

On page 4, line 19, insert “or to restrict missions related to force protection of United States aircraft, ships, or personnel” after “attack”.

SA 1304. Mr. PERDUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

On page 4, line 19, insert “or, consistent with section 8(d) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1547(d)), to alter the constitutional authority of Congress or the President or the provisions of existing treaties” after “attack”.

SA 1305. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

On page 4, line 14, insert “except United States Armed Forces engaged in operations directed at entities designated as foreign terrorist organizations under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189),” after “or military,”.

SA 1306. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

At the end of section 2, add the following:

(c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING CO-OPERATION WITH ISRAEL.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to influence or disrupt any military operations and cooperation with Israel.

SA 1307. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

On page 4, line 19, insert “, including by Iranian-controlled proxies and militia groups” after “attack”.

SA 1308. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

On page 4, line 19, insert “, including by ballistic and cruise missiles, rockets, unmanned aerial systems, and improvised explosive devices” after “attack”.

SA 1309. Mr. ROUNDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

In section 2, amend subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the United States from defending itself, including its territories, citizens, troops, personnel, military bases, and diplomatic facilities, from attack.

SA 1310. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

At the end of section 1, add the following:

(9) The United States’ maximum pressure strategy against Iran has reduced the Government of Iran’s resources available to attack the United States and United States interests by limiting the resources available to the Government of Iran to support weapons development and terrorist proxies throughout the region.

SA 1311. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

At the end of section 1, add the following:

(9) On the advice of his national security and intelligence advisors, President Donald J. Trump took decisive action in ordering the strike on January 2, 2020, that killed Qasem Soleimani.

SA 1312. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

In section 2, amend subsection (b) to read as follows:

(a) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the United States from defending itself, including acting to prevent or preempt an attack.

SA 1313. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

On page 4, strike lines 3 through 19 and insert the following:

(9) Using the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, formerly com-

manded by Qassem Soleimani, the Islamic Republic of Iran participated in military operations where Iranian Armed Forces personnel commanded, coordinated, participated in the movement of, or accompanied the regular or irregular forces of a foreign country or government when such military forces were engaged, or there existed an imminent threat that such forces will become engaged in hostilities with United States Armed Forces.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I have 8 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary, and Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURING, TRADE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL SPENDING
OVERSIGHT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3275) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FOR A WAIVER UNDER
SECTION 1703E(F) OF TITLE 38,
UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 80 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) approving the request of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for a waiver under section 1703E(f) of title 38, United States Code.

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

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

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES WEEK

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 491 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 491) designating the week beginning February 2, 2020, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week".

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

There being no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 491) was agreed to.

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

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of February 5, 2020, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 12; 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, and morning business be closed; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Kindred nomination.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. So for the information of all Senators, we will vote on the confirmation of the Kindred, Schelp, Kness, and Halpern nominations at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:49 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.