transferred pursuant to this subsection shall be used by the State to provide additional subsidy to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants (or any combination of these).

Mr. PORTMAN. 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.

**REVIVING AMERICA'S SCENIC BYWAYS ACT OF 2019**

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 831 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 831) to direct the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for and make determinations regarding roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PORTMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

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

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

Mr. PORTMAN. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 831) was passed.

Mr. PORTMAN. 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.

Mr. PORTMAN. I yield back my time.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:38 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 10 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

BARBARA MCCONNELL BARRETT, OF ARIZONA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE HEATHER WILSON, RESIGNED.

RYAN MCCARTHY, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE MARK T. ESPEL, RESIGNED.

ROBERT JOHN SANDER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, VICE PAUL LUIS OOSTBURG SANZ.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

SANDRA E. CLARK, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BURKINA FASO.

KELLY C. DEGNAN, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO GEORGIA.

PETER M. HAYMOND, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

**THE JUDICIARY**

RAHKEL BOUCHET, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE JOHN RAMSEY JOHNSON, RETIRED.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

OWEN MCCURDY CYPHER, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ROBERT MAYNARD GRUBBS, TERM EXPIRED.

DAVID M. DEVILLERS, OF OHIO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE CARTER M. STEWART, RESIGNED.

**THE JUDICIARY**

JODI W. DISHMAN, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA, VICE VICKI MILES-LAGRANGE, RETIRED.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

THOMAS L. LEONARD III, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE PATRICK A. MILES, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

**THE JUDICIARY**

KAREN SPENCER MARSTON, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE LEGROME D. DAVIS, RETIRED.

STEVEN J. MENASHI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, VICE DENNIS G. JACOBS, RETIRED.

RICHARD EARNEST MYERS II, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VICE MALCOLM J. HOWARD, RETIRED.

SARAH E. PITLYK, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, VICE CATHERINE D. PERRY, RETIRED.

ANURAAG SINGHAL, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE JAMES I. COHN, RETIRED.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

RALPH IGNATIUS SOZIO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MICHAEL GRECO, TERM EXPIRED.

**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*

BRIG. GEN. TIMOTHY D. HAUGH

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. MICHAEL A. MINIHAN

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. SCOTT A. KINDSVATER

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

COL. STEPHANIE A. PURGERSON

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE SERVING AS SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY UNDER TITLE 10 U.S.C., SECTION 8077:

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. BRUCE L. GILLINGHAM

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER 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 601:

*To be vice admiral*

VICE ADM. DAVID M. KRIETE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER 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 601:

*To be vice admiral*

VICE ADM. STUART B. MUNSCH

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 716:

*To be major*

ANDREW KIM

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

*To be major*

CATHERINE A. LANE

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

NICHOLAS D. BARRINGER  
SCOTT C. BENSON  
NICOLAS D. BRADLEY  
ERIN E. DRIVER  
MELISSA D. FOLSOM  
MAUREEN R. GIORIO  
EDWIN X. GUTIERREZ  
DANIEL J. HANKES  
JAMES A. HART  
ALEXANDRA HICKMAN  
CARRIE W. HOPPES  
JONATHAN D. LESHNER  
RYAN P. MCGILL  
SHANNON L. MERKLE  
JOHN J. PEÑA  
MATTHEW W. PERKINS  
JOSHUA H. SHEHAN  
TIMOTHY M. SKINNER  
LAURIS R. TRIMBLE  
PATRICK S. WALSH  
JOSHUA D. WALTERS  
HAROLD YU  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

ERIN E. BALL  
JOCELIN S. BLAKE  
JAMIE C. BROWN  
AMANDA C. CHRISTY  
JAMES G. COISMAN  
SARAH A. COOPER  
JUSTIN C. DEVANNA  
PATRICK J. GRIMM  
RICHARD KELLY III  
MARC G. KNOBBE  
AMANDA MCGUIRE  
JESSICA L. MOREHOUSE  
SARA B. MULLANEY  
ROBERT PAUL  
JONATHAN SHEARER  
SUZANNE C. SKERRETT

EMILEE C. VENN  
D012821

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

LOVIE L. ABRAHAM  
KIMBERLY D. ALSTON  
JASON E. ANDERSON  
SCOTT M. ANDERSON  
LISA ARGO  
DAVID L. ARMESON  
JASON B. BAUMGARTNER  
JANET K. BELTON  
CARLA A. BERGER  
WILLIAM S. BOSLEY  
BRUCE W. BROWN  
KARA M. CAVE  
OLEGARIO COSS, JR.  
DANIEL T. COULTER  
MICHAEL J. CRIVELLO  
BRAD T. CUNNINGHAM  
NIKKI L. DAVIS

DAVID W. DEGROOT  
ERICA L. DORTCH  
GLORIA J. ELKO  
GINGER C. EMIG  
DANIEL P. ERWIN  
OSCEOLA M. EVANS  
CHRISTOPHER E. EVERETT  
DWAN E. FIGUEROA  
DANNY R. GARRETT  
CARRIE L. GRAVES  
FRANK W. GROVER  
SARA J. HARMON  
CHRISTOPHER L. HATCHER  
JENNY R. HAYES  
MICHAEL B. HENRY  
JEREMY R. HERSHPFIELD  
PAUL HESTER  
JASON L. HIPPS  
SHAUNTA HOLLINGSWORTH  
ADRIAN R. JOHNSON  
SHEILA M. JOHNSON  
MARK C. JONES  
RICCO A. JONES  
ERICA L. KANE  
HEE KIM

JOHN T. LAVOIE  
CALEB J. LAZARRE  
SUMMER A. MOORE  
QUI T. NGUY  
GABRIELA L. NIESS  
AARON NORTHUP  
STEVEN M. OLIVER  
DANIEL J. ONEILL  
VICTORIA H. M. OSHEA  
TAJUDEEN O. OTTUN  
CHRISTOPHER M. PAINE  
PRINCESS P. PALACIOS  
LES S. PATTERSON  
MARCUS D. PERKINS  
MATTHEW PIERCE  
DONYA D. QUMAD  
IGNACIO L. REMOLINA  
THOMAS B. REZENTES, JR.  
CHRISTOPHER W. RICHELDERFER

ELIEZEL RIVERA  
LESLIE W. ROBERSON  
OWEN L. ROBERTS  
ERIN C. ROBINSON  
BENJAMIN M. ROWE  
ANN M. RUDICK  
SUMESH SAGAR  
JOHNNY W. SANDERS  
KEVIN R. SCHUSTER  
KELLY G. SEIBER  
PATRICE E. SHANAHAN  
ANTHONY T. SHIEPKO, JR.  
DOUGLAS R. SHOTTON, JR.  
LEON K. SMITH  
WALTER J. SOWDEN  
CHRISTOPHER D. SPLICHAL  
JONATHAN D. STALLINGS  
MARTHA M. STEWART  
DEBRA M. STONE  
SIMON J. STRATING  
JOSHUA G. SUTHERS  
JOSEPH R. TAYLOR  
DONNA J. TERRELL  
MATTHEW L. TILLMAN  
KRISTINE TOWNSEND  
CRISTA M. WAGNER  
JOSEPH W. WALKER  
MICHAEL T. WALKINGSTICK  
DORIAN A. WALTON  
LAURA L. WANG  
ELIZABETH W. WANJA  
MICHAEL A. WASHINGTON  
JASON R. WEIR  
MICHAEL D. WOOD  
RENEE E. ZMIJSKI  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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 lieutenant colonel*

MARLENE ARIASREYNOSO  
KARA J. BARR  
CARL D. BARRINGTON  
ROSEMARY E. BAUGH

PRETORIA BENSON  
LANA J. BERNAT  
RACHEL B. BLANTON  
BRIAN J. BOLTON  
ELIZABETH M. BOWLES  
BIENVENIDA BRITO  
JOHN E. BUONORA  
MARIE E. CARMONA  
EDNAESTHER P. CAUSAPIN  
EBONY C. CHATMAN  
TAMMY M. CHILDS  
SUZANNE W. COBLEIGH  
CHRISTINE J. CONNER  
WILLIAM CORONA  
JANALE A. DALUZ  
CHARLENE B. DAVIS  
LEILANI R. DAVIS  
JASMINE L. DEDE  
BENARD N. DELOACH  
KEITH J. DENNENY  
ELIZABETH A. DICAMPLI  
JEFFREY D. DOMINGUEZ  
MARLYN ECHEVARRIA  
EMILIANA ESCUETA  
MARIANN R. FARK  
RUSSELL T. FIELDS  
KIRK C. GILES  
KRISTY L. GOULD  
FAITH E. GRZESIK  
PATRICIA R. HALLSTEVENS  
PATRICIA A. HODSON  
JASMINE D. HOGAN  
ELIZABETH N. HOLSHOUSER  
DEANNA M. HUTCHINGS  
LISA M. JENKINS  
MICHELLE D. JOHNSON  
BRIAN M. JOHNSTON  
IMSHIN O. KIM  
CAPRICE B. KNIGHTJOHNSON  
KRISTA L. LABBE  
STACEY D. LENT  
AMANDA B. LOVE  
BRITTANY J. LOZIER  
TONYA M. MADDOX  
LOUIS M. MAGYAR  
BEATRIZ MARTINEZ  
KEISHA A. MCDANIEL  
ALLISON L. MCGLOSSON  
VERONICA B. MCMORRIS  
SHEILA A. MEDINA  
MICHAEL P. MEISSEL  
FERNANDO M. MENDEZ  
SONIA MONTEIL  
GWENDOLYN A. OKEEFEE  
MICHELLE L. ONEILL  
JULIE Y. PARK  
SAMUEL PEREZ  
JASMINE C. PETERSON  
JOHN R. REED  
DEREK S. REYNOLDS  
REGINA D. RIEGER  
GERARDO C. RIVERA  
JOHNNIE R. ROBBINS  
SAMUEL SAMA  
REGINA Y. SANDERS  
VERONICA S. SANDERSON  
DEBORAH E. SARTORI  
SEAN W. SHAMLIAN  
STEPHEN A. SHEETS  
ROBERT J. SHIPLEY  
JASON D. SIMMONS  
GLENN C. SIMPSON  
JEFFREY D. SMITH  
SIMEON G. SMITH  
ELLA M. STALLINGS  
ROBERT C. STRICKLAND  
MICHAEL J. SWANHART  
AUDRY M. TORRES  
MARCIA L. TURLEY  
MARVA F. TURNIER  
JOANA UNDERWOOD  
ALENKA G. VALE  
CHRISTINA L. VANCELEEF  
JACK C. VANLUYN  
MAYJOYCE A. VERTIDO  
LARRY L. WHEAT  
JEAN L. WILLIAMS  
RACHEAL L. WOOD  
LAMIN YARBO  
KEVIN M. ZEEB

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be major*

BRITTANY B. BEAVIS  
JESSICA L. BOWDEN  
JAMIE R. CASE  
THOMAS S. COTRONE  
TINIE C. CYIN  
BENJAMIN C. DIXON  
KATHRYN M. DORSEY  
CLARENCE C. DICUMMON III  
RANDAL S. DUDIS  
KELSEY R. FIDDES  
SARAH A. M. FISHER  
MEAGHAN N. GLOWACKI  
HILEY E. HARROUNWHITE  
ROBERT F. HOLLY  
KELLY M. HORGAN  
AMANDA L. JEFFRIES  
RACHEL E. LAWRENCE  
JENNIFER E. LEFORS  
MILES P. LOOMANNELSON  
KRISTINE M. MOSS

JULIE D. PACK  
MARK A. RYAN  
KATHERINE L. SCOTT  
RYAN R. SITTON  
KENNETH L. STRAWN  
SARAH B. SULKOSKY  
KATHERINE A. WEBER  
LEAH M. WILLESS  
CANDACE E. WIMBISH  
RAYMOND K. WONG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be major*

RAYMOND J. AKERMAN, JR.  
LUCAS M. ALLMON  
ROBERT L. ANDRADE  
CHARLOTTE D. ANDREWS  
TIMOTHY W. ATKINS  
CHRISTOPHER M. BARBER  
ALBERT R. BASSETT  
JEREMIAH D. BECK  
JOELLE I. BLACK  
ROBERT D. BLUME  
LUCY A. BOWEN  
CHRISTOPHER J. BREWER  
JEREMY F. BROOKS  
MICHAEL A. BROUSSARD  
DANIEL R. BROWN  
JOSEPH M. BROWN  
LARRY D. BROWN  
LARRY L. BURKE  
ROY R. A. CAMACHO  
COREY R. CAMPBELL  
ASHLEY R. CARLSON  
DAVID M. CHAVEZ  
JOEL D. DAVIS  
MICHAEL A. DAWSON, JR.  
TREVOR G. DELL  
CHASTITY P. DEROO  
GONZALO DETABODA  
MATTHEW J. DOWEN  
BRADLEY N. DUNSON  
RONALD S. DUNSTON  
CHRISTOPHER M. ECKLUND  
FERNANDO G. EGUILUZ  
ROBERT D. FINN  
SHAMEICE K. FISCHER  
JASON A. FORSTER  
STEPHANIE C. FOURNIER  
SCOTT D. FOWLER  
ROBIN E. GODDARD  
KELLY A. GUERRA  
JAMES A. GUERRERO  
KEITH D. HARRIS  
ALISHA D. HARVEY  
JASON M. HENNING  
AMANDA D. HENSLEY  
GREGORY S. ILLES  
BENJAMIN D. INGRAM  
JEFFREY H. IRWIN  
OMAR D. JACK  
LEE J. JIN  
SHAUN K. JOHNSON  
SCOTT A. KAVAN  
CHELSEA J. KERSTEN  
TAREK M. KHALIL  
ADAM J. KIEFFER  
ANGELICA C. KONNEROD  
JOSHUA T. KNUDSEN  
MICHAEL J. KONETSKY  
STEVEN F. KOVACH  
CODY N. LARSON  
COURTNEY D. LEGENDRE  
DENISE M. LEWIS  
AARON K. LORENSON  
DANIEL L. MACKEY  
LORI W. MAGGIONI  
DAVID P. MANLEY  
AMBER M. MARKS  
LINDSEY S. MASDEU  
KAWIKA A. MASKBELL  
MICHAEL K. MCCAFFRIE  
JARED M. MCGOWEN  
JEREMY A. MCGUFFEY  
RYAN A. MCGMAHON  
STEVEN D. MOCK  
TRACY L. MOREL  
MANSURU MUSTAPHA  
LORENZO E. NAVARROFIGUEROA  
JASON L. NEWMAN  
ROBERT A. OLIVER  
MICHELLE R. OLSEN  
MIGUEL A. ORDONEZ  
ANDREW P. OTTO  
CHEYENNE C. PATEL  
TIMOTHY B. PEKARI  
TAMMY L. PRICE  
SAMUEL A. ROCKER  
JILL A. ROGERS  
PATRICK B. ROSE  
ALEC E. ROSS  
ERIC A. ROSS  
ROLAND F. SALAZAR  
ALLISON D. SANCHEZ  
KARLA J. SANCHEZ  
LUAR SANDOVAL  
BRITAIN L. SEABURN  
JENNIFER N. A. SMITH  
BRIANNA M. STARTZELLNUNEZ  
CHELSEA L. TERSAVICH  
JORDAN L. THORNBURG  
NATHANIEL J. TURNER  
LINDSEY A. UMLAUF

