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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, fill our Senators with Your truth and peace. Let Your truth bring them freedom from anxiety, fear, pride, timidity, and sin. Let Your peace guard their hearts, reminding them of the power of Your sovereignty and grace. As they have opportunity, empower them to do good for all people. Thank You for bestowing such love upon us that we can be called Your children. Lord, use us for Your glory as You keep us on the path You have selected for our lives.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD). The majority leader is recognized.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand appointments were made during the adjournment of the Senate. I ask that they be stated for the record.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Clifford D. May of Maryland.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114-140, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission: Kathleen B. Rice of Indiana (data minimization/personal-identifiable information expert), Robert J. Shea of Virginia (data expert with experience in administering programs), and Kenneth R. Troske of Kentucky (academic researcher/data expert).

ISSUES BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I welcome everyone back from what I hope was a productive State work period. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say that traveling to our States and meeting with those we represent is one of the best parts of this job. It is also one of the most important. That is because it allows us to hear different perspectives on critical issues and reminds us of the real difference good policy can make in the lives of the American people.

From funding the government to supporting our servicemembers and taking action on issues such as Zika, we have a lot to get done in this upcoming work period. I look forward to working with colleagues on these and other important issues in the coming weeks.

As I mentioned, over the State work period, Senators on both sides had opportunities to meet with constituents and talk with them about a number of serious problems facing our country. From combating the Zika virus to addressing an array of national security challenges, Americans such as those I met with back home wanted to know what steps both parties are taking to help.

For our friends across the aisle, that must have been a little bit of a difficult conversation. That is because before the work period, Senate Democrats filibustered funding to combat Zika and to support veterans—not once but twice. They also filibustered funding to provide resources for our servicemembers and national defense priorities. It is hard to explain why, despite their own calls for funding, Senate Democrats decided to block a bill that could help keep pregnant women and babies safer from Zika.

It is also hard to explain why—despite the array of terror attacks we have seen across the world—Senate Democrats decided to block a bill that could help keep the American people safer from threats like ISIL.

Our colleagues across the aisle can point to a series of partisan excuses, but the bottom line is this: There is no good explanation for blocking these public health and national security funding bills.

Over the summer, there were important steps taken to combat the virus. The administration took the guidance of Appropriations Chairmen COCHRAN and ROGERS, and with the advocacy of Members such as Senators BLUNT and RUBIO, HHS shifted funds already available to them to strengthen our defense against the virus.

Aerial spraying also started early in August and has produced positive results. The CDC Director has said he has been “impressed by the effectiveness” of the spraying, noting the “substantial reduction in the number of mosquitoes” in the transmission areas, but

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these issues have certainly not gone away. In fact, this summer brought even more cases of Zika, with mosquitoes now spreading the virus in some counties and health officials issuing travel warnings for pregnant women going to Miami.

This summer also brought with it even more ISIL-inspired or directed terror attacks from France to Turkey, as well as more concerns of growing aggression from countries like North Korea, which recently test-launched another missile.

These instances from the summer further underscore the urgency of the challenges facing us and why it is imperative our colleagues end their irresponsible filibusters of these bills.

So today we will give Senate Democrats another opportunity to follow through on their own calls for action on Zika, to support our veterans who deserve the treatment and benefits they have earned, and to provide for our servicemembers who sacrifice so much to protect the country and the people we love.

I hope our colleagues will join us now to finally end their senseless filibusters and help us do our part to address these serious issues.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader is recognized.

ISSUES BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I, too, am glad to be back. I appreciate all the people here whom we spend so much time with and all their good work. We have been gone for 7 weeks. Baseball season is about over. I wish it went year-round, but it doesn't. So all good things come to an end, and we will have that over with in about a month.

Today, the Republicans return from the longest summer recess in more than 60 years. I am still stunned that the Republican leader decided to have a 7-week vacation, and it was more important to them than funding our Nation's Zika response or giving Merrick Garland a hearing or even meeting with him or keeping terrorists and criminals from buying guns, and as the New York Times reported in some detail on Sunday, climate change is here. Military installations—like those in Virginia as an example, but they are not the only ones—are in peril of surviving. Whole neighborhoods are under water. Highways and bridges to islands are unpassable for weeks at a time—but 7 weeks of vacation and not a word of debate on the rising seas, and they are here. Just ask anyone in Florida trying to pass a bond issue now for billions of dollars to raise the highways and the roads and the foundations of buildings.

Now, because of the Republican leader's decision to recess for the summer, Congress is floundering because of Re-

publican inaction. The Senate has a mountain of work to do and no time to do it.

First and foremost, the Senate needs to fund efforts to combat Zika. It is a dreaded problem sweeping this country. Earlier this year, Democrats tried in vain to bring Republicans to the realization that Zika was imperiling the health of all but especially women of child-bearing age. We accepted the Senate Zika compromise. Last May, 89 Senators voted to pass that legislation. Republicans in the House said no, and then surprisingly, when we tried to pass it as a stand-alone here, the Republican Senate said we will not agree to what we agreed to a few weeks ago—stunning, to say the least.

President Obama proposed a meeting with Senator MCCONNELL, Speaker RYAN, Secretary Burwell, and Director Donovan to work on the Zika crisis. They said no to the meeting. Democrats offered to negotiate a compromise, but Republicans rejected our efforts to compromise. Republicans were more interested in attacking Planned Parenthood and flying the Confederate flag than protecting women and babies from this awful virus.

As Republicans stalled, Zika spread quickly. Puerto Rico has been ravaged by the virus. Two thousand Puerto Ricans are infected each week—different Puerto Ricans. Remember, Puerto Ricans are citizens of the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicted that by the end of the year, 25 percent of Puerto Rico's population will be infected by Zika. That is 900,000 people.

Last month, the Department of Health and Human Services declared a health emergency in Puerto Rico due to the Zika virus. Democrats pleaded for Republicans to cut short their 7-week break and return to the Capitol in order to pass emergency Zika funding. Republicans said: No, we are going to stay home some more.

While the Republican Senate insisted on vacation, Zika spread to the mainland in the United States. Local transmission of Zika was confirmed in Florida and elsewhere. Last week, public health officials in Florida even trapped some mosquitoes carrying this virus. To date, nearly 17,000 men, women, and children in the United States and its territories have been infected with Zika, claiming 1,600 pregnant women, and 16 babies have been born with the deforming birth defects caused by Zika.

We still don't understand all the devastating effects of this virus. That is why we need more study. We know, though, about microcephaly—the birth defect that inhibits brain development and prevents the skull from growing. We have all seen the heart-wrenching pictures of babies with tiny heads, but in recent weeks we have also learned newborns with Zika face other problems, such as hearing loss, vision impairment, and joint deformities. Be-

cause of Republican inaction, our entire Nation is exposed to this scourge.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention do not have the resources to fight Zika. CDC Director Thomas Frieden told reporters:

The cupboard is bare. . . . Basically, we are out of money and we need Congress to act.

We must stop the spread of this disease. We need to learn more. We need to pass a bipartisan funding bill that gives doctors, researchers, and public health officials the resources they require to understand and fight the spread of this deadly virus. We passed something here with 89 votes. As I said, it went to the House. They sent it back with all this strange, weird stuff in it. They cut funding for the Veterans' Administration by one-half billion dollars. They tried to disguise the fact that what they were trying to do was to eliminate Planned Parenthood. Remember, last year 2 million American women went to Planned Parenthood for help. Now, with this Zika virus frightening women all over America, they want to cut this off.

As I said, they did other things. When I talk about flying the Confederate flag, I am not kidding. Part of the legislation sent back to us said they could continue flying the Confederate flag over military installations. Is that something we could vote for? Of course not.

The continuing resolution, that has become the kind of thing we do around here since Republicans have perfected filibusters. Continuing resolutions are a way of saying we can't do our regular appropriations work, so let's do something that gets us through the year. We must focus on our efforts to keep the government open. Press reports indicate that Republicans want to pass a continuing resolution that extends into next year. That seems odd—strange. We just completed 7 weeks of doing nothing—none of our country's essential business—and now Republicans are suggesting another 10 weeks of vacation. Speaker RYAN and Senator MCCONNELL should understand that Democrats will not support 10 more weeks away from Washington. We have a lot of work to do. We cannot ignore the Nation's work any longer. President Obama will reject any continuing resolution that extends into 2017.

Notably, Members of Congress received their pay during the 7 weeks we were out of Washington and would receive their salaries during the Republicans' proposed 10-week recess. Let's be clear. A funding resolution that stretches into next year is a permission slip for Congress to refuse to do its job for the rest of the year. The next Senate should not begin months behind because of this Republican Senate's failure to do its job. Once we have ensured that the government is properly funded, we must turn our attention to the important issues that the Republican Senate has failed to adequately address, and these are only some of them.

How about the Supreme Court and judicial nominations? The Senate

needs to give the U.S. Supreme Court a full complement of nine Justices. The Republicans still refuse to give Chief Judge Merrick Garland a hearing or a vote. ORRIN HATCH, who opened the Senate a few minutes ago, has said Merrick Garland is a consensus nomination. I don't know if he forgot what he said or didn't mean it at the time. I think he did mean it at the time. Republicans want to hold the seat open for Donald Trump to fill. If that doesn't startle you, I don't know what would.

What more do you need to see from Trump to realize that he is dangerous and unfit for the Presidency? How can you hold a Supreme Court vacancy open for this man and his weird ideas?

It is not just the Supreme Court. Republicans have deadlocked our entire system of justice because of the Republican Senate's dysfunction. This Republican Senate has confirmed the fewest circuit and district court judges in many decades. Republicans want Trump to remake the justice system in his image. What an image that would be—a Trump judiciary.

To show the American people's disgust with how Republicans have treated Merrick Garland's nomination, starting today I am objecting to committees meeting for other purposes until the Judiciary Committee schedules a meeting to consider Judge Garland's nomination. If the Republican leader thinks there is a committee that needs to meet because of extraordinary circumstances, I would be pleased to consider his request. But in the meantime, as of today, we are objecting to committees meeting, in line with the rules of the Senate.

In addition to ending the disgusting and repugnant opposition to Merrick Garland's nomination to the Supreme Court, we must also pass legislation to keep guns and explosives out of the hands of suspected terrorists and other dangerous individuals. How many more acts of gun violence must we witness before we need to do something about it? How many more slaughters must we witness? The American people agree with us. Eighty-five percent want to do something about this worsening gun situation. It is gun violence. Eighty-five percent of Americans support legislation to keep guns away from suspected terrorists. This is the case all over America. Sensible background checks—that is all it is.

The Senate Republicans should listen to the American people and stop listening to the National Rifle Association. We must take a stand against violence.

There are many, many other pressing ideas. We need to address the criminal justice system, which is in deep need of repair and renovation. The United States needs to help make college more affordable for American families. The United States needs to address campaign finance reform. We must keep dark money out of politics. It is here and getting bigger every day, principally because of two people—the

Koch brothers. The Kochs today are in hog heaven because they now can secretly funnel money to all their clandestine committees and groups. They are spending hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars, funneling money to the Chamber of Commerce, the National Rifle Association, and many other front groups that no one has ever heard of—none of us have—but they are out running those ads with this secret money.

The U.S. Senate has much to do; I have mentioned only a few of the things. We have to use our time wisely. Sadly, for the last 7 weeks, we have not been using our time in a productive manner, and that is an understatement. That is why I was baffled to learn that the Republicans want to move to the Water Resources Development Act next week. I understand WRDA legislation. I have been chairman of that committee on two separate occasions. I know there is money in this bill for beleaguered Flint, MI. The people of Flint have waited months and months for this overdue relief.

Also in this bill is the Tahoe Restoration Act, which I support. Last Wednesday I had my 20th and last summit on Lake Tahoe. It is a much better place because of what we have done over the last 20 years. Two billion dollars has been spent on that beautiful lake. There is only one other lake like it in the whole world, and that is in Siberia. I know how important this Tahoe Restoration Act is. The fact remains that the Republican House is not going to pass it anyway, but I am willing to do what I can to act responsibly by not blocking this bill, as the Republicans would do, but we will legislate very carefully. Staffs are working to find out if we can have a path forward. I hope we can.

I appreciate the good work of Senators BOXER and INHOFE. I am hopeful that we can find a path forward on WRDA, as well as Zika, funding the government, and other matters about which I have spoken. In the meantime, the Senate has to prioritize. I know the Republican leader sets the Senate schedule, but he should acknowledge the situation for what it is. Now we have a logjam of important legislation that he created by recessing for 7 weeks—7 weeks, everybody.

We have a mess, but the mess is of the Republican leader's own making. Now that the Republicans have finally decided to come back to the Nation's Capital, it is time we move forward on these important issues that have been ignored for 7 weeks. In short, it is time for the Republicans to do their job.

Mr. President, I see no one on the floor. I ask that the Chair announce the business of the day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

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

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

OBAMACARE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, over the past several weeks, I spent a lot of time traveling around my home State of Wyoming. I know the Presiding Officer spent a lot of time traveling around his home State of Oklahoma. I talked to a lot of people in Wyoming, as he did in Oklahoma, about one of the top concerns of the things that are on their minds. To me, and I know to the Presiding Officer, that has been the Obama health care law and the disastrous problems that people are facing. People now tell me that some of them are paying more for their health insurance than they are for their mortgage. That is not just a problem in Oklahoma or in Wyoming; it is a problem all across the country. And that is now.

What they are also doing is reading stories in the papers, front-page stories that are saying the rates next year are going to go up again—not just a little but a lot. I know that my Senate colleagues from all across the country—Republicans and Democrats—are hearing that because of the disastrous problems that the Obama health care law is currently experiencing. In Wyoming, the Obama health insurance exchange has only one company selling insurance—only one. Wyoming is not alone. This wasn't supposed to happen.

The Democrats in Congress who supported this health care law said that they were going to create more competition—bring down prices by lots of competition. I can still remember when the President gave a speech to Congress in 2009, and what did he tell us? He said that in 34 States, 75 percent of the insurance market was controlled by five or fewer companies—five or fewer. Now in Wyoming we are down to one.

The President said that without competition, the price of insurance goes up, and he said that the quality goes down. That is what President Obama said 7

years ago. He said that five options or fewer were such a threat to competition and to quality of care for American families that he needed to create his entire ObamaCare health care system.

What is the situation today? One-third of America will have only one ObamaCare insurer in 2017. The color-coded map from the Kaiser Family Foundation came out just last week, and it shows all these areas in orange have only one ObamaCare insurer selling insurance in their locations. I note that Oklahoma and Wyoming are all in orange.

Millions of Americans will have fewer choices in 2017 than they had in 2016, with one-third of the country having only one option for coverage next year. The Obama administration said that these were supposed to be competitive marketplaces. That is what President Obama said. When there is only one company selling a product in an area, that is not competition; that is a monopoly. The President ought to understand that, and so should every Democrat in this body.

What do the national newspapers have to say about it? The Wall Street Journal, front page story, last week, August 29: "Health-Plan Choices Shrink."

It says that in 31 percent of U.S. counties, insurance exchanges appear likely to offer consumers only one option. It is a monopoly. That is the Wall Street Journal. You go through the article and it will tell you 2.3 million people currently on ObamaCare will have one option for when they shop next year.

What are people expecting? They are expecting their insurance premiums to go up? When will they go up? November 1, a week before the election. When people start signing up for next year's insurance, they will see the incredible sticker shock and how that affects them. That is what competition looks like under President Obama. There is only one insurance company in all of those orange areas.

I see the minority leader left to go back to his office—the same office, behind closed doors, where the health care law was written.

He is from the State of Nevada. Let's look at the State of Nevada—orange, orange, orange. All of those counties, other than this one area, have just one option because these very bright people—the architects of ObamaCare—wrote a health care law behind that closed door that says that one in three Americans will only have one ObamaCare insurer in 2017.

It was what we predicted on the floor of the Senate as this bill was being debated. President Obama said: No, you are all wrong. It doesn't matter whether it was the minority leader, who was then the majority leader. They obviously lost the majority as a result of the poor judgment of the Democrats, NANCY PELOSI saying that first you have to pass it before you get to find

out what is in it, or others who said this is going to be wonderful.

This is what the American people are facing now. All the areas in blue have only two options to choose from. It is astonishing what has happened. When you are down to one choice, you basically have no choice. Except for the people in Pinal County, AZ—this area in red—they actually have no choices. No one wants to sell ObamaCare insurance to the people who live there—none. It is an ObamaCare ghost town. The others may be ObamaCare wastelands or no man's land, but this is an ObamaCare ghost town.

What does President Obama say about that? It has gotten so bad in some places that State insurance commissioners have said that some of the ObamaCare exchanges are very near collapse. Does President Obama hear any of these things? Do the Senate Democrats hear any of these things? You would think they would if they go home and talk to people who live in their home States, but the insurance commissioner in Tennessee described the situation in her State as very near collapse.

Now, if you look at Tennessee on the map, there are actually some places where they have more than one choice, but the companies that are selling insurance are saying: We cannot do it; we cannot continue because of the losses that have been incurred by trying to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Obama health care law.

The people in Tennessee who get ObamaCare insurance will be paying as much as 62 percent more starting in January. When they go to sign up on November 1, they will pay 62 percent more in January.

Our colleague from Tennessee, Senator LAMAR ALEXANDER, recently said that for a 40-year-old person who is a nonsmoker, lives in his home State of Tennessee, and buys the cheapest possible ObamaCare silver plan, comparing this year's plan to next year's plan, that same person is going to have to pay \$852 more than they did this year—not \$852 but \$852 more than they did this year.

I talked to Senator KIRK, our colleague from Illinois, about that, and they will pay 45 percent more next year. Georgia will pay 33 percent more. These aren't just proposed increases. These are increases that have been approved by the insurance commissioner of those States.

It is interesting that when the Democrats come to the floor, they say: Well, they are only proposed increases that will never happen. These are the increases that have been approved by the insurance commissioners of each of those States. Premiums are going through the roof. Americans are stuck with fewer options because the insurance companies just can't afford to sell on the exchanges due to the rules, regulations, and mandates of the exchanges.

It is interesting to note that if you pick up a newspaper, you have to page

all the way through to get to the stories. Here is the Washington Post, dated Sunday, August 28. The Presiding Officer can see it. It says: "Health exchange sign-ups fall short." Well, if this is such a great deal, as the President says it is, why are the health exchange signups falling short? The American people know it is not a good deal. It is not a good deal for them personally. It goes on to say: "Several firms opt-out citing losses."

When you go through the whole article, it goes on to say that the "Obama administration's promise"—promise of a menu of health care choices—"has been replaced by a grim forecast." Those are their words—"a grim forecast." This is the forecast right here on the map. This is what the country has gotten because of President Obama's plan and the demands by the Democrats that they take complete control of the health care in this country rather than leaving it in the hands of the men and women at home across the country who know what is best for them and their families. People living in one-third of the country won't have any choice next year. They will all have to deal with an ObamaCare health insurance monopoly and heading to ObamaCare no man's land.

Companies are giving up because people don't want ObamaCare insurance. People can't afford it, and they are not buying it. They say that for them it is not a good deal.

The Congressional Budget Office made some predictions. They predicted there would be about 24 million people signed up for ObamaCare by now. They made that prediction 1 year or so ago. The actual number is just 11 million. They overestimated by more than 2 to 1. From the very beginning, the health care law has failed to live up to the hype and to all the promises that Democrats and President Obama have made.

Remember when President Obama said: Under this law, if you like your insurance, you can keep your insurance. If you like your insurance, you can keep your insurance. That is what the President told the American people. One of the factfinders called it the lie of the year. But President Obama said: If you like your insurance, you can keep your insurance.

Here is USA Today of August 30, and the front page says: "Health care choices choked further." More than 2 million people could be bumped from insurance plans in 2017. More than 2 million people currently on ObamaCare could be bumped from their plans, and the President looked the American people in the eye and said: If you like what you have, you can keep it. That is what the American people are facing today. So one in three only have one insurer to choose from.

The situation is going to get worse. State insurance commissioners say things are very near collapse. What is the best thing the President can do and says about all of this? He says to the

Democrats: Forcefully defend and be proud. Where are the proud defenders? Where are they today? Why aren't they here on the floor of the Senate defending this monstrosity that has hurt so many American people who had insurance? If you want to help people who didn't have insurance, you shouldn't have to hurt people who do have insurance. Yet I don't see the Democrats who are supposed to be proud and forcefully defending this law coming to the floor. I challenge them to come to the floor and debate me about this law and the impact it has had on the American people.

What does Hillary Clinton say? She is running for President. She says: Defend and improve. Why aren't her supporters here on the Senate floor defending it? These ideas have failed. The promises have gone up in smoke.

Do they have any solutions? Do they have any recommendations? The recommendations are more Washington control. That is what Zeke Emanuel said the other day on television. He is the architect who sat behind the closed doors over there and came up with this plan, along with the Senate minority leader and a number of the Senate Democrats. That is what he says—more Washington control, more taxpayer money, and bigger taxpayer funded subsidies. That is what they said.

Hillary Clinton talks about expanding the failing Medicaid Program. They want to hurt our seniors by cramming more people onto the Medicare Program, which is already headed for insolvency. Americans know that our health care system is in trouble. ObamaCare has failed. It is in the insurance death spiral, and Democrats cannot fix it by making it larger.

People in one-third of the counties in America won't have a choice for where they buy their health insurance starting November 1. America does have a choice when it comes to fixing our broken health care system. We can choose to get rid of ObamaCare and put solutions in place that we know actually will work for people—not for unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats but for people who we talked to in our home States over the August break. It means letting people get out from under the burden of all the Washington mandates. It is the mandates that are really the cause of these devastating price increases. We want to create real competition, not ObamaCare monopolies. We should let people choose the coverage and costs that are right for them and their families, not what Washington says is right for them.

When we are from a rural State such as Wyoming or from the Presiding Officer's State of Oklahoma, we know about rural medicine, we know about rural health care, we know about big distances, and we know what people need. The people there know a lot better than what people in Washington think they know about smalltown and rural America.

The Republicans in this body and Republicans all around the country are

going to continue to fight. We will not stop fighting for the kinds of reform that get the power out of Washington and gives the power back to the States so people can have more control of the decisions that affect them, their lives, their communities, and their future. Democrats don't have any ideas other than higher subsidies, more government control, more one-size-fits-all for the failed policies of the past. These policies, I will tell the Presiding Officer, have failed. From the President's first speech, where he was condemning the fact that there were only four or five choices, to now, where you are looking at one, two, or zero choices, this points to the failure of the ObamaCare health care law.

