

violence or behavior to escape the cycle of abuse.

(12) A dedicated army of pro bono attorneys focused on this mission will inspire others to devote efforts to this cause and will raise awareness of the scourge of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking throughout the country.

(13) Communities, by providing awareness of pro bono legal services and assistance to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, will empower those survivors to move forward with their lives.

### SEC. 3. U.S. ATTORNEYS TO PROMOTE EMPOWERMENT EVENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and not less often than once each year thereafter, each United States Attorney, or his or her designee, for each judicial district shall lead not less than 1 public event, in partnership with a State, local, tribal, or territorial domestic violence service provider or coalition and a State or local volunteer lawyer project, promoting pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and engage citizens in assisting those survivors.

(b) DISTRICTS CONTAINING INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—During each 3-year period, a United States Attorney, or his or her designee, for a judicial district that contains an Indian tribe or tribal organization (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)) shall lead not less than 1 public event promoting pro bono legal services under subsection (a) in partnership with an Indian tribe or tribal organization with the intent of increasing the provision of pro bono legal services for Indian or Alaska Native victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

(c) REQUIREMENTS.—Each United States Attorney shall—

(1) have discretion on the design, organization, and implementation of the public events required under subsection (a); and

(2) in conducting a public event under subsection (a), seek to maximize the local impact of the event and the provision of access to high-quality pro bono legal services by survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

### SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Not later than October 30 of each year, each United States Attorney shall submit to the Attorney General a report detailing each public event conducted under section 3 during the previous fiscal year.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1 of each year, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a compilation and summary of each report received under subsection (a) for the previous fiscal year.

(2) REQUIREMENT.—Each comprehensive report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include an analysis of how each public event meets the goals set forth in this Act, as well as suggestions on how to improve future public events.

### SEC. 5. FUNDING.

The Department of Justice shall use existing funds to carry out the requirements of this Act.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Foreign Service: PN643, PN800, and PN877; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

#### FOREIGN SERVICE

PN643 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (101) beginning Jennifer Ann Amos, and ending Holly Rothe Wielkoszewski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2015.

PN800 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (127) beginning Kreshnik Alikaj, and ending Brett David Ziskie, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN877-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (404) beginning Jason Douglas Kalbfleisch, and ending Stuart MacKenzie Hatcher, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 21, 2015.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate passed several lists for more than 600 career promotions in the Foreign Service. I spoke earlier this week about these promotions, and I am pleased that Senator GRASSLEY has allowed these lists to pass this evening.

Regardless of which party controlled the Senate, Foreign Service promotion lists have moved without political interference. That is until recently. In August, Senator GRASSLEY decided to block the promotions of more than 20 career officials in order to pursue the same agenda we saw the Republicans go after with the Benghazi committee.

I have spoken with Senator GRASSLEY about this issue. Holding back the promotions of career Foreign Service officers is not the way the Senate should be operating. The 20 officials that are still being blocked include officers stationed in Cambodia, Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, and other nations.

Although I am pleased about the Senate passing more than 600 promotions this evening, the senior Senator from Iowa should drop his holds on career diplomats and give these 20 officials the promotions they have earned.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 5 p.m.

on Monday, November 16, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 141; that there be 30 minutes of debate on the nomination; that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that following disposition of the nomination, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

### COMMITTEE-REPORTED SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that not withstanding the passage of H.R. 2029, the committee-reported substitute be withdrawn.

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

## SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING PALESTINIAN TERROR ATTACKS

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 292, S. Res. 302.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 302) expressing the sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of Palestinian terror attacks.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Blumenthal amendment to the resolution be agreed to; the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; the Blumenthal amendment to the preamble be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 2807) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To urge the international community to condemn the Palestinian terror attacks)

On page 5, line 1, strike "the President and".

The resolution (S. Res. 302), as amended, was agreed to.