DAVID J. WALKER  
ASHLEY M. WELSH  
HYUN J. YI  
DANIEL Y. YOON  
MELISSA P. YOUNG  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be major*

SARAH H. AFRIEQ  
CHRISTINE A. ARGUEZAPRINCE  
MONICA ARUWAH  
ANTHONY D. ASHER  
ELISABETH M. BAILEY  
CHRISTOPHER A. BAISA  
MICHAEL A. BAISA  
THOMAS R. BARTH  
AARON M. BERG  
ALLISON P. BOWLIN  
LALLISON J. BRAMMER  
JEROD A. BRAMMER  
ANDREW D. BRESSLER  
MATTHEW R. BRODOCK  
KATHRYN L. BUCKLAND  
SARAH B. BUEHLER  
FAREN A. CAMPBELL  
WILLIAM R. CAPP II  
EDWARD A. CASTRO  
JASON CHA  
AMBER L. CHILSON  
TODD R. CHRISTENSEN  
UYEN B. T. CHU  
DIANA J. CHUNG  
GRANT M. CLAASSEN  
GRAHAM S. CLARK  
MATTHEW R. T. CLARK  
MELISA S. COKER  
RENEE N. COMBS  
WHITNEY S. CUMBER  
BLAIR C. R. DANCY  
JENNIFER D. DANGERFIELD  
TAMMY S. DANIELS  
DERRICK A. DAVIS, JR.  
MATTHEW L. DAVIS  
ARTURO P. DIAZ  
KENT C. DIAZ  
KATIE S. DOYLE  
TIMOTHY D. DREYER  
DARNELL A. DURRAH, JR.  
JENNIFER M. EALY  
JOSHUA D. ECKENRODE  
CASSANDRA M. ELLINGTON  
SUZANNA F. ENDLEY  
ALEXANDRA FAJARDO  
ANTONIO G. FIGUEROA  
CRESPO S. FLORES  
CHRISTOPHER S. FOSTER  
THERRY L. FOUAPONASSEDINJATOU  
COURTNEY C. FOX  
JAIME L. FRAHM  
MATTHEW G. FRICKEY  
RYAN H. FRITZ  
PATRICK G. FRUGE  
JULIE A. FULTON  
KYLE C. FURFARI  
KRISTAN D. GALLIMORE  
THOMAS M. GILBREATH  
OSCAR I. GONZALEZ  
DAVID P. GOODMAN  
DAVID N. GOUGH  
JASON A. GRIFFITH  
GINA L. GRIFFITH  
LAURAIN C. HACKETT  
CHRISTOPHER L. HARRISON  
JOHN W. HAWKINS  
RODNEY T. HAYWARD  
CHRISTINE R. HAYWOOD  
PATRICK E. HENSEL  
DAVID A. HERMANN  
DEBBIE HERNANDEZ  
PATRICIA K. HERNDON  
DAWN V. HERRON  
ZURI N. HILDRETH  
GREGORY B. HOLMES  
MATTHEW J. HOPKINS  
JERLINE HSIN  
CHRISTINE E. HULSEBERG  
KATHERINE C. JACKSON  
LYNNEA K. JENSEN  
JONATHAN E. JORDAN  
MINGZHOH E. KALAND  
DAVID K. KEELIN  
JASON J. KIDD  
DENNIS KIM  
REINALYN K. KING  
STEVEN R. KLEIN  
SEAN M. KLUCKMAN  
JOHN T. KOHLER  
GARRITT W. KUIPERS  
DANIEL M. LAWINDY  
FERMINA L. LAYNEZ  
JANGWOO LEE  
YINGTA B. LEE  
JAMES K. LEHMAN  
COREY J. LESTER  
XAVIER A. LOMBARDO  
KEITH L. MARSHALL, JR.  
SUZANNE E. MATE  
JAMES J. MATTTSON  
JOHN K. MCCRACKEN  
VANESSA E. MEDINA  
JORSHUA M. MELO  
RODNEY C. MERKLEY

JACQUELYN M. MESSENGER  
TASHINA L. MILLER  
CHRISTOPHER D. MOE  
NICOLE L. MOORE  
BRYAN D. MORRIS  
MELISA E. NATAPRAYA  
CHRISTINE U. NAUTSCHER  
MITCHELL NAZARIO  
CASEY R. NELSON  
LEWIS NICOLETTO  
AJUS K. NINAN  
ADAM J. OBREGON  
TIMOTHY D. OCAMB  
NDUBUISI R. OKOLO  
BRANDON L. PANIAGUA  
JASON A. PARSONS  
FOREST T. PAVEL  
WALTER P. PEEPLES  
JAIME A. PERALES  
MATTHEW W. PERRY  
RYAN A. PETERS  
ELAINE D. POR  
DANIELLA M. PREECE  
MARK W. PRESTON  
LISA K. QUIROZ  
ADRIANA L. RAMOS  
SANTIAGO RESTREPO  
MICHAEL A. ROBERTS  
ASHLEY C. RODRIGUEZ  
CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ  
KHALID R. RODRIGUEZ  
YASMINE M. ROSE  
LARRY L. ROYER, JR.  
JANET D. RUSH  
SARAH S. SANJAKDAR  
DANIEL S. SAULS  
KAYLA G. SCHAFFIELD  
DAVARIUS T. SHARPE  
NATHANIEL P. SHEEHAN  
MICHAEL S. SIEGERT  
JULIE L. SKILES  
JAMES T. SMITH  
PATRICK J. SMITH  
TREY A. SMITH  
CODY D. SNEED  
ALISA N. SNYDER  
MAURICIO E. SOLIS  
ELIZABETH K. SOSA  
LANCE J. SPIELMANN  
SARAH H. STEGER  
JACQUEL L. STEVENS  
JULIAN M. STEWART  
JUSTIN L. STEWART  
CHRISTINA C. SWINTON  
ADAM J. SZABAT  
TRAVIS G. TAGGART  
ANDREW R. TAYLOR  
KIMBERLYN M. TRUESDELL  
BRIAN F. TURNER  
TAMEKA L. TUTT  
ALAN J. VAUGHN  
GISELA A. VELAZQUEZ  
ISSAEL VELEZ  
BRIAN A. VESELY  
TROY D. WAITE  
BRANDON N. WATTIES  
RONALD C. WEAVER, JR.  
TRAVIS D. WEAVER  
SAMUEL WEBER  
JASON R. WEST  
MARK J. WHITE  
LEA M. WIGGINS  
LAWRENCE A. WILLIAMS  
KATHRYN A. WILLISON  
GARY T. WILSON  
BROOKE E. WIRTZ  
CLIFFORD C. WONG  
MATTHEW H. WOODS  
KATHRYN A. WUERTZ  
JOSHUA M. YORK  
DANIELLE B. ZSIDO  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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*

BRENDA J. ADAMS  
AKUNNA K. AKURUKA  
WESLEY B. ALBRITTON  
KAITLYN I. ALFORD  
BRANDON T. ALLEN  
SHAWN P. ASHPOLE  
STACEY L. ATKINSON  
TREY N. BAKER  
AMANDA M. BALLARD  
CHRISTEN M. BARNHILL  
MICHAEL S. BARRY  
ELIZABETH G. BERENDS  
STEPHEN R. BERTSCH  
HANNA M. BETTS  
CHELSIE L. BLACK  
ALLAN A. BOLIDO  
BRADLEY J. BORGKVIIST  
HANS J. BREITBACH  
MOLLY J. BRIED  
AMEERA R. BROOKS  
MARJORIE K. BROOKS  
ANGELYN M. BROWN  
JENNIFER L. BRYANT  
NICKI J. BURTCHEER  
JONATHAN L. CAMERON  
KATHERINE E. CAMPBELL  
ROBERT D. CARTER

STEPHEN V. CATTALLO  
CORENE E. CAVANAGH  
FADZAI CHIWANDAMIRA  
MOLLIE F. CHRISTIANSEN  
MICHAEL L. CLEVELAND  
CHRISTMAS L. COLLOM  
JENNIFER R. CORLEY  
ALICIA M. DECKER  
LAJUANA M. DIXON  
ASHLEY N. DRAUGHON  
GINA L. EBERHARDT  
ROBERT J. EDWARDS  
NICOLE A. EVANS  
BRANDON D. FAIRCLOTH  
ANTHONY R. FEDERICO  
DENNIS M. FLYNN  
THOMAS G. FRANZEN  
SIERRA L. FREAS  
GRANT J. GAINSBLEY  
JOSETTE M. GAMBA  
KIMBERLY A. GANNOTT  
ERIN T. GARVEY  
CARLOS GONZALEZ  
DANIEL M. HACKER  
SISAY HAILEMARIAM  
ANDREW L. HARER  
ALEX A. HERNANDEZVARGAS  
DANIELLE M. HEWITT  
KIMBERLY C. HICKS  
MITCHELL A. HODGES  
NICOLE B. IOSET  
ETHELYN L. JACKSON  
JACOB P. JAMES  
CHANGHOON JEON  
REBECCA A. JOHNSON  
AMANDA C. JOHNSTON  
LEILA T. JOINT  
TONIA A. JORDAN  
JANE J. Y. JU  
ERIN M. KANG  
LISA L. KASPER  
EMIRI KATAHARA  
BRIAN J. KELLER  
CATHERINE M. KENNER  
REBECCA F. KENT  
RYAN KIM  
DAVID C. KOSAKOWSKI  
VINCENT E. KRAUSE  
LACHISH J. LATIMER  
SUZANNE E. LAUX  
ERIKA D. LAY  
JEREMIAH T. LEAMING  
SEPHRA A. LEGER  
DANIEL H. LISTER  
EMILY J. LUGDON  
NICHOLAS J. MAFFEY  
IGOR MATIC  
JOSEPH A. MATTHEWS  
MELISSA A. MCKINNEY  
ELLEN B. MCKOWN  
LUCY C. MCNAMEE  
LESLIE A. MEYERS  
JOLI E. MIRACLE  
MARKETTA K. MOORE  
CHANDLER H. MOSER  
NILES S. MOTSCHENBACHER  
GERMAINE M. NICHOLSON  
DEBORAH M. NURSE  
OLABOWALE A. OLAIGBE  
JOSHUA D. ORSZAG  
MELANIE P. OWES  
KATHERINE M. PERRY  
CAMERON J. PLAYER  
SETH A. RANDALL  
EMILY O. RAYMOND  
MEGAN L. REGLIN  
WENDY J. REYNOLDS  
GUS F. RHOADES  
JENNIFER L. RICHARDS  
KESHA C. RILEY  
JAMES R. RISSLER  
DAVID W. ROBINSON  
OSWALDO X. ROMERO  
ERIKA J. ROSALES  
ASHLEY L. SALAZAR  
LAUREN L. SALMOND  
JAYME L. SCHAAF  
JOHN F. D. SCHUMACHER  
RAKIEMA T. SELLARSPOMPEY  
ARTINSIA M. SHAKIR  
SAMUEL A. SMITH  
BRANDI M. SPENCER  
RACHEL E. STANFILL  
THOMAS W. STEWART  
STEPHANIE L. H. STREET  
JUNE H. STRUDER  
JIHYUN SUH  
CHRISTINA B. TEREHOFF  
BRIAN L. THOMPSON  
KATHERINE L. TRAN  
GRACE T. TUA  
MONIQUE R. VANCE  
SONYA E. VARGO  
YOANIA VAZQUEZ  
REGINA N. VELASCO  
MIGUEL VERGARA  
TIMOTHY G. VERREAULT  
KENNETH D. WADSWORTH  
MATTHEW A. WATSON  
CHARISHLYN T. WEINTRAUB  
APRIL R. WILKINS  
SHEILA M. WILLIAMSON  
ANNE M. WILSON  
SHINGO J. YAMADA