It is time, as we get back here—and I hope that Democrats listened to people at home and heard their complaints—for Democrats to work with us and give the American people the health care they want, need, and deserve.

I thank the Presiding Officer.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 10 minutes.

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

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I have a very personal interest in a vote that is coming up on Zika, and I wish to share my thoughts on that.

Today we have the opportunity to provide the funding to help combat the mosquito-borne Zika virus that has hit Florida and some other southern States. As of this week, there have been 49 travel-related cases of the Zika virus in Florida and 576 travel-related cases altogether. Within those cases, 80 are pregnant women who have been infected with the virus. This is extremely concerning since the Zika virus has been linked to severe birth defects in children born from mothers who contracted the Zika virus. Zika has created a public health emergency that can't be ignored.

This isn't the first time we have taken up this vote. In June, Senate Democrats blocked the passage of the conference report, claiming that funds did not need to be offset. The \$1.1 billion provided in funding in the conference report will be used to fight the Zika virus and prevent it from spreading. This is the same amount as the Senate-passed bill in which every Democrat voted in favor. All the Democrats voted for it. Republicans have put together a responsible funding package that includes \$750 million in offsets, with strong oversight and control to

ensure that funds are being used properly.

There has been a lot of discussion and a lot of things we are saying here on the floor and to the public that the public doesn't understand. They can't be expected to understand; they are too busy out trying to make a living. But when they hear things like this, they shake their heads and they say: What is wrong with that system up there?

I say this because there is a little girl who happens to be my sister's granddaughter. Her name is Callie Hamilton. Callie Hamilton has lived for some time in Florida, and she is pregnant. She has called me several times. She said: I don't understand it. You have Democrats who are saying "We don't want to do something to save the lives of these pregnant mothers in Florida and elsewhere unless you also fund Planned Parenthood and some of the other programs." Everything gets all mixed up, and because of the sense of urgency, it is now a vehicle for everybody else to hitchhike on.

Let me tell my colleagues, when I was asked the question by my own great-niece, who is pregnant and living in Florida, saying, Why is it that people aren't too concerned about the political politics of a vote when this is different from any other virus vote we have taken? We have had many, and normally there is some question as to what caused it, some question as to whether the solution is a viable solution when, in fact, in this case, it is. There is no question about it.

There are two things that are factual about this that we have not seen before. First of all, the virus is contracted through mosquitoes. We all know that. Nobody refutes that. The second thing is, you can kill mosquitoes, and everybody knows that. Now, whether the amount is \$750 million or whatever the amount is—it doesn't really matter; even if you are out there with a very small amount and you just kill several million mosquitoes, that could save lives, and it could be my grand-niece, Callie Hamilton.

So this is different. I hope—and I am going to encourage my Republican and Democratic friends alike, when this vote comes up to consider, that this isn't something to put something else on. This is something that—we can immediately get in there and eradicate a bunch of mosquitoes and save lives and very likely prevent this from happening. I hope they will make an exception on this. It doesn't make any difference about offsets. It doesn't make any difference about the cost when we know we can save lives. This isn't something that is up in the air and debatable; these are facts we are aware of.

I wasn't going to talk about that, but I do think it is necessary for us to concentrate on what we are really doing since we are now back here. We have been gone for several weeks. I think the country has probably benefited from that—I don't know—but we are

back now and we have an opportunity to do some things.

WRDA

Mr. President, I chair a committee and have chaired a committee that is called the Environment and Public Works Committee. It is a committee that—sometimes, somewhat jokingly, I say: Now we will hear from a committee that actually does things. We do. We had the bill that was the FAST Act, the highway bill, the first one we have had in 17 years. It is one on which we all got along. We had Democrats and Republicans and passed it almost unanimously out of our committee, and almost unanimously we had support on this floor.

Then we came up with Frank Lautenberg's chemical safety act. That is an interesting one because there are a lot of Democrats who are opposed to that to begin with, yet there is no regulation over the use of chemicals—none whatsoever. So our manufacturing base has disappeared, many of them going to countries where they know they can define what a chemical is. There are a lot of liberals around who say: Let's just oppose all chemicals. Well, obviously, if we don't have chemicals, we can't manufacture, and that affects everyone. So we have people going overseas now. By the way, I have personally talked to them since we have that under control. For the first time in 4 years, we are getting people to come back to this country to manufacture. So we achieved that chemical bill.

Working together with Senator BOXER—this is interesting because when they talk about the most conservative Members of the U.S. Senate, I am always in that crowd, and BARBARA BOXER is in the most liberal group, and yet we worked together on the things we are supposed to be doing. We have that old, worn-out document that nobody reads anymore called the Constitution, and it says that we are supposed to be defending America and doing infrastructure. So that is what this is all about.

We have the WRDA bill, the Water Resources Development Act. It is coming up. If we get on that, it is going to benefit everyone. I worry about it because we get to something that is good for everyone—Zika is a good example—and then all of a sudden opposition comes up, and you don't know what the source of that opposition is, but it is there.

Briefly, I want to cover these things because of the significance of the WRDA bill, the water resources bill. We talk about five different areas. One is the Corps projects. We know about the Corps of Engineers and its projects. There is one Member of the Senate who has had efforts and dogs in that fight—dams and levees. Certainly the occupier of the chair and I both know some of these problems that exist in our State of Oklahoma.

The EPA water infrastructure on both drinking water and wastewater is something that—particularly in my

State, a State that is primarily rural, we have a lot of small towns. They don't know how in the world they are going to come up with the massive amounts of millions of dollars to somehow do something to stop the unfunded mandates that come from government, primarily the EPA. When I was mayor of Tulsa, that was the biggest problem we had because we had unfunded mandates. We needed things to be done, and we were not able to get them done.

We also deal with the restoration programs and the coal ash programs.

So let's start with the Corps of Engineers. In their part of the bill, we authorized 29 projects recommended by the chief of engineers that will provide benefits that significantly exceed the cost of the projects. These include important harbor-deepening projects for Charleston, SC; Jacksonville, FL; and Brownsville, TX, as well as significant flood protection projects in Kansas, Missouri, California, North Carolina, Louisiana, and elsewhere.

Chart No. 1 shows—this happens to be the Port of Charleston, and it gives you an idea of what we have.

We also authorized the next phase of the Everglades restoration project. Certainly the two Senators from Florida have this as a great concern. I have been on this road going through the Everglades, and they have problems there. It is one of the real gems we have in this country, and we do address that in a very cost-effective way.

In addition to new projects, the bill modifies some existing projects that need additional congressional authority before they can continue. These include critical flood control projects in Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, and Arizona, as well as critical navigation safety projects in Texas.

The bill also makes policy changes on the recommendations of Senators, project sponsors, and the users of our water transportation infrastructure. This photo I have in the Chamber gives you an idea, and I have been not to the one in Ohio, but I have been to the one in Oklahoma. A lot of people don't know—I am sure both the Chair and I are aware of this, but a lot of people are not aware that we in the State of Oklahoma are navigable. We have ports, including the Port of Catoosa. It looks just like this when you go through the lock and dams, and they are about in that condition, and when that stops, everything stops.

We have some ideas on how to do this using local sponsors. We have people who are users of the navigation way throughout America who want to be able to update and make sure that they are going to be safe and that they are going to continue to operate. But the law does not allow us to do that, so we correct that in this bill. So we talk about how local sponsors can make changes so levee districts are not caught in bureaucratic nightmares when they attempt to repair levees, which means everything stops. So drought-stricken communities can increase reservoir storage capacity.

When the Corps rebuilds a levy after a disaster, we now allow local levy districts to increase the level of flood protection at their own expense. We actually did that 2 years ago in the last WRDA bill, and I might add that I was proud of us when we came back in and we were able to get back on a 2-year cycle. We are supposed to do a water resources development bill every 2 years. We haven't been doing it. We didn't do it during the years the Democrats controlled the Senate. But right now we are doing that, and that is one of the benefits that came from the last bill.

In WRDA 2016, we expand the current authority of the Corps to accept funds from non-Federal interests to expedite permits for rail transportation projects. Overall, we estimate that the Corps of Engineers' section of the bill will cost about \$6 billion over a 10-year period.

The second group is called dams and levees. We address this in the—just imagine. This is the Ohio River. A minute ago, we showed one of the levees. This is just like that levee, except this one erupted. There is a term that is used called the "high-hazard potential." When a classification of "high hazard" takes place—we have about 14,726 potentially high-hazard dams in the United States. The definition of "high hazard" is that if it breaks, people will die, and we can see that people will die. This is serious stuff. Anyway, we now have that in this bill so that we will be able to protect those and to do something about the high-hazard dams and infrastructure that we have, and the levee system.

Under our legislation the Federal Emergency Management Agency is authorized to help rehabilitate dams in States where safety officials have determined them to have a high hazard potential. FEMA is authorized to come in and do the work. CBO estimates that implementing these dam and levee safety programs will cost \$401 million over 10 years.

In our substitute we have added the Bureau of Indian Affairs dam safety program for dams in Indian Country at a cost of \$129 million. This is based on S. 2717, which Senator BARRASSO moved through the Indian Affairs Committee with unanimous support. Senator BARRASSO, whom we heard from just a few minutes ago, was one step ahead of everybody else when he moved this legislation through the committee that I chaired, the Indian Affairs Committee. We had unanimous support for this program to be expanded in Indian Country.

The third issue is the drinking water and waste water infrastructure. I spent a lot of my time going into the small communities. As I said, years ago I had a hard job. I was mayor of a major city. At that time the biggest problem we had was unfunded mandates—the Federal Government coming along. We tried to stop that, but this bill goes a long way toward making sure that the

smaller communities, the poorer and rural communities, have access to resolving the problems of these mandates. It is primarily in the drinking water and waste water infrastructure. We are working on that now.

S. 2848 includes several million dollars to address lead emergencies and public health consequences for those emergencies. For example, we provide \$70 million to capitalize the new Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, the WIFIA Act, so that we can provide secured loans for water and waste water. That is what we are in the process of doing.

In the fourth area, restoration programs, we have four regional restoration programs that we reported out of committee. These include Senator KIRK's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the Lake Those Initiative that was put forward by Senators HELLER, REID, BOXER and FEINSTEIN. So we are addressing these restoration programs.

The final area is coal ash. Some people don't know about coal ash. They think of it as being something that is dangerous and that environmentalists shouldn't like, when in fact coal ash is a critical ingredient for making concrete for roads and bridges. It is more durable and less expensive than the alternatives, and many States actually require fly ash to be used in their projects. We have a whole section on coal ash which includes consensus legislation to allow the EPA to review and approve the State permitting program for coal ash disposable units. This is something that is very effective. There is no other environmental regulation solely enforcing this very issue we are talking about. So this is our chance.

I know the next vote is going to be on the Zika virus—I assume—and I do encourage people to keep in mind that when they vote on that they are voting on something I don't remember ever seeing before, but it is something where we know a government program will work. We know it comes from mosquitoes, and we know how to eradicate mosquitoes. So let's get with it and quit talking about who we are offending politically. Let's just get it done.

In the meantime, let's be lining up for a major bill that we need to be doing. Hopefully, we will be doing it during this work period. It is the WRDA bill.

With that I yield the floor.

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

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

BIPARTISAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I thought I had gotten to the point where I wasn't surprised at some of the rhetoric we hear from our colleagues

on the other side of the aisle, particularly the Democratic leader when he claims that we haven't gotten anything done in the U.S. Congress since Republicans have been in the majority. I guess to the extent that he says that and there is nobody who corrects it, then people might actually believe it.

I just want to point out from the beginning some of the important work we have been able to do on a bipartisan basis. I see our friend the Senator from Tennessee here. He has been the point man for so many of these pieces of legislation, such as the education reform bill, among others that I will mention, but the fact is that since Republicans have been in the majority after the election in 2014, more than 140 pieces of legislation have been signed into law, and 240-plus bills have passed the Senate alone. We have also had, by and large, an open amendment process where any Senator who thinks they have a better idea on a bill can come to the floor and offer an amendment and get a vote on it. So compare the 240 amendment votes in this Congress to the 15 when Senator REID was majority leader in the 113th Congress. People need to know that his representation isn't borne out by the facts. It is not even close.

I was reminded of the quote from Abraham Lincoln. He defined a hypocrite as a man who murdered his parents and then pleaded for mercy because he was an orphan. It is true that we find ourselves in the current messy posture primarily because of the obstruction of our Democratic colleagues on the other side.

We were hoping that we would get back to what we internally call regular order, which is a more transparent process where each of the 12 appropriations bills can be passed out of the Appropriations Committee, come across the floor, be amended and voted on, then matched up with what our friends and colleagues in the House do, and then sent on to the President for his signature. Instead of that normally functioning Congress, there are the filibusters of our Democratic colleagues led by the Democratic leader who is claiming that the Congress has become dysfunctional all of a sudden. It is because of their actions. They are the ones that have blocked the appropriations process. This is why we find ourselves in the remaining few weeks of September trying to figure out how we pay the bills, how we keep the government up and running.

I have a list of legislation that makes up that 240 bills and 140 laws written that were signed into law. I will not waste the Senate's time by reciting those, but I ask unanimous consent that following my remarks it be printed in the RECORD.

Mr. President, we find ourselves voting again on a \$1.1 billion appropriation to combat the Zika virus. There has been a lot of discussion about the Zika virus. As we have come to learn, this is a virus carried by a certain spe-

cies of mosquito and because of summer weather and because the Zika virus seems to be coming our way from Central and South America, we figured it was important for us to do something about it.

On the high-tech end, our scientists need to come up with a vaccine to make sure that pregnant women don't have to worry about birth defects in their unborn children, typified by this chart that demonstrates a condition known as microcephaly, where literally the head is shrunk along with the brain. One can imagine the prognosis for this child to be very poor, and nothing but heartache is in store for this child's family. This is what our Democratic colleagues are risking by continuing to filibuster the spending that we have provided for in this appropriations bill—\$1.1 billion.

It is also important to do what sometimes is referred to as the low-tech part of this as well. Recently I was in Houston, TX, with some of my friends from the Harris County Public Health district. They were demonstrating to me how they trapped mosquitoes. The Culex mosquito can spread other types of virus, but the Aedes aegypti mosquito carries the Zika virus. There is fantastic work being done at the local level by our public health districts to monitor the mosquito population and then test it to see whether they can detect the presence of the Zika virus. When they do, that of course directs the spraying effort by the public health district. One of the most important things to do is control the mosquito population. It cannot be eliminated entirely, and spraying without any particular target is a waste of time and money. But it can be targeted, and that is what is happening in places like Houston, TX, and in the Harris County Public Health district.

I spent an afternoon with public health officials at what is called the mosquito and vector control unit. Of course, Houston is a big place. Harris County, where Houston is located, is the third largest county in the country by population, and it covers 1,777 square miles. It is bigger than the State of Rhode Island. The reason I mention that is to just consider the idea of going out to spray 1,777 square miles. That doesn't make any sense. That is why the work being done by the mosquito and vector control unit is so important—to actually target the spraying where it is needed most.

The most important thing we can do as citizens is to educate ourselves and to prevent ourselves from being bitten by the mosquito in the first place. Some of that has to do with the clothing we wear and also wearing insect repellent, particularly for pregnant women. The danger of this particular birth defect is real, and it is important that women of childbearing age take care to protect themselves. Part of the reason I visited with the public health officials in Houston was to not only educate myself but to help raise public

awareness of what we can do as individual citizens to protect ourselves. I met with one of the surveillance entomologists; it is quite a title. A surveillance entomologist with the mosquito and vector control unit is a fellow I met who has a wonderful name. His name is Max Vigilant—what a great name for a surveillance entomologist in Harris County, TX. He gave me a glimpse of what he and his colleagues are doing every day to safeguard their communities, but they cannot do this alone. That is why this funding that has been blocked on numerous occasions by our Democratic colleagues over ridiculous objections makes no sense whatsoever.

I happened to see that the senior Senator from New York, Mr. SCHUMER, sent out a tweet this afternoon urging Senate Republicans to pass Zika funding, to which I responded: Well, you blocked it, CHUCK—which is true. And they continue to block it.

It has unfortunately fallen to local leaders such as County Judge Ed Emmett in Harris County and people like Max Vigilant to take care of this pending crisis because frankly the dysfunction that is occurring in Congress is led by the Democratic leader. So I think it is important to set the record straight. I am grateful we have leaders at the local and State level who step up when the Federal Government seems incapable of doing so.

But now it is time for the Federal Government to step up. Why our Democratic colleagues would risk this horrific birth defect for political reasons is just lost on me. It makes no sense whatsoever. I might add that not only is it spread by mosquitoes, there is now some demonstrated cases or proven cases of sexual transmission of the Zika virus.

As we know, our friends in Florida in particular have had domestically transmitted cases of Zika virus and are working hard to combat the mosquito there and to contain the virus and to prevent this sort of terrible result, but for the health of our country and for the protection of all our children, let's get this compromise legislation done.

No one should doubt the gravity of the threat or the long-term health consequences of failing to get our work done. So I hope our Democratic colleagues put their words into action and vote to send additional resources to those communities across the country that are already working hard to defeat the Zika virus.

I will conclude by saying, I implore our Democratic colleagues, including the senior Senator from Nevada, the Democratic leader, to quit saying things that are demonstrably not true. We have worked hard, many times over the Democratic leader's objection. I can think of two of them that stand out in my mind: for trade promotion authority and for a long-term highway bill, where he did not support it and he actively tried to block it. So we had to find other Democrats and work with

the White House to get it done. We have been able to pass a number of important bills but very little with his help because, for some reason, he seems intent on trying to cause this Congress to be as dysfunctional as it was when he was the leader, but it is not going to happen. We are working with people of good faith on both sides of the aisle and, when we can, with the White House, to do the important work of the American people.

So with that, I yield the floor.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MAJOR BIPARTISAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ADDRESSING IMPORTANT ISSUES

First significant education reform since 2002, First major Trade Promotion Authority bill since 2002, First significant reforms to Social Security since 1983, First major environmental law reauthorization (TSCA) since the 1990's, Addressed the fiscal crisis in Puerto Rico, Acted to preempt states from imposing costly, unworkable mandates on the food supply, Protecting the homeland: National Defense Authorization Act, Cybersecurity, North Korea sanctions.

ENDING MANAGEMENT BY CRISIS/CLIFF

First multi-year Highway Bill since 2005—longest since 1998, First time enhanced small business expensing was made permanent, First time a prohibition on Internet Access Taxes is made permanent, First time cycle of patching Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) since 1997, First major Energy Bill passes Senate since the Bush Administration, First long-term FAA Bill in almost a decade.

HELPING THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

First major legislation confronting America's opioid crisis (CARA), Protected Victims of Trafficking, Reauthorized Adam Walsh.

CONSERVATIVE PRIORITIES

Bill to repeal Obamacare & defund Planned Parenthood to the President's desk, Preventing an activist liberal majority on the Supreme Court, NLRB ambush election CRA, Pain Capable abortion ban, Sanctuary Cities/Kate's Law, Syrian refugee pause, Audit the Fed, First time Senate passes measures overturning Obama-era EPA overreach: Waters of the US (WOTUS), Carbon rules on existing power plants, Carbon rules on new power plants.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I am here for another reason, but I am listening to the distinguished majority whip, the Senator from Texas. I congratulate him on his remarks and make an observation.

I was once the Republican Governor in a State that had a Democratic legislature. If I had gone around the State for the first 4 years of my term announcing that we could not get anything done because I could not work with the Democratic legislature, I think about half the people would have said: Well, maybe we need another Governor. Maybe we need someone who has the capacity to work with people and get results.

So I have never understood the strategy that exists—I hope temporarily—on the other side of the aisle of telling the American people the Senate can't

function. That does not bring any respect and credit to this body. It does not help the Democrats to say that. It does not help the Republicans. All it does is cause the American people to think that those of us whom they elect are not capable of working together to get a result, when, in fact, as the Senator from Texas said, that is not true.

I know for a fact—he cited one example; that is, the bill we passed last December to fix No Child Left Behind. President Obama signed it. He said it was a Christmas miracle. It got 85 votes in the Senate. It was difficult to do, but I have been careful every time I talk about this to say, it would never have happened had Senator PATTY MURRAY, the Democratic Senator from Washington, not been willing to work with me and other Republicans and Democrats on the committee to get a consensus.

In fact, every single Democrat on the committee worked that way. For example, the Senator from Minnesota, Mr. FRANKEN, held back an amendment he cared a lot about in committee and agreed to offer it on the floor because he did not want to hurt the bill.

We passed very important legislation in the Senate. The cyber security bill is important. It would not have passed without Democratic support.

The Wall Street Journal said the Education bill that was passed, with the support of not just the Governors but of the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers—usually Democratic constituents—it was the most significant devolution of power from Washington to States in 25 years. I hear from everybody I talk to in Tennessee—teachers, Governors. They like the bill we passed. They are proud we did it. They thank us for it.

I have heard from physicians in Tennessee they are glad that for once now we have fixed the doc fix. In other words, every few months we are not leaving them in limbo about how they are paid for their Medicare patients. That has been taken care of, not just by Senator HATCH but also by Democratic Senator WYDEN.

Right out of the box last year, with a new Republican majority, we passed a trade bill. With whose support? With President Obama's support. That was a Democratic and Republican effort together. The chemical safety bill. Several Republican Senators worked hard on that but so did the Senator from California Mrs. BOXER. Without her leadership, it never would have passed.

Our legislature in Tennessee has not been able to agree on a long-term highway funding bill, but in Washington we have, again, because of cooperation between Republicans and Democrats.

My practice always has been to give people credit when they do something good because I think often that credit reflects back on the institution and maybe even on the person giving the credit. That is a time-honored way of doing business in the Senate.

I would like to see us get back to that in the next Congress. Let's recognize the fact that there are a number of things that have not gotten done. I can cite all the reasons I am unhappy about the fact that we were able to pass 12 appropriations bill in committee, but we are blocked from bringing them to the floor by the Democrats.

I would rather talk about the things we accomplished, the things we have gotten done, and show the American people that when they put us here, they were making a good decision.

We have had a productive Senate these last 2 years. One newspaper said it was the most productive we have had since the early 1990s. Anytime you pass a bill that sends more power from Washington back to the States that has the support of the Governors, the NEA, and the American Federation of Teachers at the same time, I think we have done something pretty good.

I am happy to give credit to the Democratic Senators who voted for it, because without them and without the President's signature, it would have not happened. So a little more of that spirit would help this Senate function and function in the way it traditionally has.

We can finish our work this year, by the way.

