

(A) the stability and resiliency of that system;

(B) the liquidity of investment with respect to that system; and

(C) the relationship of that system with private capital.

(2) The taxpayers of the United States.

(3) The counter-cyclical role played by the enterprises.

(4) The cost and availability of mortgage credit for the purchase of single-family and multi-family residences.

(5) Interested parties, including—

(A) potential sources of private capital supporting mortgage finance;

(B) investors in mortgage-backed securities and insurance markets;

(C) market participants, including originators of mortgage loans, servicers of mortgage loans, and sources of alternative funding with respect to mortgage finance; and

(D) purchasers of homes, including first-time and historically underserved borrowers.

(6) The enterprises, including the effect that the final rule would have on the enterprises—

(A) while the enterprises are in conservatorship;

(B) if the enterprises were no longer in conservatorship; and

(C) during a transition between the states described in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(c) EFFECT OF RULE.—The final rule shall not take effect until the date that is 180 days after the date on which the Comptroller General of the United States submits the report required under subsection (b).

**SA 2732.** Mr. BOOZMAN (for Mr. WICKER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3153, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on opioid addiction, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and Treatment Act” or the “EF-FORT Act”.

(b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) research gaps currently exist in the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction;

(2) the National Science Foundation’s research on opioid addiction has increased understanding of the neuroscience of addiction, substance abuse intervention, the role of illicit supply networks, the secondary effects on families, the use of technology to address the opioid epidemic, and options for alternative, non-addictive therapeutics for pain; and

(3) the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health have recognized that fundamental questions in basic, clinical, and translational research would benefit greatly from multidisciplinary approaches and collaboration.

**SEC. 2. NSF SUPPORT OF RESEARCH ON OPIOID ADDICTION.**

The Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of the National Institutes of Health, shall support merit-reviewed and competitively awarded research on the science of opioid addiction.

**SA 2733.** Mr. BOOZMAN proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 774, honoring the United Nations World Food Programme on the occasion of being awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize; as follows:

On page 2, lines 10 and 11, strike “staff worldwide;” and insert “staff, who work tirelessly, and often at great personal risk, to combat hunger and save lives around the world;”.

On page 3, line 3, strike “nutrition” and insert “nutrition, including”.

**SA 2734.** Mr. BOOZMAN proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 774, honoring the United Nations World Food Programme on the occasion of being awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize; as follows:

Beginning in the second whereas clause of the preamble, strike “Whereas the WFP” and all that follows through the semicolon in the fifth whereas clause and insert the following:

Whereas the WFP is the largest international humanitarian organization that addresses hunger, promotes food security, and saves lives, including in response to many of the most dangerous and complex crises in the world;

Whereas, in 2019, an estimated 135,000,000 people around the world suffered from acute hunger and the WFP provided nutrition assistance to nearly 100,000,000 people in 88 countries;

Whereas the 2020 coronavirus pandemic has contributed to a significant increase in hunger around the world, and the WFP has surged its capacity in order to meet that compounded need;

Whereas the United States played an integral role in the founding of the WFP, remains its strongest supporter, and provides, as of the date of adoption of this resolution, more than 40 percent of its annual resources;

In the seventh whereas clause of the preamble, strike “Price” and insert “Prize”.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. BOOZMAN. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 116-113, and in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individuals to the Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board: Kyle Fortson of the District of Columbia and Charlotte Ponticelli of Maryland.

**ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020, THROUGH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020**

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn for the next pro forma session: Thursday, December 24, at 10 a.m. and Monday, December 28, at 10 a.m. I further ask that when the Senate adjourns on Monday, December 28, it next convene at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 29; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two lead-

ers be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020, AT 10 A.M.**

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:47 a.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 24, 2020, at 10 a.m.

**DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS**

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

C. KEVIN BLACKSTONE, 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 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE.

CYNTHIA KIERSCHT, OF MINNESOTA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA.

GETA PASI, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA.

DAVID REIMER, OF OHIO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE.

BRIAN D. MCFEETERS, 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 MALAYSIA.

**CONFIRMATIONS**

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 21, 2020:

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

ERIC J. SOSKIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

C. KEVIN BLACKSTONE, 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 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE.

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