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*

SLAVA SHAPIRO

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 major*

RACHEL M. ROMAINE

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

*To be major*

KRISTY M. CHESTER

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*

KEVIN D. DALLING

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

JAY G. SULLIVAN

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 colonel*

BRIAN S. BORAKOVE  
JEFFREY R. CREE  
JAY T. DEASON  
MICHAEL L. GIBSON  
JAMES H. HANKINS, JR.  
ERIC B. HOGANCAMP  
CHRISTOPHER J. MARTINDALE  
DOUGLAS L. MIKKELSEN  
LAWRENCE M. MUEBNICH  
JAMES K. PERRIN, JR.  
LUCAS B. RICE  
CRAIG M. ROBINSON  
KEITH A. ROBINSON  
PHILIP T. TENNANT  
RICHARD B. TYLICKI  
MICHAEL S. WATERMAN  
MATHEW D. WILKINSON  
TRACI ANNA L. WINSTON  
COLBY B. WYATT

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

*To be lieutenant colonel*

JAVIER TREVINO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 716:

*To be major*

BRENDAN B. REINA

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*

BENJAMIN A. GREIF

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

SLADE A. MCPHERSON

IN THE NAVY

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

*To be lieutenant commander*

EDUARDO B. AMORA  
ADAM E. BAYER  
KRISTIAN L. CARLSON  
DAVID D. DOWNEY  
CHRISTOPHER R. GRADY  
JASON R. HART  
JOSHUA W. HICKMAN  
WILKING JEAN  
KLINT A. JOHNSON  
BRIAN J. KIRSCHENBAUM  
JONATHAN R. MALLONEY  
DAVID R. MARTIN  
MARIO K. MURPHY  
JOSHUA D. OWEN  
DAVID A. PETERSON  
JASON T. PORTER  
PAUL B. RODGERS  
KEITH A. RUSSELL  
JASON J. SHAW

DAVID A. TAMBUR  
YONATAN M. WARREN  
ROILYNN K. WILLIAMS  
GREGORY S. WOODARD

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

*To be lieutenant commander*

JANPAUL P. AMPOSTA  
KEITH C. ANDERSON  
CHRISTOPHER H. ANSCHUETZ  
MATTHEW S. BELLINGTON  
DANIEL C. BERMUDEZ  
EVAN R. BLOXHAM  
THAD R. BRILL, JR.  
MARIO D. P. BROOKS  
CHRISTOPHER J. BROWN  
TARA J. CARNEY  
EDUARDO J. CASTELLANOS  
CALVIN T. H. CHU  
WANDA I. COLON  
JACOB C. CRABB  
RUSSELL CRUZ  
STEPHEN A. CUFF  
DESSISLAVA I. DAVIS  
JACOB R. DAVIS  
AARON B. H. DEANON  
JARED R. DEITER  
EMMETT L. DELATEUR  
ALANNA M. DEVLIN  
ALIOUNE S. DIOP  
DAVID J. DISANTO  
DAVID A. DYAL III  
KYLE P. ELLIS  
LUIS C. ESCOBAR  
MADELEINE FUENTES  
JAMI M. GARRETT  
JUSTIN C. GAY  
JARED L. GIVENS  
TRAVIS M. C. GRAYUM  
SHAWN M. GROGAN  
CHARLES W. GUIRE  
ARASH HAGUE  
NAJIB HAMDOUNI  
AARON J. HARPEL  
BLAKE M. HARPEL  
DANIEL S. HATTING  
ANDREW C. HEISLER  
CRETTE O. HENDRICKS II  
IAN A. HENRY  
JONATHAN A. HERRICK  
JUSTIN N. HIGGINS  
ANTHONY L. HINDS  
DANIEL F. HINKLEY  
BENTLEY D. HODSDON  
BRENT J. HOWELL  
JUSTIN M. H. HUNNELL  
AMY R. HUTCHINGS  
TRACI L. IRBY  
ANALEE H. JACQUES  
PETER W. JACQUES  
JONATHAN L. JOHNSON  
PHILLIP C. JONES  
JACQUELYN M. L. KETRING  
NICHOLAS K. KOVACHEV  
STEPHEN B. KOYE  
MICHAEL S. KUNG  
WINSTON C. LAMB  
JOHN F. LOPEZ  
DAVID R. MACHINPORRATA  
ANTHONY T. MARTINEZ  
BROWARD C. MARYAN  
ANTHONY F. MEYER  
JASON W. MONTGOMERY  
JASON R. MORLAN  
JOSEPH P. MURPHY  
MATTHEW M. NECHAK  
JONATHAN M. OKONAK  
BRYAN H. ORTIZ  
GAMALIER RIVERAFONTAN  
ADAM M. ROACH  
BRET M. ROBERTS  
SAHEED A. SALAMI  
GREGORY P. SCEVIOR  
JEFFREY L. SCHOFF  
PATRICK C. SHANE  
JORDAN T. STEPHENS  
JASON L. STORY  
PABLO H. SUAREZ  
CHRISTINA A. SULLIVAN  
TRACY M. THOMPSON  
JONATHAN R. TRAVIS  
TIMOTHY P. VADALA  
RAYMOND VILLANUEVA  
TUNG P. T. VU  
ERIN C. WALSH  
ORLANDO J. WHITE  
MICHAEL A. WIESMAN  
RICHARD J. WILSON  
MICHAEL T. ZAMUDIO  
LIN L. ZHENG

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*To be lieutenant commander*

ASHLEY A. ACLESE  
LEONARD N. ARANAS  
KENNETH B. ARGONCILLO  
MICHELLE BARBA  
SAMANTHA L. BARTLE  
STEPHANIE A. BEATTY  
AMY L. BENE  
KATHERINE M. BOEDER

LAUREN E. BONAIR  
DANIELLE M. BRAIOTTA  
MEGAN A. CALTAGIRONE  
JAMES N. CARTER II  
MARIE F. N. CHIONG  
KATELIN E. CLARDY  
CHRISTOPHER C. CONNELL  
CALINA M. CORONADO  
ANANDA D. CRAFT  
MARK E. CROSS II  
CANDYCE M. CURRY  
DEVON R. CZARZASTY  
LISA S. CZUBERNAT  
SHANTEL R. A. DAVIS  
SHANNON L. DOUGHERTY  
SAMIRA L. DUARTE  
SHAUN D. DUNSTON  
PATRICK O. EBILL  
BURNETTA F. FEARS  
ANGELICA M. FINK  
MATTHEW D. FITZGERALD  
KATELYN A. FOSTER  
MOLLY E. FOWLER  
SARAH A. FRASURE  
TASHA GALLEGOS  
ZEBULON D. GAY  
AGUSTIN E. GIAMPAOLI  
BRANDI L. GIBSON  
CHELSEA R. GODFREY  
LARRY A. GUNTER II  
KARA L. HARPER  
KIERSTIN A. M. HAYS  
MICHAEL R. HENDRICKS  
BRYAN T. HENNEN  
MEGAN P. HOLMSTROM  
STEPHANIE M. HORGAN  
JESSICA R. HOWELL  
KRISTAL M. HOWELL  
RUBY L. JACKSON  
BREDA H. JENKINS  
AMANDA J. KENNOVIN  
AMANDA A. KUELZ  
PAUL E. KUHN  
EMILY R. LATIMER  
TIFFANY LAU  
JENNIFER R. LO  
SARAH U. LOUK  
CLINT G. LUDLOW  
EUGENE E. MAMARIL  
JESSE J. MCGILL  
TIFFANY C. MCGINNIS  
KATHRYN A. MILLER  
LIZETTEANNE C. MIX  
TAMEKA L. MORRIS  
SUSAN A. MURPHY  
BILLY A. NGUYEN  
ANTHONY N. NJOROGE  
JULIANNE R. OATES  
LISA M. ODRISCOLL  
OLUFEMI O. OGUNGBE, JR.  
SAMUEL E. ONWUJOBI  
ROBERTA L. OROZCO  
ROBIN L. PARKER  
URIAH PAUL  
CHRISTOPHER G. PAYNE  
BRITTANY H. QUINN  
ASHLEY J. REIMONENQ  
RAFAEL J. RIOS  
ANGELA S. ROBINSON  
ANGELICA A. M. ROSALES  
ERIN R. RYAN  
KELLY A. SCOTT  
AILEEN D. SIZEMORE  
CHAD E. SMITH  
LUCY P. STEPHAN  
RABEN B. TALVO  
STEPHANIE D. THOMAS  
KIRRA K. TOBIAS  
BRENNDA A. TSUHAKO  
CONSTANCE M. TURNER  
SHAIN D. VANHORN  
LINDSAY A. VISSER  
NATHAN E. VOELKEL  
AARON N. WASSON  
RACHAEL D. WHELOUS  
JADE T. WHITESIDE  
ZACHARY K. WHITESIDE  
ERIN M. WILLIAMS  
SAMINA WILSON  
GISSELLE I. ZELSDORF

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

*To be lieutenant commander*

RACHAEL E. BAKER  
ROBERT C. BOMBARD  
ALLYSON L. BRECH  
THOMAS J. BRIGHT  
JESSICA H. BUNKERS  
SARAH F. BURKETT  
DAMON L. BURMAN  
MATTHEW J. CARDELLINO  
JENNIFER S. CARROLL  
TIMOTHY C. CEPER  
PHILIP J. CORRIGAN  
SHARAI L. ELKO  
LEAH M. FONTERNOT  
JOSHUA D. FOOTE  
JONAH A. HEIN  
ABIGAIL R. HOLT  
JOSEPH P. HORTON  
CAITLIN R. HOWITT  
JENNIFER L. JOHNSON  
JACQUELINE M. JUHN  
ANDREA M. KISSNER

ALLISON J. LUZWICK  
MEGAN P. MARINOS  
LINDSAY I. MCCARL  
CATHERINE T. MCMAHON  
CHRISTOPHER C. MCMAHON  
JOELLE C. PORTZER  
ANN V. PREIS  
NICHOLAS J. RAUSA  
ALVIR A. SADHWANI  
FRANK R. SANTAMARIA  
JENNIFER H. SCHWARTAU  
ANDREW J. SCOTT  
JONATHAN F. SILADI  
ADAM C. SMITH  
KAREN M. SMITH  
SPENSER D. SOLIS  
VINCENT J. SONSON  
LUCIANNNA H. STAMPER  
SARA J. WOOTEN

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

*To be lieutenant commander*

ALEXANDER ALBA  
EMMY J. ALEXANDER  
LEE A. ALLEMAN  
YEKATERINA L. ANDERSON  
GEORGE C. ARMAS  
JANINE M. BADIC  
KYLE M. BANDERMANN  
JASON B. BEARD  
MICHAEL L. BOWERAHMING  
ROBERT B. BOYER  
KEVIN C. BROWN  
NICKITA M. A. BROWN  
MATTHEW L. BUSH  
VICTOR M. CAMAYA  
RICKY J. CAPERTON, JR.  
CHRISTOPHER E. CASTILLO  
NATHANIEL C. V. CHRISTY  
MATTHEW A. COLTON  
SARAH E. COSGROVE  
DARRIN W. CUTLER  
NHU Q. DO  
CARL B. DRUHL  
MARY C. EHRSAM  
ADRIAN I. EVANS  
BABABOWALE O. FABUNMI  
GABRIEL W. FORREY  
PAMELA C. FOSS  
JAMES D. FRANKS  
DANIEL C. GARCIA  
JOSE A. GARCIA RIVERA  
LAURA N. GAXIOLA  
MICHELLE S. GREEN  
RICHARD T. J. GREENFIELD  
DEREK A. GRESKO  
EMILY R. GRULLON  
AUSTIN J. HAAG  
BRITTANY G. HADEN  
JOHN P. HALLAHAN III  
FIRDUS D. HALWANY  
ERIC M. HARASSIMOWITZ  
CHRISTOPHER J. HEATH  
JEFFREY C. HEBBERT  
PHILIP D. HENSLEY, JR.  
BRANDON S. HERMANSSEN  
KEVIN Q. K. HOANG  
KENNETH C. HOLIFIELD  
JASON G. HSIANG  
INGRID W. HUANG  
ROHAN A. JAIRAM  
SARAH A. JENKINS  
MARGARET C. JOHNSON  
RACHAEL R. KENNER  
RACHEL A. KNIGHT  
ANNAELISA P. LACANILAO  
TAMMI L. LAWLER  
JASON M. LEIDEL  
JASON C. D. LEMMA  
AMBER A. LENFERT  
DAVID W. LESTER  
DANIEL L. LOGSDON  
CHRISTOPHER LUGO  
DANIEL P. LUND  
ADRIENNE J. MANASCO  
MICHAEL B. MANNING  
LARRY MIDDLETON, JR.  
RALPH R. MONTGOMERY, JR.  
JOSHUA A. MOORE  
AUSTIN MOWOE  
JOSHUA D. MUFFETT  
MICHELLE R. NEUROTH  
ANDREW M. NEVILLE  
SAFIAT O. NEWMAN  
KELLY N. NOBLES  
MARI K. NYMANOI  
YURI N. NYBERG  
KEVIN M. OCONNOR  
MICHAEL D. ORR  
JOSEPH G. PASCETTA  
MINDY L. PATURZZIO  
MICKENZIE J. PEARSON  
RYAN L. PETERSON  
MICHAEL A. FOLITO, JR.  
COURTNEY A. POLLMANTURNER  
ERIC A. PORTER  
ROY W. QUINN  
EMILIANO C. RABOR  
SAMIA S. RAZA  
ADAM C. REICHHOLD  
LAURA K. RIEBEL  
NICOLA M. A. ROBINSON  
ERICK ROMANPEREZ  
JESSICA L. SAUNDERS