We have a mental health bill that Senator CASSIDY and Senator MURPHY have worked hard on. We have a 21st century cures bill that has broad support—19 bipartisan cosponsors. We are moving, next week I think, to a water resources development bill that Senator BOXER as well as Senator INHOFE are working on. Why do we not give other Members of the Senate due credit when they work together and get a result? No wonder the American people wonder whether we are getting anything done. The truth is, we are getting quite a bit done, and it is in their interests, and I am proud of it.

HONORING OFFICER KENNETH RAY MOATS

Mr. President, now, let me take 3 or 4 minutes, because I see other Senators here, on something that is very important to me, a completely different subject and important to the people of my hometown of Maryville, TN.

Last Tuesday, I attended a funeral for Officer Kenny Moats, a Maryville, Tennessee, police officer who was killed in the line of duty responding to a domestic disturbance call.

Kenny Moats was a young man with three young children, Mackenzie, Kamron, and Tyson. His wife, Britteni, and he are in their early thirties.

Nothing has so touched our community that I can remember in a long, long time. Maryville, TN, is a small town. Blount County is our county. Things like this are not supposed to happen where we live.

An officer gets a call, he goes to deal with a domestic disturbance, and he is ambushed from the house he was called to by a person who is now in jail.

There was a huge outpouring of support from our community, not just for

Kenny Moats but also for the men and women in blue of the Maryville Police Department and of the Blount County Deputies who were there as well.

There was a procession before the funeral. The funeral was at 7 o'clock last Tuesday. The church, Sevier Heights Baptist Church, began filling up at 4 p.m. It was nearly full with hundreds of people, and there were more than 1,200 who listened in on a Webcast.

The next day, as I was driving to the airport, I found myself behind a procession of maybe 200 squad cars from many different police departments and sheriffs' offices around our State and other places. There was a flag of honor—the United States flag of honor—that is flown to honor first responders who are killed in the line of duty. It was driven from Texas so it could be there to honor Kenny Moats as well.

So today on the Senate floor, I come simply to express the feelings of the Senate—I am sure all of us—to his family and to those who served with him in the Maryville Police Department, to the Blount County Sheriff's Deputies, to the entire community who have all grieved over his loss.

After the funeral, the police chief, Tony Crisp, gave a commendation to Officer Moats. It is called the "Commendation of Valor." It is awarded to a police officer who demonstrates gallantry and extraordinary heroism. The act must have been so exceptional that the rules say that "the officer while fully aware of the imminent threat to their own personal safety assumed a voluntary course of action above and beyond the call of duty, at the risk of his own life." This commendation is the highest decoration conferred by the department.

I was moved, as was everyone in the church last Tuesday night, by Chief of Police Tony Crisp's reading of the "Commendation of Valor." I would like to offer that "Commendation of Valor" to be printed in the RECORD and express once again to the family of Kenny Moats and to the Maryville Police Department and all of the law enforcement officers in the area, our respect for his life, his bravery and for what they do to protect us on a daily basis.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CHIEF TONY JAY CRISP,
MARYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Maryville, TN, August 30, 2016.

Re Commendation of Valor

OFFICER KENNETH RAY MOATS.

Officer Kenneth Ray "Kenny" Moats of the Maryville Police Department and the Fifth Judicial Drug Task Force voluntarily responded to a domestic dispute call involving a handgun on the afternoon of August 25, 2016, where the perpetrator had made threats to kill his father. Officer Moats was assigned to the Fifth Judicial Drug Task Force when this event occurred. The response of Officer Moats along with Deputy Dave Mendez of the Blount County Sheriff's Office, was predicated by their close proximity to the call, along with a sense of voluntary service due to their positions as law enforcement officers.

On the scene, Officer Moats and Deputy Mendez positioned their vehicle in the driveway of 3111 Kerrway Lane. Upon their arrival, Officer Moats and Deputy Mendez were able to make contact with the perpetrator's father, who had been able to escape from his 625 Alcoa Trail residence, unbeknownst to the perpetrator, who was still positioned in a makeshift bunker located in the garage of the residence. Shortly after speaking with the father, Officer Moats, Deputy Mendez and the father came under gunfire from the perpetrator's concealed location within the garage of the residence. At this time Officer Moats and Deputy Mendez were able to place the father behind the engine block and front wheel of their service vehicle and placed themselves between him and the perpetrator in an attempt to protect the father to the best of their ability considering the fluidity of the evolving situation.

The suspect fired multiple shots from his fortified location, one shot fatally striking Officer Moats. The suspect was successfully taken into custody, unharmed, after an exchange of gunfire with Deputy Mendez and Deputy Craig Flanagan, who had arrived on scene during the perpetrator's initial assault.

While knowing full well the risk and imminent threat to his own personal safety, Officer Moats took a voluntary course of action to confront an armed suspect. Officer Moats ultimately lost his life in the line of duty.

The quick actions of Officer Moats helped preserve the life of the perpetrator's father and exemplified behavior above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Moats' actions and selfless sacrifice bring great honor upon himself and hold true to the highest traditions and expectations of the Maryville Police Department.

Officer Moats demonstrated the extraordinary act of courage, under dangerous circumstances, gallantly and heroically giving his life in the service of the City of Maryville Police Department and the community of Blount County.

It is my honor and privilege that I posthumously bestow the highest honor conferred by the Maryville Police Department to Kenneth Ray "Kenny" Moats.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I want to express once again to the family of Kenny Moats, the Maryville Police Department, and all of the law enforcement officers in the area, our respect for his life, his bravery, and for what they do to protect us on a daily basis.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

ENDING THE THREAT OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE IN LAOS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I suspect there are not many Americans who have either visited or know much about Laos. It is a poor country, geographically about the size of Utah, with less than 7 million people. It is wedged between Vietnam and Cambodia.

I am sure that back in the 1960s and 1970s, even fewer Americans had heard of Laos, and virtually no one was aware that the United States was involved in a war in Laos.

For nearly a decade, from 1964 to 1973, the United States military unleashed more than 2 million tons of ordnance on Laos during some 580,000 bombing missions. That amounts to a payload of bombs every 8 minutes, 24 hours a day, for 9 years. Laos became,

and still is, the most heavily bombed country per capita in history.

It was part of a U.S. war in Laos that was never declared or publicized. It was kept secret. It was done to support the Royal Lao government against the Pathet Lao and to interdict the Viet Cong along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, but the bombs destroyed many villages and displaced hundreds of thousands of Lao civilians.

As is so often the case with landmines, cluster bombs, and other types of munitions, wars end but the suffering continues. The Vietnam War ended in 1975. In April of 1975, the Senate Armed Services Committee, by a one-vote margin, voted to finally end the authorization for that war. I remember it very well because that was the first vote I cast as a member of the Armed Services Committee.

The war ended, but the casualties continue from the bombs that failed to explode. All this ordnance is scattered on or beneath the surface of the ground. A child is walking to school, a farmer is working in the field, a woman is collecting water or firewood, and they step on one of those and they are killed or maimed.

Of the 270 million U.S. cluster bombs that were dropped on Laos during that period, it is estimated that as many as 80 million did not detonate, but they remain ready to explode if they are disturbed by an unsuspecting farmer or child.

Nearly 40 years later, only a small fraction of these munitions have been destroyed. But progress has been made. Today there are just under 50 new UXO casualties in Laos each year. That is down from more than 300 a decade ago. The majority of the accidents result in death, and nearly half of the casualties are children.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to show a photograph to my colleagues on the Senate floor.

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

Mr. LEAHY. This photograph of a Laotian girl was taken a number of years ago. She was actually one of the lucky ones because she survived, but as you can see her left leg is gone and she uses a homemade crutch. This is what cluster munitions do to civilians. This happened after the war ended, and she stepped in the wrong place.

I first became concerned with this problem in the late 1980s, and in 1990 the first assistance from the Leahy War Victims Fund was provided to help victims of U.S. cluster bombs in Laos. Since then, the Leahy War Victims Fund, administered by USAID, has provided medical and related assistance for thousands of Laotians.

Also, as either chairman or ranking member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, I have included funding each year above the amounts requested by successive administrations, Democratic and Republican, to support programs to locate and destroy

unexploded ordnance in Laos. Since fiscal year 1995, the United States has contributed more than \$100 million for UXO programs in Laos. There is \$19.5 million for UXO clearance in fiscal year 2016, which has bipartisan support, including the current chair of our subcommittee, Senator GRAHAM, and of the House subcommittee, Representative GRANGER, and the House ranking member, Representative LOWEY. I appreciate their support for this.

But I have long felt that the United States should do more, and so I am very pleased that President Obama—the first American President to visit Laos—announced earlier today that the United States will increase its support for UXO programs in Laos.

The President pledged \$90 million over the next 3 years to continue clearance, victims' assistance, and risk education programs at the fiscal year 2015 level of \$15 million annually. The balance of \$45 million is going to be used to support a national UXO survey. The survey is extremely important. As I said, Laos is about the size of Utah. The survey will establish a baseline for contaminated land that remains to be cleared so the Lao Government and international donors can plan their future clearance activities and accurately forecast how much time and money it will take to make Laos UXO impact-free.

Earlier this year, in anticipation of President Obama's trip to Laos, Tim Rieser from my office met twice with White House staff. They discussed ways to increase funding for UXO programs in Laos. I applaud President Obama for publicly recognizing that we have a responsibility to do more to end this tragic legacy by accelerating our efforts.

I will do all I can to ensure that Congress does its part to appropriate the funds, so that in the not too distant future all Laotians can walk in safety.

I think what President Obama is doing is similar to what President George H. W. Bush did, the first President Bush. Even though we had fought a war with Vietnam, even though it divided this country, after the war he decided we needed to do something to begin to reengage with Vietnam and to show our appreciation for those who had helped us with MIAs in Vietnam. He worked with Bobby Muller, Tim Rieser, me, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation and used the Leahy War Victims Fund there.

I visited it at the time and could see what a difference it can make. I look forward to going to Laos and seeing what a difference the Leahy Fund and our country's efforts will make there.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. President, as most of us do in August, I traveled around my State, Vermont—the land area is only the second largest State in New England, which makes it not that large. I can travel all over it. I heard from Vermonters all around my home State about the issues that are important to them.

One thing I heard at almost every stop I made—whether it was for a Republican group, a Democratic group, or an Independent group, whatever their age, whatever they did for work, they said: What about the Supreme Court? Why has the Senate failed to act on the nomination of Chief Judge Merrick Garland?

I told them that the Senate is returning from the longest recess in nearly 50 years, and perhaps the Republican leadership was hoping that Americans had forgotten about the unprecedented obstruction of a Supreme Court nominee. But I can assure you that Americans—and certainly Vermonters—have not forgotten. They have not forgotten the fact that Senate Republicans have refused to hold a hearing for Chief Judge Garland, and they have not forgotten this unprecedented step in not allowing a hearing. They have not forgotten that some Senators still have not even afforded Chief Judge Garland the courtesy of a meeting. This means the Supreme Court continues to be hindered by the lack of a full bench of Justices.

Chief Judge Garland's nomination has been blocked by Republicans in the Senate for 174 days. Nearly half a year has passed since President Obama nominated Chief Judge Garland to the Supreme Court after Justice Scalia's untimely death—and Senate Republicans have done nothing about it. At no time in the history of our country has something like this been done.

I think the Senate should get to work and fulfill its constitutional duty of providing advice and consent on the nomination and then have the guts to vote either yes or no to ensure that we have a fully functioning Supreme Court. Instead of doing our job, we are voting "maybe." Over the recess, the Majority Leader bragged that one of his "proudest moments" was when he unilaterally declared that he would not allow the Supreme Court vacancy to be filled by President Obama. Such cynical rhetoric is beyond disappointing. The partisan decision to refuse any sort of consideration of a highly qualified nominee such as Chief Judge Garland is an embarrassment. It is not an accomplishment of which the Senate can be proud.

We must all be reminded that this stubborn refusal to consider Chief Judge Garland has real world consequences that go beyond politics. The Republican obstruction of Chief Judge Garland has diminished the Supreme Court. It has impacted millions of families across the country. This summer when the Supreme Court completed its most recent term, the damage became clear. In seven separate cases, the eight remaining Justices could not serve as the final arbiter of law when they were unable to issue a final decision on the merits. In another case involving a death penalty appeal—a matter of life and death—the Court also deadlocked. Just last week, the Court deadlocked on consideration of an election law

case that will impact the constitutional rights of millions of voters ahead of this year's election.

Notwithstanding that, Senate Republicans, who are in the majority, have taken this unprecedented step—the only time in the history of the country. For months, in poll after poll, two-thirds of the American people want a public hearing for Chief Judge Garland. They continue their blockade in the hope that their party's Presidential nominee wins in November. It is disappointing that they continue to hold our highest Court hostage in support of an intemperate political candidate who has demonstrated contempt for the rule of law and who has said that some judges aren't qualified because their forebears were Mexican.

The Republican nominee for president is a man who opposes the bedrock principle of freedom of the press. He is a man who attacked a Federal judge based on his race and heritage. He is a man who repeatedly attacked the gold star parents of a brave, selfless Army captain who was killed in Iraq while protecting his fellow soldiers. Despite these and several additional episodes demonstrating that the Republican nominee represents an unacceptable risk to our country, Senate Republicans continue to block Chief Judge Garland in the hope that their nominee is elected and can appoint judges.

The Republican obstruction and disregard for a coequal branch of government also extends to the lower Federal courts. Since taking over the majority last year, Senate Republican inaction has allowed judicial vacancies to more than double and to reach 90 vacancies. This amounts to more than 10% of the Federal bench. Vacancies have reached what the Congressional Research Service calls “historically high” levels. The American people are left waiting for justice as the number of vacant seats pile up. Yet the Republican leadership refuses to allow a vote on any of the 27 judicial nominees who are already pending on the Executive Calendar. These nominees are the result of the President working with home State Senators, Republicans and Democrats, to make a nomination. Each of these nominees was voted out of the Judiciary Committee with bipartisan support.

For example, the next Federal district court nominee ready for a vote is Edward Stanton from Tennessee. Mr. Stanton is the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. He has the support of both of his Republican home state senators and was voice voted out of the Judiciary Committee. Yet this excellent nominee, who has been serving the people of Tennessee as one of the state's top Federal prosecutors, has been languishing on the floor since last October. I think both Senators from Tennessee will agree with me that there is no good reason why Mr. Stanton should have waited this long for an up-or-down vote.

In 2008, George W. Bush was President. He was in the last year of his

term. Democrats controlled the Senate. I was chairman of the Judiciary Committee. All Senators, whether Republican or Democratic, actually worked together to fill these lower court vacancies. In September 2008, we confirmed 10 judicial nominees in 1 day. We actually did it in September. And not a single nominee was left on the Executive Calendar. Of those 10 nominees, nine had support from home state Republican Senators. I was proud to work with Senators Arlen Specter, PAT ROBERTS, Sam Brownback, John Warner, Mel Martinez, Wayne Allard, Bob Bennett, and ORRIN HATCH to confirm nominees to fill vacancies in their states, and help ensure that the people of those states had access to justice in our Federal courts.

Today, 13 judicial nominees from States represented by 16 Republican Senators are ready for confirmation votes. These nominees have been waiting two, three, even 10 months for a simple vote. I hope that these 16 Republican Senators are able to impress upon their leadership just how important it is to allow the Senate to do its job and vote on these nominees who would serve their States. I despair somewhat because even though they are nominees from their States and are here with their approval, they are not getting their leadership to move forward, just as not a single Republican Senator has been able to get their Republican leadership to allow a hearing and a vote on Judge Garland.

I hope the Republican leadership will reconsider their outright refusal to allow a hearing and vote for Chief Judge Garland's nomination on the Supreme Court. This unprecedented, unwarranted stance has already undermined one term of the High Court, but there is still time to avoid harming another term.

It is good that we actually show up now and then in Washington to do our work. There is plenty of time to have a hearing and vote on Chief Judge Garland's nomination. It is time for the Senate to get back to work.

I hope my friends on the other side of the aisle will realize what they have done to the Supreme Court and will reverse this. It is able to be blocked only because all Republicans stood with their leader and blocked the Supreme Court nominee. I think that is wrong. It has never been done before. In fact, the last time there was a vacancy—I mention this for the young pages who are here. They will get a little history lesson, and it is something the Senators should know. The last time there was a vacancy in a Presidential election year, there was a Republican President and Democrats were in control of the Senate. We confirmed that nominee in the Presidential election year, and the vote was unanimous.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum, and I ask unanimous consent that the time be equally divided.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. AYOTTE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, we have a vote coming up at 5:30 on the Zika crisis. Unfortunately, it is not the vote we voted on in the bipartisan bill which there were 69 votes in favor of out of 100 Senators and which we then sent to the House. The House then added a number of political messages that don't have anything to do with Zika, such as the display of the Confederate flag. There are some people who want that displayed in certain areas. What does that have to do with Zika? There are others who definitely don't want that.

Here is another one: Defund Planned Parenthood. Well, there are clearly people in the House of Representatives who want to defund Planned Parenthood, but what does that have to do with Zika, save for a lot of women who are pregnant and who suspect they might have the Zika virus and might go to a Planned Parenthood clinic? That would suggest we shouldn't defund Planned Parenthood.

What about cutting back on Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico? Now, that has something to do with Zika because Puerto Rico and Brazil are the two places that are the most infected. The CDC estimates that 25 percent of the population of Puerto Rico is infected with the Zika virus. So why would we want to cut Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico? Well, that is not only ridiculous, it is silly.

So once again—now multiple times—at 5:30, we will have that vote, and those who desperately want the funding to meet the emergency crisis of Zika are being asked to do so by having to take these political riders that people who are in the extreme spectrum of politics in the House of Representatives want and think they can force us to take. Well, it is not going to happen.

Is there a crisis? Well, let me tell you what the latest is in my State of Florida. There are 67 non-travel-related cases of Zika that have been established. There are 577 in the State of Florida that are travel-related. What does that mean? That means that 577 people have contracted Zika someplace else and they have come to Florida. But they are there. There are 67—maybe over 70—who have contracted Zika in the State of Florida.

You can contract it one of two ways. You can contract it from a mosquito that is infected. The *Aedes aegypti* strain of mosquito is not a normal mosquito. He lurks in the back, dark corners of the house. She can lay her eggs in stagnant water in something as little as a bottle cap. That is one way

to get Zika transmitted in Florida, and there have been upwards of 70 of those cases. The other way is by sexual transmission. If one of the partners has Zika, they can transmit it to the other.

The Zika virus lives in the male for about 2 months. The Zika virus itself manifests itself like a mild flu. That is not really the problem; the problem is the over 80 females in Florida who are pregnant and who also have the Zika virus. Madam President, you have seen the photos of these terribly deformed children. That is because as the fetus develops, the virus attacks the brain stem and lessens the ability of the fetus to develop a normal head and a normal size brain. As a result, we see these pictures of these terribly deformed babies. It is such a tragedy not only for the family, but it is a considerable expense. We have heard some authorities estimate that for the expected life of a child who is born with microcephaly, it may cost as much as \$10 million. Where is that money going to come from? And in our State of Florida, there are over 80 females who are pregnant and who are infected with the Zika virus.

I gave just the statistics of our State. We happen to be ground zero for the Zika virus. There are 12 flights a day into the Miami International Airport from Brazil and Puerto Rico. So you see the opportunity to keep bringing it in just into the State of Florida. It is elsewhere in the country as well.

Some of our brethren and sistren around here—but especially in the other body, since we passed the bill here—still have their heads in the sand and are refusing to recognize that this is an emergency. If they continue, here is what is going to happen: An infected person doesn't necessarily stay in one place. They can get on an airplane or they can get on a train or in a car and go elsewhere in the country. Elsewhere in the country, if that infected person is bitten by an aegypti mosquito, now that mosquito is infected, and that mosquito feeds on an average of four people at one sitting for dinner. So now the infected mosquito has now infected four more people in another State because that person traveled to another State.

It ought to be common sense. And how many times have folks like me and the Senator from Maryland come and pled with our colleagues to stop this monkey business? Let's stop these political games. Let's stop these political riders. Let's do what the Senate did 3 months ago when it passed—bipartisan—by 69 votes \$1.1 billion in emergency funding and sent it to the House and asked the House to stop playing these games.

So it seems to me we are going to go through another exercise, now having done so multiple times. We are going to vote this down at 5:30. What is going to happen next? I hope reasonable heads will prevail.

Madam President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, first, I want to thank my colleague from Florida, Senator NELSON, for his comments in regard to the Zika funding. As the Senator from Florida, he knows firsthand of the locally acquired Zika virus in his own State. This is not just a matter of individuals traveling to other countries and obtaining the Zika virus and coming back to the United States; we have a locally acquired Zika virus here in the United States, and Senator NELSON has been an outspoken leader in the Senate and in the Congress for doing the right thing.

He was absolutely right when he said that 3 months ago we passed a compromise bill that would have funded the NIH, USAID, and the other agencies and what they need for the remainder of the year. It would have done it in a way that was not all the money I thought or he thought should be provided, but it was a fair compromise. Instead, of course, we got a conference report that contained less funds, poison pills, and issues that are not related to the Zika funding to try to move forward a pretty extreme agenda. That is not what we should be doing with the health of the people of this country.

So I take this time to support what Senator NELSON has said, and I rise to talk about the urgent need for us to provide full funding—full funding—for our response to the Zika virus.

More than 6 months ago, President Obama submitted a request to Congress for \$1.9 billion in emergency supplemental funding to address the virus. The request included \$1.5 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, \$335 million for the U.S. Agency for International Development, \$41 million for the Department of State, and support for several other Federal agencies.

The administration's plan, which had the full weight of the scientific community behind it, represents a coordinated, well-funded, whole-of-government approach to combating the virus, with a focus on prevention, treatment, and research. But instead of listening to the experts, Republicans offered a Zika conference report that underfunded critical Federal, State, and global response efforts by more than \$800 million and included poisonous policy riders and pay-fors. The Senate rightly rejected the Zika conference report. We will have another opportunity, and I just urge my colleagues: Let's stop playing politics with this and let's bring forward clean funding for the Zika virus. Many Senators, including myself, were extremely disappointed that we adjourned for the summer recess before dealing with this public health emergency.

One thing is clear. Zika will not simply disappear on its own. When we left town in July, there were approximately 1,100 travel-associated Zika cases reported in the continental United States, including 31 in my home State of Maryland and 2,474 locally ac-

quired cases across U.S. territories. As has been pointed out, people travel and they bring the virus back here to the United States. It can be transmitted via mosquitoes here, and it can be locally acquired here. Just 6 weeks later, the number of travel-associated Zika infections has more than doubled to 2,500 cases, including 77 cases in Maryland. The number of locally acquired cases across the U.S. territories has jumped fourfold in the last 6 weeks to more than 9,000 cases, and, perhaps most alarmingly, as Senator NELSON pointed out, it is documented here in the United States. Florida has documented approximately 30 locally acquired Zika cases.

