

compromise, and I must express my opposition to a few of its provisions.

One of those points of disagreement is that the bill prevents the closure of the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The reality is that, every day that it remains open, Guantanamo prison weakens our alliances, inspires our enemies, and calls into question our commitment to human rights.

Time and again, our most senior national security and military leaders have called for the closure of Guantanamo. In addition to the national security cost, every day that Guantanamo remains open, we are wasting taxpayer dollars. We are spending \$3.3 million per year for each detainee held at Guantanamo Bay—compare that with the estimated \$78,000 that it costs to hold a detainee in a Federal super maximum security prison.

Yet the conference agreement makes it even harder to transfer detainees to foreign countries, prohibits transfers to the U.S., and prohibits construction or modification of facilities in the U.S.

All of us are committed to preventing terrorist attacks. Terrorists deserve swift and sure justice and severe prison sentences.

But holding detainees at Guantanamo does not administer justice effectively. It does not serve our national security interests, and it is inconsistent with the country's history as a champion of human rights.

In order to conform to the budget agreement, the bill also includes \$1.7 billion in reductions to headquarters management personnel. Everyone in the Senate wants to cut the fat from the Pentagon, but we must make sure that these cuts are targeted toward inefficiency and waste, as opposed to recklessly eliminating our valued DOD civilian workforce.

The women and men who serve our Nation's defense outside of a uniform are our teammates in making our country secure. They process military pay; investigate fraud, waste, and abuse; oversee expensive weapons programs; and many more important functions. I am proud of each DOD civilian, especially those who work in Illinois, and I will work to make sure that the Congress supports their contributions to our country.

This is a very good agreement, these reservations notwithstanding. It is full of provisions which help our troops, reforms the way the Pentagon does business, and provides for our military families. I thank Senator MCCAIN and Senator REED for their hard work and commend the bill's passage for the 54th year in a row.

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

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2029

Mr. KIRK. Madam President, the ranking member and I have a package of amendments that have been cleared by both sides. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of H.R. 2029, the following amendments be called up, reported by number, and the Senate vote on the amendments en bloc: Moran, No. 2774; Murkowski, No. 2775; Murkowski, No. 2776; Blumenthal, No. 2779; Blumenthal, No. 2781, Toomey, No. 2785; Sullivan, No. 2786; Sullivan, No. 2787; Collins, No. 2788; Cornyn, No. 2789; Bennet, No. 2795; Durbin, No. 2794; and Boxer, No. 2798.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question occurs on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 1356.

Mr. DAINES. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) would have voted "yea."

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

The result was announced—yeas 91, nays 3, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 301 Leg.]

YEAS—91

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| Alexander | Feinstein | Murphy |
| Ayotte | Fischer | Murray |
| Baldwin | Flake | Nelson |
| Barrasso | Franken | Perdue |
| Bennet | Gardner | Peters |
| Blumenthal | Gillibrand | Portman |
| Blunt | Grassley | Reed |
| Booker | Hatch | Reid |
| Boozman | Heinrich | Risch |
| Boxer | Heitkamp | Roberts |
| Brown | Hirono | Rounds |
| Burr | Hoeven | Sasse |
| Cantwell | Inhofe | Schatz |
| Capito | Isakson | Schumer |
| Cardin | Johnson | Scott |
| Carper | Kaine | Sessions |
| Casey | King | Shaheen |
| Cassidy | Kirk | Shelby |
| Coats | Klobuchar | Stabenow |
| Cochran | Lankford | Sullivan |
| Collins | Leahy | Tester |
| Coons | Lee | Thune |
| Corker | Manchin | Markey |
| Cornyn | Markley | McCain |
| Cotton | McCain | Toomey |
| Crapo | McCaskill | Udall |
| Daines | McConnell | Warner |
| Donnelly | Menendez | Warren |
| Durbin | Mikulski | Whitehouse |
| Enzi | Moran | Wicker |
| Ernst | Murkowski | |

NAYS—3

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| Merkley | Sanders | Wyden |
| NOT VOTING—6 | | |
| Cruz | Heller | Rubio |
| Graham | Paul | Vitter |

The motion was agreed to.

MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 1356

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 90, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 90) directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

AMENDMENT NO. 2796

(Purpose: To modify the resolution)

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 2796.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] proposes an amendment numbered 2796.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, amendment No. 2796, offered by the Senator from Arizona, Mr. MCCAIN, is agreed to.

Under the previous order, the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 90, as amended, is agreed to.

Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016—Continued

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. H.R. 2029.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 2774, 2775, 2776, 2779, 2781, 2785, 2786, 2787, 2788, 2789, 2795, 2794, AND 2798 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2763

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the following amendments by number.

The bill clerk read as follows: