

Graham	Manchin	Rounds
Grassley	McConnell	Rubio
Hawley	McSally	Sasse
Hoever	Moran	Scott (SC)
Hyde-Smith	Murkowski	Shelby
Inhofe	Paul	Sinema
Johnson	Perdue	Sullivan
Kennedy	Portman	Thune
Lankford	Risch	Tillis
Lee	Roberts	Toomey
Loeffler	Romney	Wicker

## NAYS—38

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

## NOT VOTING—11

Alexander	Daines	Scott (FL)
Blumenthal	Harris	Whitehouse
Cardin	Murray	Young
Coons	Sanders	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 51, and the nays are 38.

The motion is agreed to.  
The majority leader.

## ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the postcloture time on the Johnson nomination expire at 11 a.m. tomorrow and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. I further ask that if cloture is invoked on the Beaton nomination, the postcloture time expire at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. Finally, if any of the 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 and be in 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.

NATIONAL DEFENSE  
AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, the Senate recently voted to move forward on the National Defense Authorization Act, NDAA, the annual defense policy bill. The Senate took this procedural step by what is known as a voice vote, a process that does not record the final vote tally or how each Senator specifically voted, but a voice vote is not a sign of unanimous support for a measure, and I am submitting this state-

ment to mark my opposition to this year's NDAA and to this process.

When the Senate debated and passed this bill for the first time, earlier this year, I voted no. I said at the time that I could not go along with a Republican plan to greenlight \$740 billion in military spending while providing almost nothing to help Americans impacted by this unprecedented global pandemic.

I said that I could not vote for a defense bill with Federal agents actively occupying Portland and treating peaceful protestors like foreign enemies. Donald Trump ordered these occupiers into my hometown, uninvited, to crack down on Oregonians peacefully demanding an end to systemic racism.

Senator MERKLEY and I introduced an amendment to the NDAA that would have required Donald Trump to remove these unwanted forces from our State. The Senate majority blocked our amendment and told us that we were making things up while Trump's goons were shooting protestors with tear gas, rubber bullets, and other crowd control munitions.

I want to be clear that I support plenty of provisions in this NDAA and wrote or negotiated some of the language to improve the bill, but I must oppose the NDAA due to its flaws and its timing, in light of the lack of help for everyday Americans suffering from the economic downfall brought about by Donald Trump's inept response to a global pandemic. For this reason, I have no choice but to oppose.

## TRIBUTE TO DR. MARK PETERS

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, along with my colleague Senator MIKE CRAPO, I rise today to honor our friend Dr. Mark Peters. Dr. Peters, who led the Idaho National Lab INL—for 5 extraordinary years, will be stepping down from his position as director of the INL to pursue a new role with Battelle Energy Alliance.

Throughout his long and distinguished tenure at the INL, our national laboratories, and other highly respected research institutions, Dr. Peters has earned a reputation as a leading voice in the U.S. nuclear community. He is highly respected by Congress, the administration, industry, and stakeholders because of his knowledge and his engaging and inclusive style. Simply put, Dr. Peters is a giant in the nuclear industry. He has served as a senior advise to the U.S. Department of Energy on nuclear energy matters and as a fellow of the American Nuclear Society, a prestigious recognition for his outstanding accomplishments in nuclear science and technology.

As INL director, Mark led the State's fifth largest employer and skillfully managed its team of more than 4,000 scientists, engineers, and support staff at our country's premiere nuclear, cybersecurity, and scientific research laboratory. Thanks to his leadership, the Lab is thriving and its future is

bright. It would be difficult to list every one of Mark's many accomplishments at the Lab, but there are several key achievements that have propelled the INL to new heights.

Mark played a pivotal role in getting the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act signed into law. He also succeeded in bringing the National Reactor Innovation Center to Idaho, ensuring that the Lab will continue to lead the development and deployment of advanced nuclear reactor designs well into the future.

Furthermore, Dr. Peters was instrumental in growing the mission of the Lab. Mark invested time and energy into making the INL a world leader in industrial control systems cybersecurity to match its well-established reputation for nuclear energy. This research arm has helped ensure the safety and security of our Nation's critical infrastructure while acting as a boon to eastern Idaho's economy.

Recognizing the inherent opportunity in its expanding cybersecurity practice, Dr. Peters worked closely with the State of Idaho to construct two new buildings at the Lab's Research and Education Campus. These world-class centers facilitate cutting-edge research by government and private industry, while providing Idaho students with opportunities to develop modeling, simulation, and cybersecurity skills for in-demand careers in Idaho and beyond.

The Idaho Falls community not only benefited from Mark's leadership, but that of his wife, Ann Marie Peters. Her tireless efforts to expand programs and acquire the latest technologies at the College of Eastern Idaho have provided thousands of students with unprecedented high-quality educational opportunities. Throughout the community, Mark and Ann Marie are known for their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules to help young people navigate college and career opportunities and for their generous support of organizations like the Idaho Falls Arts Council and United Way.