Zika isn't just a threat to us at home. It also threatens American service men and women and their families and other personnel who are serving abroad. Earlier this month, the Department of Defense officially confirmed that 33 U.S. servicemembers have contracted the virus abroad. Just last week, officials in Singapore—a country we haven't even considered in the context of Zika—announced that it had 82 confirmed cases of the virus and had detected local transmission.

We cannot play partisan politics with this virus. Because of Zika, babies are being born in the United States and throughout Central and South America with horrible birth defects. A recent study found that microcephaly is not the only birth defect resulting from this virus. To date, more than 1,300 pregnant women in the continental United States and territories are being monitored following laboratory evidence of possible Zika virus infection. This is according to the Zika Pregnancy Registry.

Without congressional action to fund our response to the Zika epidemic adequately, the efforts to better understand and combat this terrible disease are in danger of being derailed. Let me quote from Dr. Tony Fauci, the Nation's leading infectious disease expert and the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. He is well known by all of us on both sides of the aisle, and he is frequently used by Democrats and Republicans here as the expert. This is what he said: "The vaccine effort will be blunted if not aborted if we don't have the funding."

Dr. Fauci also emphasized that other vital HHS and National Institutes of Health programs will suffer if the agency is forced to focus funding primarily on vaccine development. Already, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has diverted funds from tuberculosis and malaria research to fund Zika efforts. These funds have not been paid back. Those programs are now suffering.

While Congress has been away, the administration has been forced to rob vital research programs focusing on Ebola, kidney disease, and cancer. Earlier this month, Secretary Burwell announced that HHS will transfer another \$81 million from other research

programs to NIH and Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority to continue Zika vaccine development. It is unconscionable that we are forcing our public health officials to make these kinds of decisions. Funding of NIH has always been a bipartisan priority, yet here we are not making the money available, requiring money to be diverted from other important NIH projects and inadequately funding a response to the public health emergency of Zika.

Even with those additional funds that were made available, Dr. Fauci will still need \$196 million to fully fund NIH's research of Zika. If Congress doesn't approve emergency funding for Zika research, NIH's Zika vaccine trials will once again be interrupted and treatments will be further delayed. How do we explain this to the millions of Americans at risk for contracting Zika here at home?

Let me just point out that on August 30, just a couple of days ago, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control announced that the agency will run out of funding to fight Zika. We don't have the money there. It is up to Congress to provide those funds. As we know, from mosquitoes is how this virus is contracted. The peak mosquito season in the United States typically lasts through October. If local transmission spreads in other areas, the CDC is unlikely to have the resources to respond and send teams to support local and State health departments. That is what is at risk. Millions of Americans are at risk.

State and local health departments also bear the brunt of the consequences of not fully funding Zika response efforts. Our Nation's health departments are on the front line, fighting the disease while working on grassroots levels to expand and enhance prevention efforts, including mosquito surveillance and control, promoting culturally conscious education programs to raise public awareness, and equipping our public health care workforce with the most medically accurate guidelines to help patients make informed decisions about their health care.

The first order of business for this Congress should be to pass an adequate and clean Zika funding bill. Neglecting to pass an appropriate Zika response bill is a failure to expectant mothers who are growing concerned about the lasting impact that mosquito bites this summer could have on the health of their unborn children, and it is a failure to the millions of Americans who trust us to do everything in our power to safeguard their health and well-being. If we expect to make adequate progress on combating this virus this year, if we want to protect the health and welfare of all Americans, Congress must pass a clean, well-resourced funding bill without delay.

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.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, an act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, John Cornyn, John Thune, Orrin G. Hatch, Jerry Moran, Shelley Moore Capito, Johnny Isakson, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, John Hoeven, Joni Ernst, Steve Daines, Chuck Grassley, James E. Risch, John Boozman, Cory Gardner, John Barrasso.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, an act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "yea".

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) is necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) would vote nay.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 135 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Alexander	Enzi	Perdue
Ayotte	Ernst	Portman
Barrasso	Fischer	Risch
Blunt	Flake	Roberts
Boozman	Gardner	Rounds
Burr	Graham	Rubio
Capito	Grassley	Sasse
Cassidy	Hatch	Scott
Coats	Heller	Sessions
Cochran	Inhofe	Shelby
Collins	Isakson	Sullivan
Corker	Johnson	Thune
Cornyn	Kirk	Tillis
Cotton	McCain	Toomey
Crapo	McConnell	Vitter
Cruz	Moran	Wicker
Daines	Murkowski	
Donnelly	Paul	

NAYS—46

Baldwin	Heitkamp	Peters
Bennet	Hirono	Reed
Blumenthal	King	Reid
Booker	Klobuchar	Sanders
Boxer	Lankford	Schatz
Brown	Leahy	Schumer
Cantwell	Lee	Shaheen
Cardin	Manchin	Stabenow
Carper	Markey	Tester
Casey	McCaskill	Udall
Coons	Menendez	Warner
Durbin	Merkley	Warren
Feinstein	Mikulski	Whitehouse
Franken	Murphy	Wyden
Gillibrand	Murray	
Heinrich	Nelson	

NOT VOTING—2

Hoeven Kaine

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 46.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 524, H.R. 5293, an act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, James Lankford, John Thune, Orrin G. Hatch, Jerry Moran, Shelley Moore Capito, Johnny Isakson, Mike Crapo, John Boozman, Thom Tillis, John Hoeven, Joni Ernst, David Perdue, Dan Sullivan, Steve Daines, Chuck Grassley, James E. Risch.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAINES). By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 5293, an act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) is necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) would vote "nay."

The result was announced—yeas 55, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 136 Leg.]

YEAS—55

Alexander	Barrasso	Boozman
Ayotte	Blunt	Burr

Capito	Graham	Portman
Cassidy	Grassley	Risch
Coats	Hatch	Roberts
Cochran	Heller	Rounds
Collins	Inhofe	Rubio
Corker	Isakson	Sasse
Cornyn	Johnson	Scott
Cotton	Kirk	Sessions
Crapo	Lankford	Shelby
Cruz	Lee	Sullivan
Daines	Manchin	Thune
Donnelly	McCain	Tillis
Enzi	McConnell	Toomey
Ernst	Moran	Vitter
Fischer	Murkowski	Wicker
Flake	Paul	
Gardner	Perdue	

NAYS—43

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reid
Bennet	Heitkamp	Reid
Blumenthal	Hirono	Sanders
Booker	King	Schatz
Boxer	Klobuchar	Schumer
Brown	Leahy	Shaheen
Cantwell	Markey	Stabenow
Cardin	McCaskill	Tester
Carper	Menendez	Udall
Casey	Merkley	Warner
Coons	Mikulski	Warren
Durbin	Murphy	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Murray	Wyden
Franken	Nelson	
Gillibrand	Peters	

NOT VOTING—2

Hoeven	Kaine
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 55, the nays are 43.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The majority leader.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 523, S. 2848.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 523, S. 2848, a bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate 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.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES BAIRD

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 60th birthday of James Baird, who is a hard-working businessman, ecclesiastical leader, and friend.

James was born in Las Vegas, NV, and raised in Provo, UT. His father, Joseph Hugh Baird, worked at Brigham Young University, and his mother, Florence Richards, was a piano teacher. As a child, James enjoyed spending

time with his nine siblings and nurturing his horse, Julie.

James grew up with a strong entrepreneurial spirit. He began his career in grade school by mowing lawns and eventually starting his own landscaping company. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a business degree and went on to own and operate multiple start-up companies, each of which made a positive impact on their local communities. James currently serves as the director of operations for Madison Fields, a farm and riding facility for children and adults with autism, where he is regarded as a patient and caring colleague.

In addition to being a successful businessman, James is also devoted to his wife of 38 years, Dr. Melinda Lambert Baird. Dr. Baird is a phenomenal concert pianist and serves as the director of piano programs at Levine Music and the director of education and community outreach at Steinway & Sons. James and Melinda have four children and eleven grandchildren, whom they love dearly.

James's family values come from his membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—LDS. At a young age, James served a mission for the LDS church in Baton Rouge, LA. During that time, James's brother, Mark, was killed in a jeep accident. James decided to remain in Louisiana and continued to serve the people there. Since then, James has remained an involved member of his church and served as a bishop in Rockville, MD. Currently, James is acting as the president of the Washington, DC, Stake. In this position, President Baird lends his service to more than 2,000 church members in the Washington DC, and southern Maryland areas without pay or reimbursement. James's arms are open for anyone in need, and he is devoted to improving the lives of people in Washington, DC. I have had the pleasure of knowing James as one of my church leaders and friends, and I admire and appreciate his service.

James is a man who has inspired countless lives in his local, work, and religious communities. I congratulate him on his many successes, and I wish him the best as he continues to serve the people of Washington, DC.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THREE NEVADA CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Terri Robertson, Helen Mortenson, and Marge Sill, three lifelong conservation activists from Nevada.

Terri Robertson has been a longtime advocate for the protection of southern Nevada's unique outdoor spaces. This fourth-generation Nevadan embarked on her mission to protect Nevada lands over 40 years ago, beginning with her work to protect Red Rock Canyon from encroachment from nearby Las Vegas. Terri was also instrumental in the des-

ignation of Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. I know of her outsized influence because I led the effort in the Senate to establish Red Rock Canyon and Sloan Canyon National Conservation Areas. Even today, Terri continues to push for additional protections and amenities for Sloan, where she visited ancient petroglyph galleries on family trips as a child. It is because of the work of people like Terri that the Bureau of Land Management recently unveiled a plan to add a visitor center, information kiosks, and paved roads to provide access to the canyon. In May 2016, the BLM and city of Henderson celebrated the opening of the first paved access road to Sloan. Terri has also used her passion and knowledge of Nevada's natural resources to protect other special places in Clark County, including Tule Springs and Gold Butte.

Marge Sill has been a wilderness advocate in Nevada and California for 50 years. After she moved to Reno, she began working to protect wilderness land in northern and central Nevada as urban development began to encroach upon those wild spaces. Marge has been working to protect the stark and stunning vistas of the West for so long that she has earned the nickname "Mother of Wilderness." Marge got her start in the Sierra Club a half century ago. To describe that time, she once remarked that the women of the club did the work, while the men just talked about change. Marge put in the work to create the Lake Tahoe State Park in 1963, and she fought to establish the Great Basin National Park, Nevada's only national park. However, Marge considers her greatest accomplishment to be the passage of the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act of 1989, which designated over 700,000 acres of wilderness in the Silver State. I was pleased to author this legislation, which created several wilderness areas that Nevadans now treasure, including the Mount Charleston, Mount Rose, and the Ruby Mountains Wilderness Areas, among others, and expanded Nevada's first wilderness area, Jarbidge. Marge has always been my most avid supporter, for which I will always be grateful.

Finally, I would like to recognize Helen Mortenson. Together with her late husband, Harry, Helen advocated for the preservation and protection of Nevada's outdoors for decades. A consultant specializing in nuclear, radiological, and environmental issues, Helen fought for years with her husband, Harry, a conservation champion in the Nevada State Assembly, to keep Nevada's environment safe and clean by opposing the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository. But Helen's greatest work has no doubt been her advocacy for the protection of Tule Springs in northern Las Vegas. Thanks to Helen and Harry's activism, I was able to work with my colleagues in Congress to pass legislation in 2014 that designated the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument. As president

of the Las Vegas Ice Age Park Foundation and an archaeologist herself, Helen used her knowledge to educate her community and local lawmakers about the significance of the Tule Springs site. Because of her, fossil sites of prehistoric mammoths and giant sloths will always remain only a short drive away for residents of the Las Vegas Valley.

These three champions of conservation taught us all about the need to protect and treasure Nevada's wild places. Their passion, advocacy, and community-building facilitated the passage of legislation that will keep the wild Nevada I love intact and accessible for generations. Their work is appreciated, and I wish them continued success for years to come.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I wish to honor the 50th anniversary of the First African Methodist Episcopal—FAME—Church. In September 2016, FAME will formally celebrate over 50 years of commitment to worship and community outreach in the great State of Nevada.

Since 1996, FAME has played an integral role in the success of both north Las Vegas and the State of Nevada. The church works to provide Nevadans with a place to worship and connect with the community. FAME takes pride in ensuring that its members are positive contributors to the communities in which they reside, all while promoting their spiritual development.

Since its inception, the church has also been a strong supporter of outreach ministries that promote and bring awareness to the importance of community service. FAME has helped much-needed resources to the homeless, elderly, and disabled, and it has created educational and career opportunities for young students and high school graduates. These programs not only encourage people to remain civically engaged, but also foster connections between members of the church and communities throughout the State of Nevada.

I applaud Reverend Ralph E. Williamson and his team for their strong leadership of this important organization. It is through their selfless efforts that numerous Nevadans have been positively impacted by FAME. This institution is an invaluable part of the Silver State, and I extend my best wishes for continued success as the church enters its next chapter.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada was established in 1921 by Bishop

Thomas K. Gorman to provide social services for Nevadans in need. Bishop Gorman assigned Father Thomas F. Collins as the first director of Catholic Charities, and Father Collins diligently organized programs to combat homelessness and connect families with foster children throughout the Silver State. Bishop Gorman and Father Collins inspired hope through service to southern Nevadans, and we continue to see the same dedication in the organization's current leadership.

With the incredible growth in Nevada, Catholic Charities has expanded to provide aid to senior citizens, refugees, immigrants, girls in crisis, and the homeless population throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Catholic Charities is now one of the largest private nonprofit social service providers in Nevada, offering comprehensive assistance through 20 programs to support the community. I have worked closely with Catholic Charities to forge public-private partnerships to address human trafficking, homelessness, immigration services, and poor nutrition. Today the organization serves as a sanctuary for people in southern Nevada.

Catholic Charities has always made significant and positive contributions to our community. The services provided by Catholic Charities ensure Nevadans have the support they need to live a better life in Nevada. Catholic Charities' work is appreciated and admired, and I wish their continued success.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Lambda Business Association.

The Lambda Business Association was established in Las Vegas in 1991 as a networking club for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer—LGBTQ—businessowners and professionals. Since then, Lambda has grown into a strong nonprofit organization known as the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce for Southern Nevada and has become a resilient voice for the LGBTQ business community.

For the past 25 years, Lambda has brought together LGBTQ business owners and their allies to build a strong network of public leaders. Lambda's members proudly display the attributes of inclusion, equality, integrity, fairness, and responsibility outlined in Lambda's code of ethics. Lambda also provides important volunteer opportunities to its members to bring positive change to southern Nevada. Through its dedicated work, Lambda has fought for a more inclusive economic environment that promotes the entrepreneurial spirit that helps businesses grow and succeed.

Lambda's work is appreciated and admired. I look forward to the continued work of Lambda to ensure equal rights for LGBTQ businessowners and professionals, and I wish this important orga-

nization success for many years to come.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, for purposes of today's votes, I want to announce that, had I voted on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, I would have voted no on both cloture motions, the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, MilCon-VA appropriations, and the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 524, H.R. 5293, DOD appropriations.

This is consistent with how I voted previously on June 28, July 7, and July 14, 2016.●

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-29, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$124.02 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J.W. RIXEY,
Vice Admiral, USN, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-29

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Qatar.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$0.02 million.

Other \$124.00 million.

Total \$124.02 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Eight (8) M2HB .50 Caliber Machine Guns.

Non-MDE: Also included are Mk-V Fast Patrol Boats, Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Systems, MLG 27mm Gun Systems, 27mm ammunition, 27mm target practice ammunition, .50 Caliber ammunition, support equipment, publications, technical documentation, personnel training, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, in-country support, technical and logistics support services.

(iv) Military Department: Navy.

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 19, 2016.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Qatar—Mk-V Fast Patrol Boat

The Government of Qatar has requested:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Eight (8) M2HB .50 Caliber Machine Guns

Non-MDE: Also included are Mk-V Fast Patrol Boats, Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Systems, MLG 27mm Gun Systems, 27mm ammunition, 27mm target practice ammunition, .50 Caliber ammunition, support equipment, publications, technical documentation, personnel training, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, in-country support, technical and logistics support services.

The total estimated value of MDE is \$0.02 million. The total estimated value is \$124.02 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country. Qatar is an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Persian Gulf region. This proposed sale will provide Qatar with military capabilities to protect its critical sea-based infrastructure and maritime security. Qatar will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment, services, and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be United States Marine Incorporated (USMI) in Gulfport, Mississippi. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program and technical reviews, system integration, as well as training and maintenance support in country for a period of five (5) years.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-29

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Mk-V fast patrol boat is approximately twenty-eight meters (28) long with an approximate beam of six (6) meters powered by MTU diesel engines with a waterjet drive. It has a top speed of forty-five (45) knots.

The MK-V is outfitted with a stern launchable inflatable boat. The MK-V is outfitted with unclassified commercial off-the-shelf navigation to include magnetic compass, fluxgate compass, gyro compass, Global Positioning System (GPS), electronic chart plotter, anemometer, navigation radar, navigation lights, navigation horn siren, and other electrical and non-electronic navigation aids. The MK-V utilizes commercial communications to include high frequency (HF), and very high frequency (VHF) communication radio systems, intercom system, boat horn and blue strobe Jaw enforcement lights. The overall classification level of the vessel is UNCLASSIFIED.

2. A determination has been made that the Government of Qatar can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

3. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Qatar.

DEFENSE SECURITY

COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,

*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 15-55, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Afghanistan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$60 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J.W. RIXEY,

Vice Admiral, USN, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 15-55

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Afghanistan.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$ 30.0 million.

Other \$30.0 million.

Total \$60.0 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Four thousand, eight hundred and ninety-one (4,891) M16A4 5.56mm Rifles.

Four hundred and eighty-five (485) M240B 7.62mm Machine Guns.

Eight hundred (800) M2 .50 caliber Machine Guns.

Non-MDE: Also included with this request are M249 Light Automatic Machine Guns; M110 7.62mm Sniper Rifles; MK-19 40mm Grenade Launchers; MK-93 40mm Machine Gun Mounts; M3 Tripod Machine Gun Mounts; Spare Barrels; spare and repair parts; lot validation; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; Quality Assurance Team; U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (UBY).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: FMS case B6-B-FAK—\$138.8M—Nov 2007, FMS case E3-B-UAF—\$39.0M—Aug 2008, FMS case E6-B-UBN—\$55.0M—Jul 2009, FMS case AF-B-

UBI—\$3.3M—Jan 2010, FMS case G5-B-UAG—\$39.0M—Mar 2010, FMS case G5-B-UEQ—\$11.0M—Nov 2010, FMS case G5-B-UEK—\$152.5M—Nov 2010, FMS case G6-B-UBD—\$20.2M—Apr 2011, FMS case G6-B-UBI—\$512.6M—May 2011, FMS case H5-B-UCN—\$20.8M—Dec 2012, FMS case H5-B-UES—\$1.8M—Aug 2013, FMS case J3-B-UCJ—\$50.9M—Mar 2015, FMS case J3-B-UDE—\$2.7M—Apr 2015, FMS case J3-B-UEW—\$5.66M—Sep 2015, FMS case J8-B-UAI—\$21M—May 2015, FMS case J8-B-UAN—\$7.6M—Jul 2015, FMS case V3-B-UAP—\$9M—Apr 2016.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 17, 2016.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Afghanistan—Individual and Crew Served Weapons

The Government of Afghanistan has requested a possible sale of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Four thousand, eight hundred and ninety-one (4,891) M16A4 5.56mm Rifles.

Four hundred and eighty-five (485) M240B 7.62mm Machine Guns.

Eight hundred (800) M2 .50 caliber Machine Guns.

Non-MDE: Also included with this request are M249 Light Automatic Machine Guns; M110 7.62mm Sniper Rifles; MK-19 40mm Grenade Launchers; MK-93 40mm Machine Gun Mounts; M3 Tripod Machine Gun Mounts; Spare Barrels; spare and repair parts; lot validation; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; Quality Assurance Team; U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$60 million.

The proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a strategic partner by providing weapons needed to maintain security and stability, as well as to conduct offensive operations against an ongoing insurgency. A stable and secure Afghanistan is vital to regional stability. This proposed sale will also demonstrate the U.S. commitment to Afghanistan's security.

Afghanistan has an urgent requirement to increase its stocks of crew-served weapons for ongoing counter-insurgency operations and enduring threats to its national sovereignty. These articles were determined to be necessary and are based on Afghanistan's force structure and operational requirements.

The Afghan National Army (ANA) will use these weapons and equipment in both offensive and defensive operations against insurgents and terrorists within their borders. Without these defense articles, the ANA will not have the military capabilities that are necessary to maintain security and stability. The ANA is thoroughly trained and prepared to use the proposed defense articles. Afghanistan will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

While equipment for the ANA is typically purchased with Title 10 Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (ASFF) appropriations and implemented by DSCA through pseudo-FMS cases, Afghanistan will use U.S. government grants to fund and support this proposed purchase.

The principal contractor for the M240B will be FN America, Columbia, SC. The principal

contractors for the M16A4, M2, and other weapons have not been identified pending open competition and contract award. Some items may be drawn from Army stocks to meet desired delivery dates. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of approximately eight (8) additional U.S. Government and approximately six (6) contractor representatives to Afghanistan for approximately 5–6 weeks in support of the fielding, maintenance and personnel training.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-30, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Lead-Nation sale to the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$231 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J.W. RIXEY,
Vice Admiral, USN, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-30

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) as Lead Nation for potential subsequent retransfer to Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and Spain in accordance with Section 3(d)(4)(C)(ii)

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$151 million.

Other \$80 million.

Total \$231 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Five hundred (500) Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Guidance Kits, KMU-556 F/B.
Forty (40) JDAM Guidance Kits, KMU-557 F/B.

One thousand five hundred (1,500) JDAM Guidance Kits, KMU-572 F/B.

One thousand (1,000) MAU 210 E/B Computer Control Groups for 1,000-lb. Enhanced Paveway IIs.

Three hundred (300) MAU 210 E/B Computer Control Groups for GBU-49s.

One thousand twenty-five (1,025) MAU 169 L/B Computer Control Groups for GBU-12s.

One thousand and three hundred fifty (1,350) Joint Programmable Fuzes, FMU-152 A/B.

Sixty (60) Bomb Fin Assembly and Airfoil Group 650-MXU K/B for GBU-12s.

