

choke holds and carotid holds in order to receive Federal funds. It prohibits the use of racial profiling by police officers. It creates a national police misconduct registry that would collect disciplinary or termination history of officers so potential employers would know of an officer's past misconduct. It gives subpoena authority to the Justice Department to conduct "pattern or practice" investigations. It eliminates the defense of "qualified immunity" so that police officers can be held civilly liable under the law for misconduct. And it amends Federal criminal law so officers can more effectively be charged for violating people's constitutional and legal rights.

Meaningful reform is long overdue, and rather than rushing a weak bill to the floor, the Senate Judiciary Committee should take up the Justice in Policing Act as soon as possible. This is how the Senate is supposed to work. We should not be trying to address this important issue by rushing an insufficient bill to the floor. Now is the time for leadership, courage, and real police reform.

Thank you.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, the committee is closely monitoring upgrades to F-35 software and other capabilities under the continuous capability development and delivery C2D2 strategic modernization framework. The principal purpose for C2D2 is the development of Block 4 software and weapons system upgrades, which also includes other elements like Technical Refresh-3 and dual weapons capability, to ensure the F-35 maintains its operational advantage. However, the committee is concerned the planned F-35 air vehicle capability growth, associated with Block 4 weapons systems enhancements, will exceed the established thrust, power, and thermal management capabilities of the current F135 propulsion system beginning with the delivery of Lot 18 aircraft. Such a capability gap between the current F135 performance and future requirements could significantly constrain the operational capabilities of the F-35 weapons system.

The committee is aware of a recent agreement to conduct a 6-month propulsion study and operational assessment to determine the specific F135 propulsion growth requirement that would address this capability gap. The study to determine the future propulsion requirement is expected to conclude in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021. The committee strongly endorses this approach and encourages the Department of Defense to submit recommendations to Congress following completion of the study. Further, the committee strongly supports a long-term focus on propulsion improvements over fiscal years 2021–2025 necessary to support engineering and man-

ufacturing development for upgraded engine production supporting the planned delivery of Lot 18 aircraft.

Therefore, the committee directs the Department of Defense and Joint Program Office to establish an F135 Propulsion Growth Program that ensures propulsion growth requirements are aligned with and support weapons systems upgrade requirements. Finally, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to include funding in the fiscal year 2022 budget request to support the F135 Propulsion Growth Program across the Future Years Defense Plan.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but had I been present would have voted no on rollcall Vote 112, motion to invoke cloture on confirmation of Michael Pack to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

I was necessarily absent but had I been present would have voted no on rollcall Vote 113, confirmation of Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for the term of three years.

I was necessarily absent but had I been present would have voted yes on rollcall Vote 117, motion to invoke cloture on Gardner Amendment No. 1617.

I was necessarily absent but had I been present would have voted no on rollcall Vote 123, confirmation of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

I was necessarily absent but had I been present would have voted no rollcall Vote 124, motion to invoke cloture on Cory T. Wilson, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

RECOGNIZING THE 555TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, the "World Famous Highly Respected" 555th Fighter Squadron, commonly known as the Triple Nickel, recently completed the Department of Defense's first real-world combat Dynamic Force Employment DFE to United States Central Command. In plain English, the Triple Nickel executed an unplanned departure to the Middle East last fall to combat Iranian aggression against the United States and our allies in the region.

During its historic deployment, the squadron flew more than 7,000 hours supporting operations in the Arabian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. Demonstrating the rapid, agile, and lethal characteristics of airpower, the Nickel executed defensive counter-air missions in Syria—routinely intercepting and monitoring Russian, Syrian, and Iranian aircraft operating near U.S. and partnered ground forces. It also provided close air support to troops battling the Taliban in Afghanistan, as well as ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

The Nickel returned home in December as Iran's aggression began to wane but deployed a second time only days later when tensions rapidly escalated following the U.S. strike against Qasem Soleimani. The squadron subsequently executed force protection missions in Iraq during and after Iran's missile attacks against U.S. forces. The Triple Nickel then deployed to a second expeditionary operating location. U.S. F-16s had not conducted combat missions from this location since 2003. From there, the squadron was able to immediately respond to the rocket attacks on Camp Taji, Iraq, by Iranian-backed Shia militia groups and execute retaliatory strikes.

The squadron returned to Aviano Air Base, Italy, in late April as the Air Force's first major combat unit to re-deploy during the China virus pandemic. Throughout their deployment, the men and women of the 555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and Maintenance Unit performed exceptionally under tense combat pressures executing a new and highly mobile deployment construct during a pandemic. The Triple Nickel represents the best America has to offer, and I congratulate them on a job well done. "Once Green!"

TRIBUTE TO KIM CAWLEY

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President. I rise today to recognize the distinguished career and retirement of Kim Cawley after 34 years of service at the Congressional Budget Office. Kim has been Chief of the Natural and Physical Resources Cost Estimates Unit for more than 20 of those years, also spent over a decade as one of CBO's energy analysts. He is one of that agency's experts on the Nuclear Waste Fund, the treatment of Federal loans and loan guarantees, and the budgetary effects of Federal insurance programs.

It is hard to overstate Kim's role in analyzing the budgetary impacts of an incredibly broad swath of legislation over the past three decades. He has been instrumental in providing objective, carefully researched estimates of thousands of pieces of legislation that the Congress has considered, debated, and enacted since the mid-1980, including bills dealing with flood insurance, compensation for victims of asbestos and oilspills, Federal property sales, and infrastructure financing, to name just a few.

Kim has worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and our staff on both sides of the aisle throughout those years. During many hours of discussion and patient explanation, he could be counted on to be forthright and fair. He embodied CBO's commitment to non-partisan analysis and helped the Congress understand the intricacies of such complex laws as the Federal Credit Reform Act, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, and the 9-11 Victims Compensation Act.

Kim has been a mentor and guide to dozens of CBO analysts. Thanks to his