MICHAEL A. SCHERMER  
CHAD R. SCOTT  
KAMALAN SELVARAJAH  
LINDA D. SHARPE  
KYLE H. SHEPARD  
RANJAN A. SHIRLEY  
ALISON SIEPKER  
LAMONT D. SIMMONS  
WAYNE G. SIMONDS  
WILLIAM E. STERLING  
SAMANTHA J. STOFFORD  
JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
PRINCE K. TAILLEY  
PAUL R. F. TAN  
ROBERT L. TORRISON  
HOANG H. H. J. TRAN  
JASON C. UNRUH  
JAMES R. W. VIANO  
MYRA S. WEARING

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

*To be lieutenant commander*

HOLLY K. AGUIGAM  
ANTHONY S. B. ALEXANDER  
SAMANTHA H. BAHO  
KERRY B. BAUMANN  
THOMAS W. BETTERBED  
SASHA J. BETZ  
LAUREN E. BROWN  
RYAN W. BUCHELLE  
ADAM P. BUSSELL  
JONATHAN S. CARDON  
MEGAN R. CARTER  
JORDAN S. CHRISTENSEN  
DIANA K. COLE  
PAGE L. COLLYMORE  
JUDSON A. DACHERSHAPIRO  
CATHERINE E. C. DANIEL  
IAN J. DAULTON  
BLAKE A. DONALDSON  
ERIC R. DRAPER  
SCOTT L. DUMMETT  
KYLE A. EURICK  
TRACY R. EVANS  
VINCENT J. FERRETTI  
JENNA FEWINS  
JORDAN T. FREEARK  
KRISTOFER S. HARRIS  
HENRY B. HEETER  
JOHN L. HOLLIDAY  
JOHN S. JENISTA  
KAELY M. KANTARIS  
MATTHEW J. KELLY  
YIANNIE G. KRITZAS  
CANDACE J. LEE  
WEI LIU  
ASHLEY A. MARTIN  
RICHARD A. MCKINNEY  
MICHAEL C. MENDOZA  
JUSTIN R. MILLER  
JARED A. MOBERG  
BRYAN R. MULLEN  
THIEN T. NGUYEN  
JESSICA R. NORRIS  
HEIDI M. NOVAK  
MICHAEL R. OWEN  
ERIC B. OXLEY  
KYLE W. RAGSDALE  
THOMAS S. RANDALL  
THOMAS J. READEL  
DAVID J. ROTHWELL  
KATHRINA M. SARMIENTO  
THAMAR A. SARWAR  
CARTER J. SCHMIDT  
MATTHEW E. SIMON  
STEPHEN E. SMITH  
WHITNEY A. SMITH  
MICHAEL P. SPOELSTRA  
RYAN T. TAKEDA  
KYLE M. TANGNEY  
JOSEPH R. THOMPSON  
ROSS M. UHRICH  
ALLISON D. WEINBERG

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*To be lieutenant commander*

TIMOTHY J. ALGIERS  
ELIZABETH J. ALLAN  
CHRISTINE L. ANDERSON  
ERIK L. ANDERSON  
HEATHER ANNIS  
ELIZABETH A. AWODELE  
MARK J. BALDESHWILER  
SHANLEY H. BANAAG  
PATRICK M. BARNETT  
LARA D. BEALE  
PETER A. BEALE  
JUSTIN L. BECK  
ROBERT C. BECKMANN  
JOSHUA B. BEER  
SARA B. BERNER  
ANDREW M. BESSOLO  
PATRICK T. BIANCHI  
WILLIAM D. BIANCHI  
JEFFREY D. BIBERSTON  
EMILY A. BOND  
GREGORY J. BOOTH  
MICHAEL P. BOWEN  
ANTHONY S. BRADLEY, JR.  
CHRISTOPHER M. BRAUNER  
GARY O. BROWN

KATIE L. BUEL  
 KATHLEEN A. CANNON  
 THOMAS E. CAYCE  
 MEAGAN G. CHAUVIN  
 KYLE D. CHECCHI  
 JOHN T. CHECE  
 BENJAMIN A. CHILDERS  
 JACQUELINE G. CLERC  
 JACOB H. COLE  
 JEANNETTE R. COLLINS  
 RYAN T. COOPER  
 MITCHEL F. CORDES  
 CAMILLE B. COSTANTO  
 THOMAS A. DEAR  
 JOSEPH D. DECICCO  
 KRISTIN M. DESANTIS  
 CHARLOTTE E. DEVORE  
 TRACEY H. DEYOUNG  
 LEILANI L. DIMOND  
 ERIC F. DOMBROSKI  
 JOHN S. DONOGHEE  
 ALEXANDER D. DOUDT  
 SARA M. DRAYER  
 BRANDON C. D. DUGAR  
 JAMES P. EARLEY  
 EMILY J. ELLIOTT  
 NICHOLAS J. ERDLE  
 ELIZABETH A. ERNSTSIGNORE  
 JOSHUA D. EUBANKS  
 CHRISTOPHER K. EWING  
 ASHLEY L. FANG  
 ZANE A. FAYOS  
 ADAM J. FEHRINGER  
 RONALD C. FENTON  
 STEPHEN D. FERNICOLA  
 BENJAMIN D. FIORE  
 ALEXANDRA L. FORD  
 GRADY A. FORTNER  
 BRIN E. FREUND  
 JUSTIN B. GAMBRELL  
 ANDREW R. GARRETT  
 CODY M. GEDDES  
 JOEL P. GEURIN  
 MICHAEL P. GOOLD  
 JOHN D. GORMAN  
 MICHELLE M. GOSSELIN  
 CAROLYN E. GOSZTYLA  
 ALLISON A. GOULD  
 DEREK W. GRADY  
 ANDREW C. GRAF  
 CHRISTOPHER S. GRANDA  
 CARRIE N. GRAY  
 JOHN A. GREENWALD  
 CLARE E. GRIFFIS  
 ANDREW W. GRIM  
 BENJAMIN E. GROUNDS  
 JESSICA A. GURLEY  
 LINO A. GUTIERREZ III  
 ROSS M. HAMILTON  
 CHRISTOPHER W. HARRIS  
 KATHRYN M. HARRISON  
 RYAN J. HASSON  
 TODD W. HEIG  
 JENNY M. HELD  
 JOHNATHAN M. HELLER  
 DYLAN M. HENDY  
 AMY F. HILDRETH  
 STEVEN M. HILL  
 SUSAN E. HILL  
 MICHAEL W. HORNACEK  
 TYLER B. HOUSE  
 DANIEL J. HOUSKAMP  
 JESSICA M. HRU  
 CHARLOTTE K. HUGHES  
 CHASE A. HUGHES  
 SEAN M. HURDISS  
 LESLIE J. HYMAN  
 KAY L. JAMES  
 WILLIAM F. JAMES III  
 ANDREW S. JOHNSON  
 CODY R. JOHNSON  
 WILLIAM R. JOHNSON  
 BRENDAN A. JONES  
 HEATHER L. JONES  
 SHANE P. JOSEPH  
 CECILIA J. A. KIM  
 ROBERT J. KITZ  
 JASON A. KOPP  
 STERLING N. KOSMACH  
 TODD R. KRAMER  
 ALYSSA L. A. KREPELA  
 WALTER B. KUCERA  
 BENJAMIN J. KURTH  
 JEREMY R. LANDVATER  
 KELSEY W. LANE  
 SHANE T. LAVIN  
 AMARATEEDHA P. LECOURT  
 JOSHUA D. LESKO  
 DANIEL P. LIDDELL  
 MICHAEL L. LIGHT II  
 MATTHEW C. LINDSEY  
 AILEEN J. G. LITWIN  
 JAMES O. LONG  
 JOHN E. LOVOI  
 MATTHEW J. LOWERY  
 MEAGAN O. MACKAY  
 KRISTAN E. MADISON