One thousand twenty-five (1,025) Bomb Fin Assembly and Airfoil Group, MXU-650 K/B AFG for GBU-12s.

Non-MDE: This request also includes the following Non-MDE: Detector Sensing Unit (DSU)-38A/B Laser sensors, DSU-330/B proximity sensors, Wireless Paveway Avionics Kit (WIPAK) interfaces for Enhanced Paveway TI bombs, FMU-139C/B electronic bomb fuzes, repair and return services, transportation, engineering services, and other support services.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (YAA).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 9, 2016.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

NATO Support and Procurement Agency— Precision Guided Munitions

NATO Support and Procurement Agency as Lead Nation has requested a possible sale of precision guided munitions for subsequent retransfer to Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and Spain. Included are: five hundred (500) Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Guidance Kits, KMU-556 F/B; forty (40) JDAM Guidance Kits, KMU-557 F/B; one thousand five hundred (1,500) JDAM Guidance Kits, KMU-572 F/B; one thousand (1,000) MAU 210 E/B Computer Control Groups for 1,000-lb. Enhanced Paveway IIs; three hundred (300) MAU 210 E/B Computer Control Groups for GBU-49s; one thousand twenty-five (1,025) MAU 169 L/B Computer Control Groups for GBU-12s; one thousand three hundred fifty (1,350) Joint Programmable Fuzes, FMU-152 A/B; sixty (60) Bomb Fin Assembly and Airfoil Group 650-MXU K/B for GBU-12s; one thousand twenty-five (1,025) Bomb Fin Assembly and Airfoil Group, MXU-650 K/B AFG for GBU-12s. It also includes Detector Sensing Unit (DSU)-38A/B Laser sensors; DSU-330/B proximity sensors; Wireless Paveway Avionics Kit (WIPAK) interfaces for Enhanced Paveway II bombs; FMU-139C/B electronic bomb fuzes; repair and return services; transportation; engineering services; and other support services. The estimated value is \$231 million.

The proposed sale improves NATO members' capability to meet current and future ground threats with precision. They will use the enhanced capacity as a deterrent to regional threats, and to increase interoperability within contingency operations. Many of the purchasing nations already have precision-guided munitions in their inventories and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional munitions.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors for production are the Boeing Corporation of St Louis, Missouri, and Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to NATO.

There is no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-30

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) is a guidance kit that converts existing unguided free-fall bombs into precision-guided "smart" munitions. By adding a new tail section containing Inertial Navigation System (INS)/Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance to existing inventories of BLU-109, BLU-111, and BLU-117, or MK-84 and MK-82 bombs, the cost effective JDAM provides highly accurate weapon delivery in

any "flyable" weather. The INS, using updates from the GPS, helps guide the bomb to the target via the use of movable tail fins. The bomb is fitted with the MXU-650 airfoil and the MAU-169 L/B Computer Control Group (CCG) or the MAU-210 E/B to guide to its laser-designated target. The JDAM All Up Round (AUR) and all of its components are UNCLASSIFIED; technical data for JDAM are classified up to SECRET. Weapon accuracy is dependent on target coordinates and present position as entered into the guidance control unit. After weapon release, movable tail fins guide the weapon to the target coordinates.

2. The KMU-556 F/B, KMU-557 F/B and the KMU-572 F/B are the tail kits for the GBU-31. They contain a GPS Receiver Card with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM). Information revealing SAASM implementation details such as number or length of keying variables, circuit diagrams, specific quantitative measures, functions, and capabilities is classified SECRET.

3. The DSU-38A/B Laser Sensor uses both GPS-aided inertial navigations and/or Laser guidance to execute threat targets. The Laser sensor enhances standard JDAM's reactive target capability by allowing rapid prosecution of fixed targets with large initial target location errors (TLE). The DSU-38A/B Laser sensor also provides the additional capability to engage mobile targets moving up to 70 mph. The DSU-38 Laser sensor is a strap down (non-gimbaled) sensor that attaches to the Mk-82 or BLU-111 bomb body in the forward fuze well. The addition of the DSU-38 Laser sensor combined with additional cabling and mounting hardware turns a standard GBU-38 JDAM into a GBU-54 Laser JDAM. Information revealing target designation tactics and associated aircraft maneuvers, the probability of destroying specific/peculiar targets, vulnerabilities regarding countermeasures and the electromagnetic environment is classified SECRET. Information revealing the probability of destroying common/unspecified targets, the number of simultaneous lasers the laser seeker head can discriminate, and data on the radar/infrared frequency is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

4. The FMU-152 fuze is a Multi-Delay, Multi-Arm and Proximity Sensor compatible with General Purpose Blast, Fragmentation and Hardened-Target Penetrator Warheads. It is cockpit selectable in-flight (prior to release) when used with JDAMS weapons. It can interface with the following weapons: GBU-10, GBU-12, GBU-15, GBU-16, GBU-24, GBU-27, GBU-28, GBU-31, GBU-32, GBU-38, and AGM-130.

5. If a technologically advanced adversary obtained knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

6. A determination has been made that NSPA and the participating countries can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

7. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to NATO, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and Spain.

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-32, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1.15 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J. W. RIXEY,
Vice Admiral, USN, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-32

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$0.15 billion.

Other \$1.00 billion.

Total \$1.15 billion.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

One hundred fifty-three (153) M1 A1/A2 Abrams Tank structures for conversion to one hundred thirty-three (133) M1 A2S Saudi Abrams configured Main Battle Tanks and twenty (20) battle damage replacements for the existing fleet.

One hundred fifty-three (153) M2 .50 Caliber Machine Guns.

Two hundred sixty-six (266) 7.62mm M240 Machine Guns.

One hundred fifty-three (153) M250 Smoke Grenade Launchers.

Twenty (20) M88 A1/A2 Heavy Equipment Recovery Combat Utility Lift Evacuation System (HERCULES) Armored Recovery Vehicle (ARV) Structures for conversion to twenty (20) M88 A1/A2 HERCULES ARVs.

One hundred sixty-nine (169) AN/VAS-5 Driver Vision Enhancer—Abrams (DVE-A).

One hundred thirty-three (133) AN/PVS-7B Night Vision Devices.

Four thousand two hundred fifty-six (4,256) Rounds M865 Training Ammunition.

Two thousand three hundred ninety-four (2,394) Rounds M831A1 Training Ammunition.

Non-MDE: This request also includes the following Non-MDE: M1 A1/A2 Tank and M88A1/A2 ARV overhaul, conversion and refurbishment services; Special Tools and Test Equipment; Basic Issue Items; Program Management Support; Verification Testing; System Technical Support; Advanced Gunnery Training System (AGTS); Deployable Advanced Gunnery Training System (DAGTS); Transportation; Binoculars; Camouflage Netting; spare and repair parts; communications equipment; personnel training and training equipment; tool and test equipment; repair and return; publications and technical documentation; Quality Assurance Team (QAT); U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (SR-B-VTF).

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(v) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Annex attached.

(vii) Prior Related Case, if any:
SR-B-VKZ, Implemented 27 Nov 06, TCV: 3,220,367,024

SR-B-VTC, Implemented 08 Dec 14, TCV: 1,887,611,823

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 8, 2016.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia—M1A2S Saudi Abrams Main Battle Tanks and M88A1/A2: Heavy Equipment Recovery Combat Utility Lift Evacuation System (HERCULES) Armored Recovery Vehicles (ARV)

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of up to one hundred fifty-three (153) M1A1/A2 Tank structures for conversion to one hundred thirty-three (133) M1A2S Saudi Abrams configured Main Battle Tanks and twenty (20) battle damage replacements for their existing fleet; one hundred fifty-three (153) M2 .50 Caliber Machine Guns; two hundred sixty-six (266) 7.62mm M240 Machine Guns; one hundred thirty-three (153) M250 Smoke Grenade Launchers; twenty (20) M88A1/A2 Heavy Equipment Recovery Combat Utility Lift Evacuation System (HERCULES) Armored Recovery Vehicle (ARV) Structures for conversion to twenty (20) M88A1/A2 HERCULES ARVs; one hundred sixty-nine (169) AN/VAS-5 Driver Vision Enhancer—Abrams (DVE-A); one hundred thirty-three (133) AN/PVS-7B Night Vision Devices; four thousand two hundred fifty-six (4,256) Rounds M865 Training Ammunition; and two thousand three hundred ninety-four (2,394) Rounds M831A1 Training Ammunition. Also included are M1A1/A2 Tank and M88A1/A2 ARV overhaul, conversion and refurbishment service; Special Tools and Test Equipment; Basic Issue Items; Program Management Support; Verification Testing; System Technical Support; Advanced Gunnery Training System (AGTS); Deployable Advanced Gunnery Training System (DAGTS); Transportation, Binoculars, Camouflage Netting; spare and repair parts; communications equipment; personnel training and training equipment; tool and test equipment; repair and return; publications and technical documentation; Quality Assurance Team (QAT); U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated value is \$1.15 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a strategic regional partner which has been and continues to be a leading contributor of political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. This sale will increase the Royal Saudi Land Force's (RSLF) interoperability with U.S. forces and conveys U.S. commitment to Saudi Arabia's security and armed forces modernization.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The proposed sale will improve Saudi Arabia's capability to meet current and future threats and provide greater security for its critical infrastructure. The addition of these tanks and recovery vehicles to the RSLF's inventory will enhance Saudi Arabia's ability to support its soldiers in the field and to defend the Kingdom's borders. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing these vehicles into its armed forces.

The principal contractor will be General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS), Sterling Heights, Michigan. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S.

Government or contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia. Support teams will travel to the country on a temporary basis.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-32

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology.

1. This sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to Saudi Arabia. The M1A2S Main Battle Tank (MBT) is an analog/digital hybrid system comprising the best features of the M1A1 and M1A2 SEP v2 tanks, while limiting component obsolescence challenges. This configuration is unique to Saudi Arabia. It is armed with the M256 120mm smooth bore gun and has an improved fire control system with range of effective fire in excess of 4 km. Secondary armament of the M1A2S consists of a coaxial 7.62mm machine gun, another 7.62mm machine gun mounted over the gunner's hatch, and a 12.7mm machine gun mounted over commander's hatch. The vehicle is operated by a crew of four, including a tank commander, gunner, loader, and a driver. The M88A1/A2 Heavy Equipment Recovery Combat Utility Lift Evacuation System (HERCULES) Armored Recovery Vehicle (ARV) is a full-tracked armored vehicle used to perform battlefield recovery missions including towing, hoisting, and winching. It is fully capable of recovery support for Abrams series tanks and future heavy combat vehicles.

a. M1A2S Thermal Imaging System (TIS). The TIS is a second generation Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) system and constitutes a target acquisition system which, when operated with other tank systems, gives the tank crew a substantial advantage over the potential threat. The TIS provides the M1A2S crew with the ability to effectively aim and fire the tank main armament system under a broad range of adverse battlefield conditions. The hardware itself is UNCLASSIFIED. The engineering design and manufacturing data associated with the detector and infrared (IR) optics and coatings are considered sensitive. The technical data package is UNCLASSIFIED with the exception of the specifications for the target acquisition range which are CONFIDENTIAL.

b. Special Armor. The major components of special armor are fabricated in sealed modules and in serialized removable sub-assemblies. Special armor vulnerability data for both chemical and kinetic energy rounds are classified SECRET. Engineering design and manufacturing data related to special armor are also classified SECRET.

c. M256 120mm Gun and Ammunition System. It is composed of a 120mm smoothbore gun, "long rod" Armor Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot (APFSDS) kinetic warheads; and combustible cartridge case ammunition. The suite is UNCLASSIFIED.

d. Advanced Gas Turbine (AGT) 1500 Gas Turbine Propulsion System. The use of a gas turbine propulsion system in the M1A2S is a unique application of armored vehicle power pack technology. The hardware is composed of the AGT-1500 engine and transmission, and is UNCLASSIFIED. Manufacturing processes associated with the production of turbine blades, recuperator, bearings and shafts, and hydrostatic pump and motor, are proprietary and therefore are commercially competition sensitive.

e. Compartmentation. A major survivability feature of the Abrams Tank is the compartmentation of fuel and ammunition. Compartmentation is the positive separation of the crew and critical components from

combustible materials. In the event that the fuel or ammunition is ignited or deteriorated by an incoming threat round, the crew is fully protected. As demonstrated during the Abram Live Fire tests, compartmentation significantly enhances crew survivability and substantially reduces the likelihood of the tank being immobilized by an ammunition explosion and fire. Sensitive information includes the performance of the ammunition compartments as well as the compartment design parameters.

f. The Driver's Vision Enhancer-Abrams (DVE-A), AN/AS-5. The AN/AS-5 is an uncooled thermal imaging system developed for use while driving Combat Vehicles (CVs) and Tactical Wheeled Vehicles (TWVs). It allows for tactical vehicle movement in support of operational missions in all environmental conditions (day/night and all weather) and provides enhanced driving capability during limited visibility conditions (darkness, smoke, dust, fog, etc.). The DVE program provides night vision targeting capabilities for armored vehicles and long-range night vision reconnaissance capability to the warfighter. The highest level of classification is CONFIDENTIAL for hardware and software.

g. AN/PVS-7B Night Vision Devices (NVD). These devices are man-portable NVDs which incorporate image intensification technology. This technology is contained in a sealed intensifier tube that is serialized and removable. Engineering and manufacturing data related to the image intensification tube sub-components are classified CONFIDENTIAL. All data related to vulnerabilities and weaknesses are classified SECRET.

2. Software, hardware, and other classified or sensitive data are reviewed prior to release to protect system vulnerabilities, design data, and performance parameters. Some end-item hardware, software, and other data identified above are classified at the CONFIDENTIAL and SECRET level. Potential compromise of these systems is controlled through the management of the basic software programs of highly sensitive systems and software-controlled weapons systems on a case-by-case basis.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Saudi Arabia can provide the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-50, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Argentina for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$300 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news

release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J. W. RIXEY,
Vice Admiral, USN, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-50

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Argentina.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$196 million.

Other \$104 million.

Total \$300 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Twenty-four (24) T-6C+ Texan trainer aircraft.

Non-Major Defense Equipment (MDE): This request includes the following Non-MDE: Spare engines, initial spare parts, support equipment, communications equipment, studies and surveys, contract logistics support and technical services, aircraft technical publications, aircraft ferry and support, life support equipment, initial maintenance training, initial pilot training, follow-on training, alternate mission equipment, Air Force Materiel Command services and travel, unclassified minor modifications and engineering change proposals, ground-based training system, operational flight trainer (OFT) and OFT spare parts.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (AR-D-SAD).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 29, 2016.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Argentina—T-6C+ Texan aircraft

The Government of Argentina has requested a possible sale of twenty-four (24) T-6C+ Texan trainer aircraft, spare engines, initial spare parts, support equipment, communications equipment, studies and surveys, contract logistics support and technical services, aircraft technical publications, aircraft ferry and support, life support equipment, initial maintenance training, initial pilot training, follow-on training, alternate mission equipment, Air Force Materiel Command services and travel, unclassified minor modifications and engineering change proposals, ground-based training system, operational flight trainer (OFT) and OFT spare parts. The estimated value is \$300 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a major non-NATO ally. This potential sale will provide additional opportunities for bilateral engagements and further strengthen the bilateral relationship between the United States and Argentina.

The Argentine military has embarked on an ambitious path toward modernizing its military materiel. The proposed sale will revitalize Argentina's capability to train its pilots and fulfill border control missions, especially along its porous northern border.

The Argentine Air Force (AAF) will use the enhanced capability to redevelop a professional pilot corps and as a deterrent to illicit activity. The AAF is very experienced working with the Pratt & Whitney FT6 fam-

ily of engines which they currently have on their T-34, King Air, and Cessna Caravan aircraft. Given the logistical commonalities with the aircraft already in its fleet, the AAF will be able to support and field the new T-60+s.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Beechcraft Defense Company, LLC, of Wichita, Kansas. The purchaser requested offsets. At this time, agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Argentina. The AAF plan is to initially train a cadre of mechanics in the United States, then a larger group in country via military training teams.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-50

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The T-6C+ is a single engine turboprop trainer aircraft modified with an embedded virtual weapons training, simulation, and no-drop scoring capability, and is UNCLASSIFIED. The simulation and scoring capability is primarily designed to teach air-to-ground operations. The T-6C+ also includes the capability to carry mounted external fuel tanks and employ lightweight training weapons.

2. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Argentina.

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-27, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$785 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER ZAKRISKI
(For J.W. Rixey, Vice Admiral, USN,
Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-27

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: United Arab Emirates.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$740 million.

Other \$45 million.

Total \$785 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Seven thousand seven hundred (7,700) GBU-10 guidance kits.

Seven thousand seven hundred (7,700) Mk-84/BLU-117 bombs.

Five thousand nine hundred forty (5,940) GBU-12 guidance kits.

Five thousand nine hundred forty (5,940) Mk-82/BLU-111 bombs.

Five hundred (500) GBU-31V1 guidance kits.

Five hundred (500) Mk-84/BLU-117 bombs.

Five hundred (500) GBU-31V3 guidance kits.

Five hundred (500) BLU-109 bombs.

Fourteen thousand six hundred forty (14,640) FMU-152 fuzes.

Non-MDE: Also included is munitions support. The estimated value of this possible sale is \$785 million.

(iv) Military Department: USAF (AAD, A02).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: SAA-\$113,853,132-AUG 00, YAB-\$156,304,329-AUG 02, YAC-\$874,241,603-MAR 08, AAC-\$13,467,991-JUN 11, AAD-\$11,827,867-JAN 15, AAE-\$130,000,000-OCT 15, AAF-\$310,000,000-JAN 16

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 15, 2016.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Arab Emirates—Munitions, Sustainment, and Support

The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) requests approval to procure seven thousand seven hundred (7,700) GBU-10 guidance kits with seven thousand seven hundred (7,700) Mk-84/BLU-117 bombs, five thousand nine hundred forty (5,940) GBU-12 guidance kits with five thousand nine hundred forty (5,940) Mk-82/BLU-111 bombs, five hundred (500) GBU-31V1 guidance kits with five hundred (500) Mk-84/BLU-117 bombs, five hundred (500) GBU-31V3 guidance kits with five hundred (500) BLU-109 bombs, and fourteen thousand six hundred forty (14,640) FMU-152 fuzes. This sale also includes nonMDE munitions items. The total estimated value of MDE is \$740 million. The overall total estimated value is \$785 million.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping the UAE remain an active member of the OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) coalition working to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). These munitions will sustain the UAE's efforts and support a key partner that remains an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale provides the UAE additional precision guided munitions to meet current and future threats. The UAE continues to provide host-nation support of vital U.S. forces stationed at Al Dhafra Air Base and plays a vital role in supporting U.S. regional interests. The UAE was a valued partner and active participant in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF), OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), OPERATION UNIFIED PROTECTOR (OUP), and now is a valued partner in OIR coalition operations.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The UAE will have no difficulties absorbing these munitions into its inventory.

The munitions will be sourced through procurement and the contractor determined during contract negotiations. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

There are no additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives anticipated to be stationed in the UAE as a result of this potential sale.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

DEFENSE SECURITY

COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-47, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$821 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER ZAKRISKI,

(For J. W. Rixey, Vice Admiral, USN,
Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-47

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Japan.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$685 million.

Other \$136 million.

Total \$821 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to two hundred forty-six (246) Standard Missiles (SM-2), Block IIIB Vertical Launching Tactical All-Up Rounds, RIM-66M-09.

Non-MDE: This request also includes the following Non-MDE: MK 13 MOD 0 Vertical Launching System Canisters, operator manuals, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (ATA and ASZ).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: JA-P-ARH-MAR 11, \$32,149,836; JA-P-AQO-FEB 08, \$36,133,478; JA-P-AQE-AUG 06, \$25,932,921; JA-P-AQF-AUG 06, \$32,030,680; JA-P-ANW-SEP05, \$46,147,937; JA-P-ANX-SEP05, \$30,207,196; JA-P-APS-SEP 05, \$24,923,134; JA-P-APT-NOV 04, \$25,041,269; JA-P-APU 09NOV 04, \$18,297,591; JA-P-APV-NOV 04, \$13,328,470; JA-P-APG-JUL 03, \$26,545,311; JA-P-APP-JUL 03, \$15,581,478.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc. Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Annex attached.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 15, 2016.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan—SM-2 Block IIIB Standard Missiles

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of up to two hundred forty-six (246) Standard Missile (SM-2), Block IIIB Vertical Launching Tactical All-Up Rounds, RIM-66M-09. This request also includes MK 13 MOD 0 Vertical Launching System Canisters, operator manuals and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services. The total estimated value of Major Defense Equipment (MDE) is \$685 million. The total overall estimated value is \$821 million.

Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western

Pacific, a key democratic partner of the United States in ensuring regional peace and stability, a close coalition ally in regional contingency operations, and a close cooperative and international exchange agreement partner. It is vital to U.S. national interests that Japan develops and maintains a strong and ready self-defense capability. This transaction is consistent with U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives and the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

These SM-2 Block IIIB missiles will be used for anti-air warfare at sea. Japan currently fields four Kongo-class and two Atago-class destroyers, all of which are equipped with the Aegis Combat system and SM-2 Block IIIA/IIIB missiles. Japan is also building two new Aegis-equipped destroyers based on a modified Atago-class hull. The SM-2 Block IIIB missiles proposed in this sale will be used on these two future destroyers as well as supplementing Japan's missile inventory. Combined with the Aegis combat system, the SM-2 Block IIIB provides significantly enhanced area defense capabilities over critical East Asian and Western Pacific air- and sea-lines of communication. Japan has two Intermediate-Level Maintenance Facilities capable of maintaining the SM-2 Block IIIB and will have no difficulty absorbing these new missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company, Tucson, Arizona; Raytheon Company, Camden, Arkansas; and BAE of Minneapolis and Aberdeen, South Dakota. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. or contractor representatives to Japan.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

REMEMBERING ROBERT MORGAN

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, former U.S. Senator Robert Morgan of North Carolina passed away on July 16, 2016, after a lifetime of public service. Senator Morgan served as a State senator, State attorney general, U.S. Senator, and director of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. He was a man of integrity who was well respected by our citizens. Senator Morgan was devoted to doing all he could to make his community, his State, and his Nation a better place for everyone. He will certainly be missed by his family and all who knew him.

At the request of Carroll Legget, the former chief of staff to former U.S. Senator Robert Morgan, I ask unanimous consent that an obituary from the News & Observer published from July 18 to July 20, 2016, and the entirety of two editorials from the July 18, 2016, edition of the New York Times and from the July 20, 2016, edition of the Washington Post be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the News&Observer, July 18 to July 20, 2016.]