We wish Mark, Ann Marie, and their family the very best in their new endeavor. We thank them for their service and dedication to making the Lab and surrounding communities such a vibrant place to work and call home. Eastern Idaho is a better place because of the Peters family, and for that, all of Idaho is deeply grateful.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO BLAKE HURST

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Blake Hurst on an extraordinary career and well-deserved retirement. Blake has been an outstanding leader and voice for Missouri's agriculture industry and has played a vital role to elevate our State's national presence among the agricultural community when it comes

to advocacy on behalf of Missouri farmers and ranchers. Among his contributions to Missouri's agriculture industry, Blake has served with the Missouri Farm Bureau in a variety of capacities throughout his career, including as a district board member, vice president, and most recently as the organization's president for the last 10 years.

Mr. Hurst was elected in 2010 as the 14th president of Missouri Farm Bureau and will cap off a 25-year career with the Missouri Farm Bureau upon his well-earned retirement. A devoted family man, Blake Hurst and his wife Julie have three children, Lee, Ann, and Ben. The family raises corn and soybeans on their family operation in northwest Missouri. Blake also operates a wholesale greenhouse business with his wife, Julie; daughter, Lee; and sons-in-law, Ryan Harms and Matt Clutter. The family raises flowers in two acres of greenhouses.

In addition to his time consuming role at Missouri Farm Bureau, in his spare time, Blake also contributes as a freelance writer, with work appearing in the Wall Street Journal, The American, Weekly Standard, Wilson's Quarterly, Reader's Digest, Today's Farmer, and the Show Me magazine of Missouri Farm Bureau.

Mr. Hurst has had a tremendous career with the Missouri Farm Bureau and is one of the most forward-thinking agriculture leaders in America. Over the years, I have truly valued the working partnership and, most importantly, the friendship, that I have fostered with Blake. Blake brings a certain passion and tenacity when it comes to agriculture, whether it is fighting against costly and burdensome regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, advocating for better management of our Nation's rivers and inland waterway system, defending the Renewable Fuels Standard, promoting healthcare services for rural America, or delivering assistance to producers that are impacted by natural disaster. He has demonstrated the ability to communicate big ideas and advocate for commonsense solutions that has been a big help to me and so many others across Missouri and the country. There is no one I would rather be in the trenches with than with Blake.

Blake and Julie have done so much for our State and understand it incredibly well. I look forward to their continued advice, success, and friendship. It is with great pleasure I wish Blake continued success in retirement and well-deserved time with his family.

Thank you, Blake, for all you have done and will continue to do for Missouri.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JO-ANN CLARK

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Jo-Ann Clark of Stratham as November's Granite Stater of the Month. Jo-Ann is a Gold Star mother who, 10 years ago, lost her son, Army Specialist Christopher

Journeau, to suicide. After learning about the benefits that companion animals can bring to veterans who suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder—PTSD—the same condition that Christopher suffered from, Jo-Ann started an organization in her son's name to fund adoptions of shelter animals by veterans.

Jo-Ann's son, Christopher, served a year in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and returned home with undiagnosed PTSD. When Christopher took his own life 6 months later, Jo-Ann was devastated. Over time, she learned about the symptoms of PTSD and recognized that her son had exhibited these symptoms when he returned home from his deployment.

During her research, Jo-Ann also learned that, for some people, a companion animal can help to mitigate the impacts of PTSD. Jo-Ann began to research national organizations that help veterans adopt pets, but she found that many veterans faced significant hurdles in the process.

In response, Jo-Ann founded Chris' Pets for Vets to make it easier for veterans to adopt companion animals from local shelters. Among other things, the organization pays the pet adoption fees to ensure that cost isn't a barrier for any veteran.

Since its founding in 2015, Jo-Ann has helped approximately 400 veterans adopt companion animals at various shelters throughout New Hampshire. Despite health concerns that she herself has faced, Jo-Ann has invested an incredible amount of her time and energy into making Chris' Pets for Vets a success.

Jo-Ann's determination to turn her own loss into productive and positive support for veterans has helped hundreds of veterans avoid the confusion and despair that accompanies PTSD. Her commitment is also consistent with the Granite State's long tradition of military service and support for veterans. Jo-Ann understands the importance of supporting veterans in every aspect of their lives, and through Chris' Pets for Vets, she is both honoring her son's memory while making a real difference in veterans' lives. I am honored to recognize her efforts.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 4:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 8247. An act to make certain improvements relating to the transition of individuals to services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, suicide prevention for veterans, and care and services for women veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8276. An act to authorize the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1427. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to improve the Network for Manufacturing Innovation Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-291).

S. 2204. A bill to allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-292).

S. 2346. A bill to improve the Fishery Resource Disaster Relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-293).

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

S. 3729. A bill to provide relief for the recipients of financial assistance awards from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-294).

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2786. A bill to establish a Federal advisory committee to provide policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on positioning the United States to take advantage of emerging opportunities for Arctic maritime transportation (Rept. No. 116-295).

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

S. 4162. A bill to provide certainty for airport funding (Rept. No. 116-296).

#### 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. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4897. A bill to reestablish United States global leadership in nuclear energy, revitalize domestic nuclear energy supply chain infrastructure, support the licensing of advanced nuclear technologies, and improve