PAUL A. MALDONADO  
 JODY L. MANNERS  
 ZOE O. MARINIDES  
 JOSHUA M. MCDEVITT  
 CAROLINE M. MCDOWELL  
 CHRISTIAN S. MCEVOY  
 MORGAN M. MCGUIRE  
 IAN J. MCIVER  
 JOSEPH L. MCKINLEY  
 SAFIYA D. MCNEESE  
 THOMAS E. MELLOR  
 CHARLES D. MEYER  
 KYLE A. MIKALS  
 GERALD MING  
 PATRICK S. G. MOON  
 LISA L. MORGAN  
 PATRICK C. MULLINIX  
 SEAN D. MURNAN  
 ERIN A. MURPHY  
 RYAN C. MYERS  
 SHAWN M. MYERS  
 STEPHEN A. NAYMICK II  
 ALEXANDRE D. NGUYEN  
 TUONGVI D. NGUYEN  
 CHRISTINA E. NICHOLS  
 ALANA R. NORITAKE  
 EMILY A. NORRIS  
 DAVID S. OLIVER  
 AARON A. OLSEN  
 MEREDITH L. OLSEN  
 RUSSELL J. PALOIAN  
 JESSE A. PARK  
 LAUREN A. PAUL  
 ANDREW P. PEACOCK  
 BRYAN M. PELKA  
 NICHOLAS P. J. PERRY  
 JASON M. PESQUEIRA  
 JOHN D. PETERS  
 KEVIN T. PETERSEN  
 MARYANNE L. PICKETT  
 HELENE M. PINCHES  
 SARAH E. PLYLER  
 IAN M. PORTER  
 RYAN K. PRESTON  
 MICHAEL A. QUACINELLA  
 JAMES C. RAUSCHNOT, JR.  
 MARY E. RAY  
 STEPHEN R. REMICK  
 SARA L. ROBINSON  
 THOMAS J. ROSE  
 HEATHER A. ROSS  
 ERIC C. RUBADO  
 ALEXANDER J. SALAZAR  
 HENRY S. SANDERS  
 TERREL SANDERS  
 LAUREN C. SARRAN  
 KAITLYN M. SCHIAVONE  
 RORY D. SCHWAN  
 RYAN P. SCHWER  
 STEPHEN C. SEARS  
 ERIC J. SERPICO  
 ERIN N. SHIV  
 TYLER K. SHORT  
 MICHAEL A. SIKES  
 DEREK C. Y. SING  
 RICHARD E. SLAMA  
 BENJAMIN T. SMITH  
 KELLI R. SPELLMAN  
 MICHAEL D. STARK  
 JESSE W. STCLAIR IV  
 CLARENCE E. STEBLE  
 JESSICA A. STEFANOWICZ  
 JON D. STOCKTON  
 MORGAN G. STOTTLEMYRE  
 LAURA C. SUGGS  
 ANDREW L. SYSKI  
 CAROLYN E. TAILLON  
 TIFFANY J. TAM  
 KARA K. TERUYA  
 MATTHEW S. THOMAS  
 MARLON Q. TINGZON  
 BRETT L. TOMPKINS  
 DONALD R. TRAINER  
 ROBERT J. TRENTACOSTA  
 TROY P. UNDERBRINK  
 JARED M. VERGA  
 ASHLEY E. VOSS  
 GILLIAN R. WACKOWSKI  
 JOHN P. WAGGONER  
 KARRIE A. B. WALKER  
 NICHOLAS Q. WANNEMACHER  
 JOSHUA B. WASMUND  
 CHRISTOPHER J. WEBER  
 MICHAEL C. WEBER  
 MICHAEL J. WEIPERT  
 MERISSA I. A. WEISS  
 ANGELA M. WEISSE  
 EDWARD B. WIEMHOLT III  
 BRITTANY L. WILES  
 BARBARA J. WILLIAMS  
 JASON T. WILLIAMS  
 RYAN A. WILLIAMSON  
 BENJAMIN T. WILSON  
 DAVIDA E. Y. WILSON  
 MATTHEW J. WILSON  
 ANDREW W. WINSLOW  
 JOSHUA B. WONG

JASON M. WRAY II  
 GARRETT M. WRENN  
 WEI W. WU  
 ANGELA ZAH

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*To be lieutenant commander*

MATTHEW W. CATANESE  
 GRANT C. GLOVER

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*To be lieutenant commander*

RAMON ACOSTA  
 ANDREW B. ANDERSON  
 JONATHAN P. BERUBE  
 JOSEPH P. BLAUWIEKEL  
 JOSHUA P. BLY  
 JONATHAN L. CASTIN  
 ANDREW J. COTHERMAN  
 RAUL R. DEPERIA  
 PATRICK E. DURAN  
 DANIEL R. ELDRED  
 MARK R. ERWIN  
 WILLIAM T. FLETCHER  
 JUSTIN T. GREUNKE  
 ROBERT G. S. HERNANDEZ  
 ELIZABETH A. HUBER  
 DONALD A. HULS  
 JOHN M. KAISER  
 JASON D. KIEL  
 JONATHAN J. KIM  
 ANDREW K. KORPI  
 KRISTEN KRUSHINSKI  
 RONALD B. LAYCOCK  
 JONATHAN D. MCGUIRE  
 MICHAEL G. MITSCH  
 KEVIN T. PAINTER  
 TIMOTHY S. PALIK  
 DANIEL Y. PAYNE  
 JOHN J. POULIOT  
 CELESTE D. RENOEWICK  
 ALEXANDER J. ROVINSKY, JR.  
 CORINNE A. SIMS  
 THOMAS R. STOCK  
 VINCENT TREJO  
 RONALD J. UGLOW  
 SAMUEL D. WEBB  
 MORGAN C. WEBER  
 CASIE M. WHITE  
 SEN F. YU

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be lieutenant commander*

JONATHAN T. DUENAS  
 CHARLES S. E. ELLIOTT  
 JAMES H. PHAN

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

*To be lieutenant commander*

JOSHUA K. WITT

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

*To be commander*

STEPHEN A. JESSOGNE

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

*To be lieutenant commander*

VANNA J. ROCCHI

## WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on September 9, 2019 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, VICE ALAN L. COHEN, TERM EXPIRED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 16, 2019.

MINA CHANG, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE JONATHAN NICHOLAS STIVERS, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 16, 2019.