Robert Burren Morgan, former Attorney General of North Carolina, United States

Senator and a prominent figure in North Carolina politics for a half century, died Saturday, July 16, at his home in Buies Creek, North Carolina. Morgan, 90, was born on October 5, 1925, near Lillington in Harnett County. He was the son of James Harvey Morgan and Alice Butts Morgan.

Morgan attended Lillington public schools and earned a degree from East Carolina University. He graduated from the Wake Forest University School of Law. While still a student at Wake Forest, he filed as a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of Harnett County and was elected, serving from 1950–1954. This launched Morgan's political career. He was a Democrat and a populist and throughout his life he championed the causes of working people and gave voice to their concerns and aspirations.

Morgan established a successful law practice in Lillington and became known as a skilled trial attorney specializing in personal injury, criminal defense, real property law and anti-trust. In 1955, he was elected to the North Carolina Senate and rose to its highest office, President Pro Tempore. He served until 1968 when he was elected Attorney General of North Carolina. Four years later he was reelected.

As Attorney General, Morgan established one of the nation's first consumer protection offices and was a tenacious advocate for North Carolina residents before the State Utilities Commission that sets rates paid for electric power. He was responsible for the passage of the "Little FTC Act" that made unfair and deceptive trade practices unlawful in North Carolina. He reorganized the Attorney General's office and hired outstanding young law graduates and practicing attorneys, two of whom later became Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. He also hired the first African-American lawyer to serve in the Attorney General's office.

Morgan believed strongly that law enforcement officers should receive professional training and persuaded the North Carolina General Assembly to establish a law enforcement training academy and to adopt standards for officers. He revamped the State Bureau of Investigation, which was then in the Justice Department, and after his service in the United States Senate served as Director of the SBI for several years. His landmark achievements as Attorney General of North Carolina and the leadership he provided for the National Association of Attorneys General was recognized by his peers who presented him the Wyman Memorial Award, naming him the Outstanding Attorney General in the United States.

Morgan ran for and was elected to the United States Senate seat previously held by Senator Sam J. Ervin. Morgan was a close friend of former Senator and Vice President Hubert Humphrey who came to North Carolina and keynoted his campaign kickoff event in Buies Creek.

He was a master of the legislative process, and the experience he obtained in the North Carolina State Senate served him well in the United States Senate. He held prestigious committee assignments that included Banking, Armed Services, Public Works and Select Intelligence. His expertise in the area of anti-trust was immediately recognized by his colleagues, and he was tapped by the leadership to lead the floor debate along with former Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy that resulted in the passage of landmark federal anti-trust legislation that had languished in the US Senate for years.

While a member of the U.S. Senate, Morgan was appointed by Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, chaired by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme

Court. He served faithfully and with distinction and subsequently was appointed to the National Portrait Gallery Commission. He remained a Regent Emeritus of the Smithsonian and continued to be active therein until his health began to fail.

Morgan was a fierce advocate for his alma mater, East Carolina University, and served as chairman of its board of trustees. He led the battle for university status for East Carolina and the effort to establish its medical school. East Carolina recognized his outstanding leadership and devotion by conferring upon him an honorary degree; presenting him with the Jarvis Medal, the University's highest service award; naming him Outstanding Alumnus; and presenting him with its Alumni Service Award.

Morgan returned to the practice of law in 1991, opening a law office in Raleigh and Lillington with his two daughters. There he lovingly shared with them, not only his knowledge, but also his commitment to the justice that the law should provide. Trying cases with his daughters was one of the most meaningful gifts that he gave them. He continued to practice law into his 80s.

From 2000 to 2003, Morgan served as founding president of the North Carolina Center for Voter Education, a Raleigh-based nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that seeks to increase civic engagement in North Carolina. He persuaded his friend Senator John McCain of Arizona and later candidate for President, to come to Raleigh and make the organization's kickoff speech. Morgan had a life-long interest in issues related to persons with disabilities and also was an advocate for environmental causes.

He had a distinguished military career. He enlisted in the United States Navy and graduated from Midshipman's School shortly before the end of WWII, serving from 1944–1946. He was recalled during the Korean Conflict serving from 1952–1955. He remained in the Navy Reserve through 1971, advancing to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He served in the United States Air Force Reserve from 1971–1973, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel.

Robert Morgan was a lifelong Baptist and served on the Board of Deacons of Memorial Baptist Church in Buies Creek and as Chair of the North Carolina Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation.

Robert Morgan is survived by his wife, the former Katie Earle Owen of Roseboro and three children: Margaret Holmes and husband Edward of Chapel Hill and grandchildren Grace and Robert; Mary Morgan of Raleigh and granddaughter Elizabeth Morgan Reeves; and Rupert Tart and wife Valerie of Angier and granddaughters Emma Jayne Crews, and Heather Tart Schaffer and her husband Davey. Surviving nieces and nephews are Mary Lou Matthews and husband Billy Ray, Nancy Morgan Brady, and Larry Morgan and wife, Nancy. He had two sisters and a brother who predeceased him: Lucille Morgan Byrd, Esther Morgan, and Melvin Morgan. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Alice Jean Morgan.

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ROBERT B. MORGAN, SENATOR UNDONE BY HIS PANAMA CANAL VOTES, DIES AT 90

Robert B. Morgan, a former United States senator from North Carolina whose votes for treaties to turn the Panama Canal over to Panama in 1978 cost him his seat after only one term, died on Saturday at his home in Buies Creek, N.C. He was 90.

His death was confirmed by Carroll Leggett, his former chief of staff.

Mr. Morgan was a moderate Democrat whose Senate voting record was ranked higher by the American Conservative Union than by the liberal Americans for Democratic Ac-

tion. But his votes on the Panama Canal were his undoing. As he sought re-election in 1980, his Republican challenger, John P. East, attacked him on the issue throughout the campaign, largely through television commercials.

Mr. East's campaign was run by allies of Senator Jesse Helms, the state's senior Republican and an intense foe of giving up the canal, and the attacks were sometimes personal. In one ad, Mr. Helms questioned Mr. Morgan's Christian faith.

Mr. East's victory, by only 10,401 votes out of more than 900,000 cast, was one of at least five Senate elections that turned on the issue of the Panama Canal and helped give President Ronald Reagan the first Republican majority in the Senate since 1955 as he entered office, having turned back Jimmy Carter's bid for re-election. The Republican votes in the Senate were a critical element in Mr. Reagan's legislative successes.

While many senators required wooing by President Carter before they would back the treaties, Mr. Morgan did not. He had been to the Canal Zone in 1976 and believed a change in control was essential lest the canal be possibly sabotaged or attacked. When Mr. Carter called him in August 1977 to ask him not to oppose the treaties until they could be explained to the public, Mr. Morgan surprised the president by telling him that he was already in favor of them.

One treaty gave the canal to Panama through a series of steps concluding in 1999. The other asserted that the canal would remain neutral in perpetuity and authorized the United States to intervene if that neutrality was threatened—a provision to calm fears of a takeover by China or some other hostile power.

By the time they came to votes in March and April 1978, Mr. Morgan had no doubt that the treaties would be unpopular in his state. He said he had received 60,000 pieces of mail about the canal, only 3,000 backing the treaties. But he did not expect the issue to defeat him.

The treaties passed, 68 to 32, only one vote more than the two-thirds required for the Senate to approve treaties.

In an interview for this obituary in 2010, Mr. Morgan said he was sure his decision to back the treaties was the correct one. "I think if I had not done it, there wouldn't be a Panama Canal," he said.

Robert Burren Morgan was born on Oct. 5, 1925, in Lillington, N.C., where he lived all his life. He was drafted into the wartime Navy in 1944 during his sophomore year at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, N.C., now East Carolina University. He was recalled to duty in the Korean War and saw combat as an officer on the aircraft carrier Valley Forge.

On leaving the Navy, he practiced law and served in the State Senate for 14 years before being elected state attorney general, a post he held from 1969 to 1974.

As attorney general, he took a strong role in furthering consumer protections, creating a law enforcement training academy and expanding the State Bureau of Investigations. After he left the United States Senate, he headed the investigations bureau from 1985 to 1992.

He also led the North Carolina Center for Voter Education, which campaigned for public financing in the election of appellate judges. When the proposal became law in 2002, Mr. Morgan said that "judges will no longer be forced to raise money like politicians" and praised the legislature for acting "to make sure that money and politics have no place in a court of law."

Before the Panama Canal issue, the most controversial aspect of Mr. Morgan's career was his role as campaign manager for I. Beverly Lake, who ran for governor of North

Carolina in 1960 as the most segregationist candidate in a field of candidates who all opposed school integration—as anyone who wanted to be elected did then, when very few blacks voted.

“At that time,” Mr. Morgan said in 2010, “nobody was integrating.”

He said he had taken the position of campaign manager because Mr. Lake, a professor, had been a beloved mentor in law school.

Mr. Morgan is survived by his wife, the former Katie Earle Owen, whom he married in 1960; two daughters, Margaret Morgan Holmes and Mary Morgan; a foster son, Rupert C. Tart Jr.; and five grandchildren.

Some of the personal attacks of the 1980 campaign rankled him, especially the role of Mr. Helms, whom Mr. Morgan had not campaigned against in 1978 during Mr. Helms's own reelection run. Mr. Helms said in a television commercial that the election of Mr. East, a Methodist, was necessary so that the state would be represented by “a real Christian.”

In the spring of 1978, Mr. Morgan, an active Baptist, had urged his coreligionists to remain true to their commitment to separation of church and state and not to invoke religion “on matters on which reasonable men may differ.”

[From the Washington Post, July 20, 2016.]

ROBERT MORGAN, SENATOR WHO CAST CRUCIAL VOTES FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, DIES AT 90

Robert B. Morgan, a North Carolina Democrat who was a freshman U.S. senator when he cast crucial votes in favor of treaties that transferred control of the Panama Canal to the Panamanian government, a decision that brought a swift end to his Senate career but which he stood by all his life, died July 16 at his home in Buies Creek, N.C. He was 90.

The cause was complications from Alzheimer's disease, said his former Senate chief of staff, Carroll Leggett.

Mr. Morgan practiced law and ascended the ranks of North Carolina politics before his election to the U.S. Senate in 1974. He served in the North Carolina state Senate, including a stint as president pro tempore, from 1955 to 1969 and later was state attorney general, developing a reputation as a hard-charging activist for consumer rights.

In the U.S. Senate, he assumed the seat vacated by retiring Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D), who was rocketed to national attention as chairman of the Senate committee that investigated the Watergate scandal during the Nixon administration.

Mr. Morgan accumulated a voting record that “defies ideological labels,” according to the Almanac of American Politics. He was liberal on some issues but conservative on others, and he gained his greatest prominence on the matter of the Panama Canal.

The canal and surrounding area, a critical waterway that connects the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, had been controlled by the United States since 1903, an arrangement that by the 1970s had caused increasing friction with the Panamanians.

President Jimmy Carter, elected in 1976, became persuaded that authority over the canal should reside with the Panamanian government. Opponents of his position regarded any treaty to that effect as a “give-away.”

Mr. Morgan was initially among those opponents. He changed his position after visiting Panama as a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee and meeting with the CIA contingent there and with Panamanian leaders.

“Our relationship with Panama on the future of the canal is a festering sore and af-

fects our relations not only with Latin America but with the rest of the world,” the News and Observer of Raleigh, N.C., quoted Mr. Morgan as saying in a 1977 speech. “Our global position as world leader and a moral standard bearer is seriously weakened by maintaining this vestige of colonialism.”

Two treaties were hammered out, one establishing the right of the U.S. military to defend the canal's neutrality and the other giving control of the canal to Panama by 1999.

Together, Mr. Morgan argued in comments reported by the Charlotte Observer, the treaties would “allow us to maintain our vital interests in that country while allowing the Panamanians the dignity and benefit of living on their own land a fact which we would surely insist upon in our part of the United States. It is just plain right to do so.”

The treaties were signed in 1977 but faced withering opposition led in part by North Carolina's senior senator, Jesse Helms (R). In 1978, the Senate ratified the treaties by a margin of 68 to 32—just one vote more than the minimum required.

In 1980, Mr. Morgan was challenged by a relatively unknown law professor, Republican John P. East, who attracted the support of Helms's political machine. In his campaign, East told voters that Mr. Morgan had “voted to give your Panama Canal away.”

In one of many television ads targeting the Democrat, Helms asserted that “what we need is a real American in the Senate. A real Christian in the U.S. Senate.”

“Nothing was said about me not being a real American or a real Christian,” Mr. Morgan told People magazine after his defeat, “but it was certainly obvious what Helms meant.”

Mr. Morgan lost the race by roughly 10,000 votes.

Robert Burren Morgan, a son of farmers, was born Oct. 5, 1925, in Lillington, N.C.

He served in the Navy before receiving a bachelor's degree from what is now East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., in 1947 and a law degree from Wake Forest University in North Carolina in 1950.

He returned to the Navy to serve in the Korean War and remained in the Navy Reserve until 1971, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. He later served in the Air Force Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

In 1960, Mr. Morgan managed the unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign of I. Beverly Lake, a staunch segregationist, who lost his bid for the Democratic nomination to Terry Sanford, a more progressive politician who was elected governor that year. Lake had been Mr. Morgan's professor at Wake Forest.

After his Senate tenure, Mr. Morgan ran the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the North Carolina Center for Voter Education, an organization that worked on campaign finance issues.

Mr. Morgan's daughter Alice Jean Morgan died in 1967. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, the former Katie Earle Owen of Buies Creek; two daughters, Mary Morgan of Raleigh, N.C., and Margaret Morgan Holmes of Chapel Hill, N.C.; a foster son, Rupert Tart of Angier, N.C.; and five grandchildren.

“I made a lot of decisions, and some cost me politically, cost me dearly,” Mr. Morgan told the Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer in 2012, looking back in particular on his votes on the Panama Canal treaties. “But they were decisions I made with a clear conscience.”

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL CITATIONS

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in

the RECORD speeches that I had previously given in Montana for four Congressional Medal citations.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS CITATION, ALLEN C. STORM, JULY 15, 2016, KALISPELL, MT

Today I wish to honor Alen C. Storm, a resident of Kalispell, Montana, and decorated veteran of the Iraq war.

Alen, on behalf of myself, my fellow Montanans, and the United States of America, I would like to extend our deepest thanks for your service.

Alen was born on January 8, 1987, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Robert Storm and Valadia (Val-ah-dee-ah) Hunt.

He grew up as the youngest of seven children in Hermiston, Oregon, with three older brothers and three older sisters.

His father was a logger, truck driver, and Army vet, just like Alen's grandfather before him.

Alen also looked up to his oldest brother, Michael, who was about 20 years Alen's senior. Michael was the first of the siblings to carry on the Storm's legacy of service. As a 25-year army veteran, Michael served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Desert Storm.

But the family's desire to protect and defend didn't end there. Alen has yet another brother, Trenton, who actually served in Iraq at the same time that Alen did, as well as a sister, Kathy, who is a 22-year Navy veteran.

So this was the legacy Alen faced when he began weighing his options after graduation. He had been a track star in high school and was considering college, but his desire to protect and serve proved strong. He eventually decided to follow in his family's footsteps, enlisting in the Army just four months out from graduation, on September 21, 2005.

So he packed his bags and headed straight to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for 18 weeks of basic training. He immediately distinguished himself as a superior trainee, clocking one of the fastest times the base had ever seen in the standard two-mile run during PT.

As a result of his stellar performance, he was recommended for airborne school at Fort Benning in Georgia. Here he would train to be a paratrooper, jumping out of planes and into enemy territory.

But as fate would have it, Alen ended up at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he specialized in Field Artillery, a position affectionately referred to by his comrades as “the eyes of death.” This is because Field Artillery is one of the most dangerous and technical duty stations around, deploying ahead of ground forces to scope out enemy territory and relay their locales.

Alen honed these skills for the next eight months—that is until he found out he was being deployed to Iraq.

Alen set off from Fort Carson on October 13, 2006. He eventually touched down in Southern Baghdad, where he would be stationed for the next 14 months.

Alen spent the first two and half months of his deployment working out of the base, helping monitor mortar fire from headquarters. It wasn't until Christmas Day that his group endured its first casualty. Alen was tapped to replace the fallen soldier in the field, becoming the newest member of Baker Company.

He was forced to learn quickly on the line, experiencing his first firefight on day one in the field. He was shot at and hunted down more times than he could count. But it was one fateful day that earned him his Purple Heart.

It had been about seven months since Alen arrived in Iraq, his squad was patrolling when their Humvee drove over an IED. The vehicle, along with the soldiers inside it, was thrown 10 feet in the air and shrapnel was everywhere.

Alen's friend Tom, who was sitting directly behind him, tragically didn't make it. Alen sustained significant shrapnel-related wounds and a severe concussion. He spent the next 48 hours in a coma back at the base, but amazingly, was back in the field about a week later.

Finally, after 14 months on the front lines, Alen finally arrived back in the states on December 23, 2007.

He spent the next eight months back in Colorado, training to become a Biomedical Equipment Technician at Fort Carson. He then moved down to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, where he continued his training and helped whip new enlistees into shape.

After three years, Alen was medically discharged, but continued to work around the base. Two years ago, his sister—the Navy veteran who lives in Missoula—convinced him to move up to Kalispell, where he'd be closer to his son Justice. Here he met the love of his life, Katie, who he married just a few weeks ago today. They are expecting their first daughter, Ember Marie, in early September.

I now have the profound honor of presenting Alen C. Storm with the Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terror Service, and Iraq Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars.

Alen, these medals serve as a small token of our country's appreciation for your incredible service and profound sacrifice.

You are truly an American hero. Thank you so much for your service.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS CITATION, RONALD
"RON" SIMS, 8/17/16, BILLINGS, MT

Today I wish to honor Ronald Sims, a lifelong Montanan—born-and-raised—and a decorated veteran of Vietnam.

Ron, on behalf of myself, my fellow Montanans, and my fellow Americans, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your service to this nation.

Ron was born on July 8, 1950, in Lewistown, Montana. He grew up just 50 miles east in the town of Winnett, where his father Claude worked as a pumper in the oil patch and his mother Helen was a hot-lunch cook.

In addition to Ron, there was his older sister, Lynne, and his two younger brothers, Mike and Max.

After graduating from high school, Ron spent the summer of 1968 working with his father in the oil patch.

However, his plans quickly changed after receiving a letter from the Army a few short months later.

In January of 1969, Ron began basic and advanced infantry training at Fort Lewis, Washington. And on June 22, he set off for Vietnam as a member of the 1st Infantry Division.

Ron quickly moved up the ranks, becoming a fully-fledged sniper by September. Later that month, Ron and his comrades were ambushed while waiting for a convoy to pass.

Ron engaged three enemy combatants and successfully subdued them, but not before one mustered the strength to fire an M1 grenade launcher at Ron and his truck.

The grenade first hit the truck and then Ron's leg, earning him a Purple Heart.

Ron also earned a Bronze Star with Valor after capturing an enemy soldier he found lying in wait near his unit's base.

Amazingly, the only long-term injuries Ron sustained during all his time overseas occurred when a landmine detonated under his tank, blowing him through the hatch and peppering his face with shrapnel laced with Agent Orange.

After nine months of service in the 1st Infantry Division, Ron reenlisted as a member of the 101st Airborne Division.

He initially worked on mechanics, learning to service and fix Cobra assault helicopters.

But his superiors quickly recognized a need for his unique combat abilities, and within a month Ron had become a Permanent Sergeant of the Guard, in charge of twelve men along the bunker line.

He continued in this position for another five months before finally returning to the states on October 13, 1970.

Upon his return, Ron volunteered for Drill Instructor training in Fodor, California.

He spent the next two and half years teaching new recruits basic rifle and quick kill marksmanship.

Ron was honorably discharged from the army on December 12, 1972.

He eventually joined the Local 1334 Labors Union in Missoula, and later, the Local 98 and 1686 Bricklayers Unions in Billings, where he served as President for two years.

He also reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Janette.

They raised a son, Robert, who now has two kids of his own—Emily and Zachary—with his loving wife Tori.

I now have the profound honor of presenting Ron with his own set of military honors. For his courage and acts of valor in line of duty, Ronald Sims received the Marksman Badge & Auto Rifle Bar & Grenade Bar, Expert Badge & Rifle Bar, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with 1960 Device, Combat Infantryman 1st Award, Vietnam Service Medal & Bronze Star Attachment (quadruple), National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal & Large Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Purple Heart Medal, and Bronze Star Medal.

Ron, these medals serve as a small token of our country's appreciation for your incredible service and profound sacrifice.

You are a true American hero. Thank you so much for your service.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS CITATION, GORVAN LE
DUC, 8/17/16, BILLINGS, MT

Today I wish to honor Gorvan Le Duc, a longtime resident of Laurel, Montana, and decorated veteran of World War II.

While Mr. Le Duc is no longer with us, his legacy lives on. I am proud to present his medals here today to his son, Gorvan, and his wife, Dorothy.

On behalf of myself, my fellow Montanans, and my fellow Americans, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your husband and father's service to this nation.

Gorvan was born on November 25, 1920 in Ontario, Canada. He lived in Port Severn with his mother Albertine and his father William, who built boats.

As a result, Gorvan grew up with a love of sailing and a deep admiration for the sea.

In fact, at age 16, Gorvan began sailing full time. He spent the next three years sailing the Great Lakes, before deciding to enlist in the Merchant Marines.

This was June of 1939—the beginning of World War II—and Gorvan's ship was tasked with delivering food and supplies from the states to U.S. troops in Britain.

Each trek across the Atlantic could take anywhere from 17–23 days, and during the voyage Gorvan did everything from navigating to cleaning the pipes.

Over the next four years Gorvan served this country dutifully amidst death and

strife, but he always kept his sense of humor.

That came in handy on September 25, 1943, when Gorvan's ship, the SS Maiden Creek, was torpedoed by an enemy combatant.

The blast blew Gorvan almost 200 feet in the air, off the deck, and into the Atlantic Ocean.

He sustained 77 fractures throughout his legs and feet, a broken back and a severe concussion.

This left him floating helplessly on the open sea. Eventually, a nearby British ship attempted a moving rescue, but Gorvan was too injured to grab onto the buoy.

So after three failed attempts, a British sailor jumped into the ocean, swam out to Gorvan and dragged him back in.

When the ship's medic informed him that he had just passed out his last blanket and that the crew was fresh out of rum, Gorvan looked up at the medic and said "No blanket? No rum? I guess I won't reup then."

Gorvan was eventually transported to an army hospital back in New York, where he settled down and started raising a family.

But, in 1951, Gorvan went on a hunting trip to Laurel, Montana. He called his wife then and there, and told her to pack up the kids because he wasn't coming back to New York.

So the family moved out to Laurel, and that's where they stayed.

Gorvan was a proud father of four.

His son, who is here with us today, was inspired to go into the service like his father and is himself a veteran of Vietnam.

Gorvan and his wife Dorothy were also married for almost 35 years before he passed away in February of last year.

He is remembered as a master of all trades—a legendary shot, a prolific gardener, an expert Cribbage player and even a pilot.

I now have the profound honor of presenting Gorvan and Dorothy with his medals. For his bravery in line of duty, Gorvan LeDuc received the Combat Bar with Bronze Service Star, Victory Medal, Mariners Medal, Merchant Marine Emblem, Honorable Service Button, and Mediterranean-Middle East War Zone Medal.

These medals serve as a small token of our country's appreciation for Gorvan's incredible service and profound sacrifice.

He is a true hero and we are eternally grateful for his service.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS CITATION, THOMAS
HUFF, 8/17/16, BILLINGS, MT

Today I wish to honor Thomas Huff, a born-and-bred Montanan and decorated veteran of World War II.

Tom, on behalf of myself, my fellow Montanans, and my fellow Americans, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your service to this nation.

Tom was born on July 20, 1922, in Moore, Montana, to George and Bertha Huff.

He grew up in Moore with his three sisters—Geneva, June, and Olive—and his brother, George. He was just a few months shy of 21 when he was drafted in February of 1943.

And less than five months later, he was deployed to the Pacific as a Combat Infantryman in the Army's 27th Division.

His tour lasted two years, four months, and three days, and spanned three different islands.

The first of which was Eniwetok—of the Marshall Islands—which his battalion succeeded in capturing in February of 1944.

The next was Saipan—of the Northern Mariana Islands—where Tom fought amidst the rugged jungle landscape.

This combat zone was so intense that the soldiers dubbed it "Purple Heart Ridge," but Tom fought his way through, ultimately

helping the U.S. achieve an important strategic victory in the Pacific.

Finally, in March of 1945, Tom arrived in Okinawa as a hardened soldier and expert marksman.

Here, Tom aided in the capture of pivotal Japanese territory, before contracting a mosquito-borne illness.

Tom was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, in September of 1945, spending a total of seven months in the hospital.

Tom was honorably discharged from the Army on February 18, 1946.

He eventually settled in Lewistown, Montana, where he joined the police force and spent the last seven years of his 22-year career as Chief of Police.

After retiring from the force at the age of 55, Tom went on to become a jeweler—in both Lewistown and then Billings—for the next 14 years.

He married his wife, Georgia, just a few years ago at the age of 90. And he is the proud father of five children and a multitude of grandchildren.

I now have the profound honor of presenting Tom with his own set of military honors.

For his bravery in line of duty, Thomas Huff received the Marksman Badge with Carbine Bar, Expert Badge with Rifle Badge, Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, and Bronze Star Medal.

Tom, these medals serve as a small token of our country's appreciation for your incredible service and profound sacrifice.

You are a true American hero. Thank you so much for your service.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL E. KUNZ

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to honor Mr. Michael E. Kunz for his 54 years of extraordinary service as Clerk of Court for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In 1962, Mr. Kunz was appointed as a deputy clerk following his graduation from Father Judge High School in Philadelphia and went on to receive both his bachelor of science degree and his master of business administration degree from St. Joseph's University. Throughout his career, Mr. Kunz showed an unparalleled enthusiasm for innovation and a profound dedication to ensuring the accessibility of our justice system for all Americans. I would like to take this time to reflect on his service and on the example he set for those who seek to serve their country.

As one of the longest serving Federal court clerks in history, Mr. Kunz represents the growth of the court administrative infrastructure and the importance of the clerk's office in the operations of the court. Mr. Kunz spent much of his career overseeing the expansion of the Eastern District's facilities in Allentown, Easton, Philadelphia, and Reading to accommodate a larger Federal caseload and increased numbers of article III judges, magistrate judges, and court employees. He introduced innovations that allowed the court to do its work more efficiently and transparently than ever before. He helped to pioneer 17 out of the 26 nationally supported automation

systems in the Federal judiciary, as well as advances in electronic case filing, docketing of cases, and fiscal management. Mr. Kunz supervised the introduction of the electronic courtroom; at present, 22 courtrooms in the Eastern District have full electronic capabilities. To ensure accuracy of court records, he implemented digital audio recording systems in all courtrooms in the Eastern District. Such systems allow litigants and members of the public who may not be able to order an expensive transcript or travel to a courthouse to access judicial information in an affordable, timely manner.

Mr. Kunz demonstrated his commitment to improving the courts and preserving their memories by serving on a number of national committees and advisory boards. In 1989, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist appointed him to the Advisory Committee to the Board of the Federal Judicial Center concerning the development of programs relating to the history of the judicial branch. Mr. Kunz served on committees overseeing court statistics, the development of automatic case management systems, changes to the decentralization of the budget and to the Judicial Salary Plan, and is a founding member of the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In 1994, he received the Director's Award from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, just one of many commendations he received throughout his career.

For over 50 years Mr. Kunz has stood for equality and efficiency in the justice system and embodied the selfless character of a true public servant. On behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I want to thank Mr. Michael E. Kunz for his decades of service and wish him the best for his retirement in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE MITCHELL

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the service of my staff member Janice Rankin Mitchell of Madison, MS, on the occasion of her retirement following a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Senate as a constituent service representative.

Janice joined the staff of U.S. Senator John C. Stennis on January 15, 1978. She joined my staff in January 1985 following Senator Stennis's retirement.

Janice's tenure as a Senate employee has been historic. Janice Mitchell is one of the longest serving staff members in Senate history and the only African-American woman to have worked for two Senators from Mississippi.

Janice has been a steady and effective presence in my Jackson, MS, field office, where she has directly served Mississippians in need of help with Medicare, Medicaid, and the Social Security Administration.

Janice is compassionate, caring, and proficient. She has exceeded her duty

to help Mississippians navigate Federal programs and receive the benefits to which they are entitled. During her tenure in the Senate, Janice has managed nearly 5,000 constituent cases, more than 3,000 of which have been resolved favorably.

One constituent, Mr. Buddy Cooper of Florence, MS, wrote to me about Janice's work on his behalf. He described her as "the person who reached out her hand and led us from darkness to light . . . who went from being a friend to part of the family."

Beyond her service to the Senate, Janice's involvement in her community and church reflect her commitment to serve others. Janice is a faithful and devoted member of Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. She has served in many ministries there, including the choir and the Sunday school, where she is currently in charge of all classes for teenagers.

Janice and her husband of 37 years, Johnny Mitchell, have two children, Jonathan and Jasmine, and a granddaughter, Ja'Lena, by Jonathan, and his wife, Santana. Janice's parents, the late Reverend and Mrs. Nelvis Rankin, Sr., would be proud of their "baby daughter."

Retirement will be the end of Janice's 38-year career with the Senate but will mark the beginning of many new opportunities for her and her family. Janice looks forward to travelling and spending time with her family in her favorite role as "Granny."

From myself and all of those who have worked with Janice, we say thank you for your years of service to Mississippi and the United States.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL AUGUSTUS L. COLLINS

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, it is an honor to pay tribute today to MG Augustus L. Collins, the adjutant general of the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. General Collins is retiring after a remarkable legacy of nearly 40 years of military service.

Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant appointed General Collins as adjutant general in 2012, and the readiness of Mississippi's 12,275 citizen soldiers and airmen has thrived under General Collins's strong leadership. The excellent organizational and command skills exercised by General Collins have ensured that Mississippi's National Guard forces are equipped and trained to accomplish any mission, whether responding to natural disasters at home or deployed to combat zones overseas.

General Collins enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard in March 1977. Following his enlistment, he completed State officer candidate school and was commissioned in July of 1980. As a commissioned officer, General Collins advanced quickly up the ranks

and continuously trusted with new levels of responsibility. General Collins's leadership skills led to assignments in command and staff positions at every level, including company, battalion, regiment, brigade, and the adjutant general's primary staff in both a traditional and Active Guard Reserve status.

General Collins's record of military service also includes being called to Active Duty in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and commanding the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team during combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004 to 2006.

The commitment, courage and sacrifice demonstrated by General Collins is reflected in the many awards and decorations earned over his distinguished career. These honors include, but are not limited to, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Mississippi Magnolia Cross.

General Collins is a true patriot and one of the most respected leaders in Mississippi. His care and commitment for our citizen soldiers and their families is unwavering. On a personal level, I am grateful for the opportunity to work closely with General Collins. His strength of character, gracious presence, and warm personality always make him a pleasure to be around.

It is an honor to commend General Collins and to express appreciation to him for a job well done. The State of Mississippi and United States of America are better because of you.●

TRIBUTE TO MEN AND WOMEN IN RADIO

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I wish to commend the men and women who work in radio broadcasting and to thank the National Broadcasting Professionals Coalition of Radio and Music for ensuring all those working in this profession are properly recognized for their contributions to society. The legislature in my home State of Georgia passed a resolution during the 2016 legislative session recognizing an entire week of April as "Men and Women in Radio Broadcasting Week" in our State, proposed by Atlanta radio host Dee Hill.

Today I particularly recognize the "Fabulous Five" women who were recently honored for their contributions at the Women in Radio reception in Atlanta, GA, hosted by Dee Hill Presentations and Annabella's Foundation, Inc. I congratulate these women—Carol Blackmon, Regina Allen Slaughter, Michele Williams, Sylvia James, and Myrna Taylor-Ransom—who have marked outstanding professional achievements in their industry.

These women and all those who work in radio broadcasting are the producers of radio shows, station managers, disc jockeys, radio hosts, and traffic report-

ers. They are the pioneers of internet radio, blog talk radio, and podcasts. They are in front of the microphone and working behind the scenes to produce radio shows and keep radio stations on the air. We thank them all for their fine work to keep our Nation informed, to encourage debate, and to entertain us.●

RECOGNIZING THE SALT LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

● Mr. LEE. Mr. President, my home State of Utah has long been one of the best kept secrets in America. But this is beginning to change. Utah is increasingly recognized as one of the best places in the world to live, study, work, raise a family, start a business, and build communities. In fact, many call Utah the next Silicon Valley, as the Beehive State is fast becoming one of the most popular destinations in America for venture-capital funding and pioneering businesses.

Central to the success of our State's business community is the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, Utah's largest business association, with members in each of the State's 29 counties, representing more than 8,000 businesses and nearly half the State's workforce.

For generations, the Salt Lake Chamber has played a pivotal role in building a strong and dynamic economy across Utah, by supporting its members, forging collaborative and productive partnerships, and investing in local communities in every corner of the State.

On June 8, 2016, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce recognized the Salt Lake Chamber's record of success by awarding it a five-star accreditation—a highly esteemed designation carried by only 204 of the approximately 7,000 chambers of commerce across the country. Receiving a five-star accreditation proves what many Utahns already knew to be true: the Salt Lake Chamber embodies the enterprising and cooperative spirit of our State and our people.

On behalf of the people of Utah, I congratulate the Salt Lake Chamber—and the thousands of Utah businesses and workers they support—for this well-deserved and impressive distinction, and I thank the chamber's staff, board, and volunteers for the outstanding work that the five-star accreditation represents.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT WITT

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure and the highest regards that I speak on the accomplishments of my valued constituent and friend, Dr. Robert Witt. On August 31, 2016, Dr. Witt retired after 4 years as chancellor of the University of Alabama System and 13 total years of service with the system.

Dr. Witt served as the 26th president of the University of Alabama from 2003–2012, which were some of the most

successful years in the history of the university. Indeed, I believe it will be difficult for any other president of the university to match his success. When Dr. Witt first arrived in Tuscaloosa, he pursued a strategy called for increasing enrollment, stimulating growth in research, supporting economic expansion in Alabama, raising faculty salaries, boosting financial aid, and expanding university facilities. And he accomplished it all.

Dr. Witt's record of groundbreaking enrollment is unparalleled. In 2003, there were less than 20,000 students on campus. His plan called for increasing student enrollment to 28,000 by 2013. This goal was achieved much sooner, as the university enrolled 28,807 students in 2009. Throughout Dr. Witt's tenure, the University of Alabama experienced explosive growth with phenomenal increases in enrollment of both instate and out-of-State students.

The university had a record-breaking year in 2012, when 33,602 students registered for classes. Each subsequent year brought another record student enrollment, and today the student population exceeds 37,000. The Washington Post recently named the university as the fastest growing flagship university in the Nation after finding it has experienced a stunning 92 percent rate of growth. The Post's analysis acknowledged that the growth at the University of Alabama has surpassed that of all the other growing Southeastern Conference universities.

Even with this unprecedented and dramatic growth, academic quality and scholarship opportunities increased. This increase in student population was accompanied by new construction and renovations to campus buildings, such as new residence halls and dining facilities. Dr. Witt's vision positioned the University of Alabama as one of the fastest growing public research institutions in the Nation.

Dr. Witt brilliantly created the university's honors college in 2003. It has grown today to more than 6,500 students. The honors college is rooted in four pillars of the educational experience: innovative scholarship, advanced research, civic engagement, and cultural interaction. It has been instrumental in attracting the very top tier of academic talent from all over the Nation and the world to the school.

The growth of the student population was complemented by the athletic success. After several trying years on the football field, Dr. Witt and his administration selected Nick Saban as the head football coach in 2007. Nine years and four national championships later, Coach Saban proved to be the best of his profession. Dr. Witt has stated that hiring Coach Saban was the best financial investment that the university has ever made. Sports success increased enthusiasm among the alumni, students, and prospective students. Dr. Witt used this excitement to further his goals. The university's capital improvement campaign goal was exceeded by several

millions of dollars. Bryant-Denny Stadium was also expanded from 84,000 to 101,821 seats.

His capital campaigns were highly successful. High-quality construction increased the size, beauty, and utility of the campus. In 2003 when Dr. Witt began his career in Tuscaloosa, student enrollment was 20,333. The incoming freshman class that year was 3,075. Total enrollment has since grown to 37,100, and in 2015, the incoming freshmen class had 7,211 students, all the while raising academic scores.

During his tenure, Dr. Witt also contributed to the prestige of the University of Alabama School of Law. The law school has been consistently ranked in the top tier of law schools and is currently ranked 28th of all law schools, State and private, in the Nation by US News.

Dr. Witt's success has continued over these last 4 years in his time as chancellor of the University of Alabama System. As chancellor, he oversaw three university campuses, with a budget exceeding \$5 billion. In this position, Dr. Witt endeavored to strengthen the system's support for economic development. During this time, total enrollment and total faculty continued to grow.

Dr. Witt is chairman of the council of presidents of Alabama's public colleges and universities. His other leadership activities include the Governor's College & Career Ready Task Force; the American Cast Iron Pipe Company Board of Directors; the Alexis deTocqueville Executive Committee; and the Advisory Board, Elizabeth Project Care Board. He is past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, a past member of the Tuscaloosa County IDA Board, and the Black Warrior Council Boy Scouts of America. In 2011, he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor, which is comprised of 100 living Alabamians elected on the basis of service to the State.

On June 15, 2016, he was honored with a bronze statue on the Tuscaloosa campus's Presidential Village. Additionally, the dorms on the north side of campus and the activity center will be named in his honor. Upon his retirement, Dr. Witt plans to take a year-long sabbatical before returning to the university to teach at his honors college.

In light of these and all of his many accomplishments, I want to congratulate Dr. Witt on his outstanding career and to wish him the very best in his next endeavor. Dr. Witt's record of positive leadership at the University of Alabama must be recognized as perhaps the most successful in Alabama's history. Words fail to fully capture the enormity of his achievement. A fine, respected, and solid State university has been transformed. On behalf of the people of Alabama, let me express my appreciation.●

RECOGNIZING THE DELTA WORK READY ACADEMY

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, the Mississippi River Delta region is one of the poorest areas in the country, with vast economic development, education, and workforce training needs. Many people are struggling to maximize their professional potential and earning power due to a lack of resources and job opportunities. However, one community leader has dedicated himself to helping younger generations of Americans achieve success through a new, innovative education program designed to help them become productive members of the workforce. I would like to recognize Reverend James Smith and the Delta Work Ready Academy for their exemplary efforts to enrich communities through workforce training.

As a former truancy officer for Richland Parish schools, Reverend James Smith of Rayville, LA, was inspired to create Delta Work Ready Academy to help young Louisianians who need a second chance reach new levels of economic prosperity and professional excellence. Students participating in the program are often the ones who are barely passing or have dropped out of high school, and who are most in need of help. Through his experience, Reverend Smith has seen firsthand how teaching these young adults skills they need to succeed can break the cycle of poverty that has plagued many rural communities for decades.

The Delta Work Ready Academy allows students age 14 to 21 to gain useful and in-demand skills, such as carpentry and electrical training, in addition to "soft skills" like workplace behavior, punctuality, and teamwork. Students are paid minimum wage for the time it takes to complete the program and finish with an industry-based certification that will allow them to move into a high-paying job. Since the founding of the program, many companies have partnered with the Delta Work Ready Academy to bring young and energetic students into the workforce. I am confident that programs like Delta Work Ready Academy will help bridge the gap between Louisiana's rapid economic expansion and its struggle to provide the necessary number of skilled workers.

I appreciate and applaud the hard work and achievements of Reverend Smith and the Delta Work Ready Academy, and I would like to thank all of the folks who sacrifice their time to impact the lives of young Louisianians. I look forward to its continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 19, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 764. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2893. An act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 3055. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans.

S. 3207. An act to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats.

H.R. 2607. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the "Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building".

H.R. 3700. An act to provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3931. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the "Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office".

H.R. 3953. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4122 Madison Street, Elfers, Florida, as the "Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4010. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 522 North Central Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, as the "Ed Pastor Post Office".

H.R. 4425. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegeville, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office".

H.R. 4747. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6691 Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, as the "Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building".

H.R. 4761. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 61 South Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, California, as the "Louis Van Iersel Post Office".

H.R. 4777. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1301 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama as the "Amelia Boynton Robinson Post Office Building".

H.R. 4877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building".

H.R. 4904. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to

issue a directive on the management of software licenses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4925. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 West Main Cross Street, in Findlay, Ohio, as the "Michael Garver Oxley Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4975. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5720 South 142nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson Post Office Building".

H.R. 4987. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3957 2nd Avenue in Laurel Hill, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class William 'Kelly' Lacey Post Office".

H.R. 5028. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10721 E Jefferson Ave in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Mary E. McCoy Post Office Building".

H.R. 5722. An act to establish the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bills were signed on July 19, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CRAPO).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 25, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

S. Con. Res. 50. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 409(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA), the Minority Leader appoints the following Members to the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico: Representative NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ of New York and Representative PEDRO PIERLUISI, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 409(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following Members to the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico: Mr. DUFFY of Wisconsin and Mr. MACARTHUR of New Jersey.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 409(d) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker designates the following member of the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico as its Chair: Mr. HATCH of Utah.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5538. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environ-

ment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5538. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3231. To amend title 5, United States Code, to protect unpaid interns in the Federal Government from workplace harassment and discrimination, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 19, 2016, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 764. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2893. An act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 3055. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans.

S. 3207. An act to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6196. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft Statement of Administrative Action and a copy of the final legal text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6197. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to exempt all military personnel accounts from sequestration for fiscal year 2017, if a sequestration is necessary; to the Committees on Appropriations; Armed Services; and the Budget.

EC-6198. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Mid-Session Review of the Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget.

EC-6199. A communication from the Director for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties semiannual report for the first and second quarters of fiscal year 2016; to the Committees on the Judiciary; Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-6200. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Examining Oversight of the Privacy & Security of Health Data Collected by Entities Not Regulated by HIPAA"; to the Committees on Finance; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6201. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Farm Service Agency" (RIN0560-AH02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6202. A communication from the Management Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act" (RIN0580-AB24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6203. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Order Amending Marketing Order 989" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0069) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6204. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Suspension and Revision of Incoming Size-Grade Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0031) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6205. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Order Amending Marketing Order 925" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0049) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6206. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Export Application and Certification Charge; Flexibility in the Requirements for Export Inspection Marks, Devices, and Certificates; Egg Products Export Certification" (RIN0583-AD41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6207. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and

Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Namibia To Export Meat Products to the United States" (RIN0583-AD51) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6208. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for the Disposition of Non-Ambulatory Disabled Veal Calves" (RIN0583-AD54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6209. A communication from the Associate Director for Operations, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Federal Grants Program—General Administration Provisions" (RIN0524-AA67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6210. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Functions; Releasing Information; Privacy Act Regulations; Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the Farm Credit Administration" (RIN3052-AD17) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6211. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities" (RIN3052-AC69) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6212. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Governance; Standards of Conduct; Risk Management; and Disclosure and Reporting" (RIN3052-AC89) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6213. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cloquintocet-mexyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9947-78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6214. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Etoxazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9948-73) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6215. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, butyl ester, polymer with ethenyl acetate and sodium ethenesulfonate; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9948-64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6216. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9948-28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6217. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isaria fumosorosea strain FE 9901; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9945-41) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6218. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aminocyclopyrachlor; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9944-48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6219. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Haloxifen-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9946-30) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6220. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "n-Butyl 3-hydroxybutyrate and Isopropyl 3-hydroxybutyrate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9949-49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6221. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flumioxazin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9949-21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6222. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flumioxazin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9949-21-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6223. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to annual permit fees and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6224. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and

Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; California" (Docket No. APHIS-2016-0052) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6225. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program: Eliminating Applications Through Community Eligibility as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6226. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program: Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6227. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Reviews in the School Nutrition Programs" (RIN0584-AE30) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6228. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Local School Wellness Policy Implementation Under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6229. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities" (RIN3064-AE21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6230. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions" ((RIN0579-AE16) (Docket No. APHIS-2014-0101)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6231. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Counter-narcotics and Global Threats), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Department of Defense counternarcotics support

activities (OSS-2016-0919); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6232. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) as of June 30, 2016 (OSS-2016-1056); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6233. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Affairs Liaison with Industry" (RIN0790-A194) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6234. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General John M. Paxton, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6235. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John A. Toolan, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6236. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Perry L. Wiggins, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6237. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John F. Mulholland, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6238. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Update to the Report on Efficient Utilization of Department of Defense Real Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6239. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Operational Energy Budget Certification Report"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6240. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6241. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6242. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of twelve (12) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6243. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Detection and Avoidance of Counterfeit Electronic Parts-Further Implementation" ((RIN0750-A158) (DFARS Case 2014-D005)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6244. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Qualifying Countries-Japan and Slovenia" ((RIN0750-A197) (DFARS Case 2016-D023)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6245. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6246. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6247. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was established in Executive Order 13581 on July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6248. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation SBSR—Reporting and Dissemination of Security-Based Swap Information" (RIN3235-AL71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6249. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Production Act Annual Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6250. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6251. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Export Administration Regulations to Add Targets for the Production of Tritium and Related Development and Production Technology to the List of 0Y521 Series" (RIN0694-AG90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6252. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration,

Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commerce Control List: Addition of Items Determined to No Longer Warrant Control Under United States Munitions List Category XIV (Toxicological Agents) or Category XVIII (Directed Energy Weapons)" (RIN0694-AF52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6253. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Presidential \$1 Dollar Coin Program"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6254. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6255. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6256. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6257. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6258. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of the General Counsel, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice" (RIN3235-AL87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6259. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2015 Annual Report on Preservation and Promotion of Minority-Owned National Banks and Federal Savings Associations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6260. A communication from the Program Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure; Rules of Practice and Procedure in Adjudicatory Proceedings; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustments" (RIN1557-AE04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6261. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the

Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold" (RIN17100-AD99) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6262. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; Maine: Bald Island, Hancock County" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2016-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6263. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; Onondaga County, New York" (Docket No. FEMA-2016-0002) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6264. A communication from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform" (RIN1012-AA13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6265. A communication from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Civil Penalty Regulations" (RIN1012-AA05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6266. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "DOE Procedures to Enhance Emergency Preparedness for Natural Disasters"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6267. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the final map and boundary for the Skagit Wild and Scenic River, added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6268. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Final Coverage Determination; Test Procedures for Miscellaneous Refrigeration Products" ((RIN1904-AD44; RIN1904-AC66; and RIN1904-AC51) (Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0029 and Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-DET-0072)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6269. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy

Conservation Program: Enforcement of Regional Standards for Central Air Conditioners" ((RIN1904-AC68) (Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-CE-0077)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6270. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Ceiling Fans" ((RIN1904-AD10) (Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0050)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6271. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustments" (Docket No. RM16-16-000) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6272. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Frequency and Voltage Ride Through Capability of Small Generating Facilities" (Docket No. RM16-8-000) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6273. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM15-14-002) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6274. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Uncosted Balances for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6275. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Technical and Administrative Changes to Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation" (RIN1991-AC00) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6276. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Measurement and Reporting of Condensable Particulate Matter Emissions" (FRL No. 9949-94-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6277. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Florida; Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9950-01-Region 4) received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6278. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead, 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO₂, 2010 SO₂, and 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Utah" (FRL No. 9949-99-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6279. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Facilities Risk and Technology Review; Clarification" (FRL No. 9950-10-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6280. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; VT; Prevention of Significant Deterioration, Nonattainment and Minor Source Review" (FRL No. 9950-03-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6281. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residues from Electric Utilities; Compliance Timeframes Extension for Certain Inactive Surface Impoundments; Response to Partial Vacatur" (FRL No. 9949-44-OLEM) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6282. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Regional Consistency Regulations" (FRL No. 9949-79-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6283. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Modoc County Air Pollution Control District, Permit Programs" (FRL No. 9948-26-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6284. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9948-10-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6285. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to California State Implementation Plan; Bay Area Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits” (FRL No. 9947-70-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6286. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Quality: Revision to the Regulatory Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds—Exclusion of 1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy) ethane (HFE-347pcf2)” (FRL No. 9949-77-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6287. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Reasonable Further Progress Plan, Contingency Measures, Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Baltimore 1997 8-Hour Ozone Serious Nonattainment Area” (FRL No. 9949-70-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6288. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions from Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing Materials” (FRL No. 9949-72-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6289. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Maine: Prevention of Significant Deterioration; PM2.5” (FRL No. 9949-58-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6290. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Missouri’s Air Quality Implementation Plans; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Revision and 2013 Five-Year Progress Report” (FRL No. 9949-68-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6291. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal” (FRL No. 9948-81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6292. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of the Attainment Date for

the Oakridge, Oregon 24-hour PM2.5 Non-attainment Area” (FRL No. 9949-18-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6293. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan revisions to Permits, Rules and Approval Orders; Utah” (FRL No. 9948-89-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6294. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Permitting of Greenhouse Gases” (FRL No. 9949-09-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6295. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Finding of Failure to Submit a State Implementation Plan; Maryland; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone” (FRL No. 9949-34-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6296. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, El Dorado County Air Quality Management District” (FRL No. 9948-08-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6297. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Determination of Attainment of the 1-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard in the San Joaquin Valley Non-attainment Area in California” (FRL No. 9949-07-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6298. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; 2015 Kansas State Implementation Plan for the 2008 Lead Standard” (FRL No. 9949-13-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6299. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; RI; Correction, Administrative and Miscellaneous Revisions” (FRL No. 9949-32-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6300. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Availability of Certain North American Electric Reliability Corporation Databases to the Commission” (Docket No. RM15-25-000) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6301. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Oregon; Medford Area Carbon Monoxide Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan” (FRL No. 9949-00-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6302. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Limited Approval, Limited Disapproval of California Air Plan Revisions, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 9947-69-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6303. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; RI; Regional Haze Five Year Progress Report” (FRL No. 9949-17-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6304. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Deadline for Action on the Section 126 Petition From Connecticut” (FRL No. 9949-42-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6305. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Clean Data Determination for 1997 PM2.5 Standards; California—South Coast; Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements” (FRL No. 9949-47-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6306. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry” ((RIN2060-AS98) (FRL No. 9949-46-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6307. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hazardous Chemical Reporting; Community Right-to-Know; Revisions to Hazard Categories and Minor Corrections; Correction” ((RIN2050-AG85) (FRL No. 9949-05-OLEM)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6308. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, Riverside County Air Pollution Control District, and San Bernardino County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9949-24-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6309. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Revisions to the New Source Review State Implementation Plan; Air Permit Procedure Revisions" (FRL No. 9950-18-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arkansas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9950-13-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding that Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Aircraft Cause or Contribute to Air Pollution that May Reasonably Be Anticipated to Endanger Public Health and Welfare" ((RIN2060-AS31) (FRL No. 9950-15-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Approval of Infrastructure State Implementation Plans for Specific National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9950-29-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6313. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocations of Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Allowances from New Unit Set-Asides for the 2016 Compliance Year" (FRL No. 9949-93-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; DC; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9950-73-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; South Carolina; Prong 4-2008 Ozone, 2010 NO2, SO2, and 2012 PM2.5" (FRL No. 9950-82-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6316. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing Materials" (FRL No. 9950-69-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6317. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Case-by-Case Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 9950-71-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6318. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan (SIP) Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and the Adoption of the 1997 PM2.5 Standard" (FRL No. 9950-65-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6319. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Alabama; Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9949-65-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6320. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Procurement Under EPA Financial Assistance Agreements" ((RIN2090-AA40) (FRL No. 9946-27-OA)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6321. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills" ((RIN2060-AS23) (FRL No. 9949-55-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6322. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills" ((RIN2060-AM08) (FRL No. 9949-51-Region OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6323. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9948-11-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6324. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; San Joaquin Valley; Revisions to Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for Ozone and Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9949-84-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6325. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Performance Specification 18 and Procedure 6" (FRL No. 9950-26-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6326. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; San Joaquin Valley; Demonstration of Creditable Emission Reductions from Economic Incentive Programs" (FRL No. 9950-19-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6327. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Iowa's Air Quality Implementation Plans; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Revision and 2013 Five-Year Progress Report" (FRL No. 9949-82-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6328. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Interstate Transport of Air Pollution for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9950-49-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6329. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air

Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Interstate Transport of Air Pollution for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9950-50-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6330. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; NH; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Minor Core Activities" (FRL No. 9950-60-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6331. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wisconsin; Approval/Disapproval of Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 9950-54-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6332. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Abengoa Bioenergy of Indiana, Commissioner's Order" (FRL No. 9950-52-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6333. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Correction to Equation 2 in Appendix N" ((RIN2060-AS89) (FRL No. 9950-48-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6334. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho: Stationary Source Permitting Revisions" (FRL No. 9950-58-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6335. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: State Implementation Plan Requirements" ((RIN2060-AQ48) (FRL No. 9946-36-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6336. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Report to Congress on the Recovery of Threatened and Endangered Species" and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6337. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and

Plants: Final Listing Determination on the Proposal To List the Nassau Grouper as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XA984) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6338. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Three Angelshark Species as Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XD940) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6339. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline project in Santa Clara County, California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6340. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Swope Park Industrial Area, Blue River, Missouri project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6341. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan: Picayune Strand Restoration project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6342. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Closure of Activities Related to Recommendation 2.1, Flooding Hazard Reevaluation" (NRC-2016-0084) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6343. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Making Changes to Emergency Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors" (Regulatory Guide 1.219, Revision 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6344. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update to Transcript Correction Procedures" ((RIN3150-AJ76) (NRC-2016-0117)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6345. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Enforcement Policy" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6346. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Master Materials Licenses" (NUREG-1556, Volume 10, Revision 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6347. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Guidance for Agreement State Licenses About NRC Form 241 'Report of Proposed Activities in Non-Agreement States, Areas of Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction, or Offshore Waters' and Guidance for NRC Licensees Proposing to Work in Agreement State Jurisdiction (Reciprocity)" (NUREG-1556, Volume 19, Revision 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6348. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Portable Gauge Licenses" (NUREG-1556, Volume 1, Revision 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6349. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Materials Licenses" (NUREG-1556, Volume 15, Revision 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6350. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Fixed Gauge Licenses" (NUREG-1556, Volume 4, Revision 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6351. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program; Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 Provision on Establishing Appropriate Occupations for Drug Testing of Unemployment Compensation Applicants" (RIN1205-AB63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6352. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Year in Trade 2015"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6353. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement to Notify the IRS of Intent to Operate as a Section 501(c) (4) Organization" (Rev. Proc. 2016-41) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6354. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement to Notify the IRS to Operate as a Section 501(c) (4) Organization; Final and Temporary Regulations" ((RIN1545-BN26) (TD 9775)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6355. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Method of Accounting for Gains and Losses on Shares in Money Market Funds; Broker Returns with Respect to Sales of Shares in Money Market Funds" ((RIN1545-BM04) (TD 9774)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6356. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit or Abatement; Determination of a Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 2016-40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6357. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Participation of a Person Described in Section 6103(n) in a Summons Interview Under Section 7602(a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code" ((RIN1545-BM24) (TD 9778)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6358. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2016 Marginal Production Rates" (Notice 2016-45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6359. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2016 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment" (Notice 2016-44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6360. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - August 2016" (Rev. Rul. 2016-18) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6361. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax Treatment of Payments Made on Behalf of or Reimbursements Received by Residents Affected by the

Southern California Gas Company Natural Gas Leak" (Announcement 2016-25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6362. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arbitrage Guidance for Tax-Exempt Bonds" ((RIN1545-BG41 and RIN1545-BH38) (TD 9777)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6363. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Property Transferred in Connection with the Performance of Services" ((RIN1545-BM63) (TD9779)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6364. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance under Section 108(a) Concerning the Exclusion of Section 61(a) (12) Discharge of Indebtedness Income of a Grantor Trust or a Disregarded Entity" ((RIN1545-BJ14) (TD9771)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6365. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recapitalization Into 'Control' and Unwind - Section 355(a)" (Rev. Proc. 2016-40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6366. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Income Inclusion When Lessee Treated as Having Acquired Investment Credit Property" ((RIN1545-BM74) (TD9776)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6367. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Section 45K(d) (2) (C) Reference Price" (Notice 2016-43) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6368. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary (Domestic Finance), Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6369. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary (Financial Stability), Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6370. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics,

and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Member, IRS Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6371. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Syria" (RIN1515-AE14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6372. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2016 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6373. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the designation of David S. Johanson as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6374. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fraud and Abuse Laws Regarding Gainsharing or Similar Arrangements between Physicians and Hospital"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6375. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Medicare and Medicaid Integrity Programs" for fiscal years 2013 and 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6376. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Administration, Cost and Impact of the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6377. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2017 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements" ((RIN0938-AS79) (CMS-1652-F)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6378. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System. . . and Low-Volume Hospitals" ((RIN0938-AS77; RIN0938-AS88; and RIN0938-AS41) (CMS-1655-F; CMS-1644-F; and CMS-1632-F2)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6379. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System

for Federal Fiscal Year 2017” ((RIN0938-AS78) (CMS-1647-F)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6380. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; FY 2017 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System—Rate Update” ((RIN0938-AS76) (CMS-1650-N)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6381. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2017, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, and SNF Payment Models Research” ((RIN0938-AS75) (CMS-1645-F)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6382. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; FY 2017 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System—Rate Update” ((RIN0938-AS76) (CMS-1650-N)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6383. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2016-0976); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6384. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2016-1036); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6385. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on India's status as an adherent to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) (OSS-2016-1043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6386. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS-2016-0869); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6387. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2016-0929); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6388. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of

Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2016-0930); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6389. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of U.S. forces to support the security of U.S. personnel and our Embassy in South Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6390. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of U.S. forces to support the security of U.S. personnel and our Embassy in South Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6391. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 16-006); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6392. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-142); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6393. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 16-053); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6394. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 16-031); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6395. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2015 annual report on voting practices in the United Nations and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6396. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2016-0087-2016-0100); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6397. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2014”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6398. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2015 Report on the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant and Integrative Medicine Programs”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6399. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Progress Report to Con-

gress on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory Program”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6400. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (GLSMA) Youth Suicide Prevention Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6401. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention Program” for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6402. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2015”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6403. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Priority—Technical Assistance on State Data Collection Program—Targeted and Intensive Technical Assistance to States on the Analysis and Use of Formative and Summative Assessment Data To Support Implementation of States’ Identified Measurable Result(s)” ((CFDA No. 84.373A.) (Docket No. ED-2016-OSERS-0024)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6404. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to Registration of Food Facilities” ((RIN0910-AG69) (Docket No. FDA-2002-N-0323)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6405. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Removal of Review and Reclassification Procedures for Biological Products Licensed Prior to July 1, 1972; Technical Amendment” (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-2103) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6406. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Vitamin D2 and Vitamin D3” (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0888) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6407. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Administrative Actions for Noncompliance; Lesser Administrative Actions; Confirmation of Effective Date” (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-5052) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6408. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Emergency Permit Control Regulations; Technical Amendments” (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-2819) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6409. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Change of Address; Technical Amendment” (Docket No. FDA-2016-N-0011) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6410. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “New Animal Drug Applications; Contents of Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing; Correction” (Docket No. FDA-2016-N-1943) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6411. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Refuse To Accept Procedures for Premarket Tobacco Product Submissions” (Docket No. FDA-2016-N-1555) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6412. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Preparations, Limits of Potency, and Dating Period Limitations for Biological Products; Confirmation of Effective Date” (Docket No. FDA-2016-N-1170) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6413. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulatory Hearing Before the Food and Drug Administration; General Provisions; Technical Amendment” (Docket No. FDA-2016-N-0011) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6414. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled “Food Labeling; Calorie Labeling of Articles of Food in Vending Machines; Extension of Compliance Date” ((RIN0910-AG56) (Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0171)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6415. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6416. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final priority and requirements—Technical Assistance on State Data Collection Program—Targeted and Intensive Technical Assistance to States on the Analysis and Use of Formative and Summative Assessment Data to Support Implementation of States’ Identified Measurable Result(s)” ((CFDA No. 84.373A.) (Docket No. ED-2016-OSERS-0024)) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6417. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final priority requirements, and definition—Disability Innovation Fund—Transition Work-Based Learning Model Demonstrations” ((CFDA No. 84.421B.) (Docket No. ED-2016-OSERS-0022)) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6418. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final priority—Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind Program” ((CFDA No. 84.160D.) (Docket No. ED-2016-OSERS-0018)) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6419. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Program Fraud Civil Remedies: Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment” (RIN3206-AN39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6420. A communication from the Acting Director, Pay and Leave, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Disabled Veteran Leave and Other Miscellaneous Changes” (RIN3206-AN31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6421. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “The District of Columbia Housing Production Trust Fund: Revenues and Expenditures and 5-City Comparison”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6422. A communication from the Dis-

trict of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Subcontracting Requirements for Government-Assisted Projects: A Review of DSLBD’s Compliance Monitoring Function”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6423. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “The District May Have Forfeited Nearly \$500,000 Through Changes to the Contract for the H.D. Cooke Elementary School Modernization Completed in 2010”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6424. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Sufficiency Certification for the Washington Convention and Sports Authority (Trading as Events DC) Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6425. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation’s fiscal year 2015 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6426. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6427. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch; Amendments to the Seeking Other Employment Rules” (RIN3209-AA04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6428. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2015” and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6429. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office’s annual report on Federal agencies’ use of the Physicians’ Comparability Allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6430. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6431. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6432. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Operating Officer of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

relative to an audit of the Garden for the period from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6433. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hart-Scott-Rodino Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6434. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment" (OAG 148) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6435. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Coming Into Focus: The Future of Juvenile Justice Reform, 2014 Annual Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6436. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to settlements and consent decrees and orders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6437. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during calendar year 2015 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6438. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6439. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during calendar year 2015 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6440. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to settlements and consent decrees and orders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6441. A communication from the Project Manager, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of Provisional Unlawful Presence Waivers of Inadmissibility" (RIN1615-AC03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6442. A communication from the Project Manager, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of Provisional Unlawful Presence Waivers of Inadmissibility" (RIN1615-AC03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6443. A communication from the Project Manager, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of Provisional Unlawful Presence Waivers of Inadmissibility" (RIN1615-AC03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6444. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and

Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importer Permit Requirements for Tobacco Products and Processed Tobacco, and Other Requirements for Tobacco Products, Processed Tobacco and Cigarette Papers and Tubes" (RIN1513-AB37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6445. A joint communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Labor and the Acting Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Homeland Security and Department of Labor Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Catch-Up Adjustments for the H-2B Temporary Non-agricultural Worker Program" (RIN1235-AA15 and RIN1615-AC10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6446. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affiliation for Business Loan Programs and Surety Bond Guarantee Program" (RIN3245-AG73) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6447. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6448. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6449. A communication from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Employment Pay for Success Grant Program" (RIN2900-AP72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6450. A communication from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prescriptions in Alaska and U.S. Territories and Possessions" (RIN2900-AP42) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6451. A communication from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hospital Care and Medical Services for Camp Lejeune Veterans" (RIN2900-AP59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6452. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, De-

partment of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bus Testing: Establishment of Performance Standards, a Bus Model Scoring System, a Pass/Fail Standard and other Program Updates" (RIN2132-AB11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6453. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transit Asset Management; National Transit Database" (RIN2132-AB07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6454. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inspection of Towing Vessels" ((RIN1625-AB06) (Docket No. USCG-2006-24412)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6455. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision of Maximum and Minimum Civil Penalties" (RIN2137-AF23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6456. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Incorporation by Reference Edition Update for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and Transportation Systems for Liquids and Slurries: Pressure Piping Code" (RIN2137-AF15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6457. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone, Delaware River, Schuylkill River; Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0363)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6458. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; 2016 Republican National Convention, and Associated Voluntary First Amendment Safety Zones, Lake Erie and Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA87 and RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0557)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6459. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River mile 307.8-308.8 Huntington, WV" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket

No. USCG-2016-0279)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6460. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Fox River, DePere to Oshkosh, WI" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0256)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6461. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Norwalk River, Norwalk, CT" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2014-1057)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6462. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Chesapeake Bay, Cape Charles, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0416)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6463. A communication from the Legal Intern, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lake Erie Open Water Classic; Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0624)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6464. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 2016 Wings Over Vermont Air Show, Lake Champlain, Burlington, VT" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-11127)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6465. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Detroit River Days Air Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0460)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6466. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0534)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6467. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Confluence of James River and

Appomattox River, Hopewell, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0331)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6468. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bay Village Independence Day Celebration; Lake Erie, Bay Village, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0550)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6469. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pleasure Bridge, Bridgeport, CT" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-1123)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6470. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Allegheny River mile 0-0.5, Monongahela River mile 0-0.5, Ohio River mile 0-0.5, Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0538)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6471. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River mile 607.5 to 608.6, Indiana" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0502)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6472. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River mile 317-318, Ashland, KY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0616)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6473. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River Mile 42.5 to 43.0, Chester, West Virginia" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0335)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6474. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Shallowbag Bay, Manteo, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0131)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6475. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pamlico Sound, Ocracoke,

NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0289)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6476. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0473)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6477. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; James River, Hampton, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0084)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6478. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Hudson River, South Nyack and Tarrytown, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0462)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6479. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pleasure Beach Bridge, Bridgeport, CT" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-1088)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6480. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Drag Boat Championship, Intracoastal Waterway, Bucksport, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0011)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6481. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0559)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6482. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services-2016 Update" (Docket No. EP 542) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6483. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department

of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment—Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act” (RIN1513-AC28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6484. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of the Tip of the Mitt Viticultural Area” (RIN1513-AC22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6485. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Civil Penalties” (RIN2135-40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6486. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to Implement Certain Provisions of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act or ‘FAST Act’” (RIN2126-AB89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6487. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance; General Amendments” (RIN2126-AB81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6488. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment of 2015” (RIN2126-AB93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6489. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North Atlantic Swordfish Fishery” (RIN0648-XE567) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6490. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures for the 2016 Tribal and Non-Tribal Fisheries for Pacific Whiting” (RIN0648-BF74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6491. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory

Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Implementation of the Shark Conservation Act of 2010” (RIN0648-BF54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6492. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries” (RIN0648-BG16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6493. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 17 to the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan” (RIN0648-BF04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6494. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Implementation of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation System” (RIN0648-BF17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6495. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Specifications and Management Measures” (RIN0648-BF53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6496. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Fixed-Gear Commercial Halibut and Sablefish Fisheries; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program; Cost Recovery Authorized Payment Methods” (RIN0648-BF35) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6497. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program” (RIN0648-BF05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6498. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program” (RIN0648-BF46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6499. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Amendments to the Reef Fish, Spiny Lobster, Queen Conch, and Corals and Reef Associated Plants and Invertebrates Fishery Management Plans of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands” (RIN0648-BF18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6500. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Purse Seine Observer Requirements, and Fishing Restrictions and Limits in Purse Seine and Longline Fisheries for 2016-2017” (RIN0648-BF76) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6501. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2016 Management Measures; Correction” (RIN0648-BF56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6502. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “International Fisheries; Eastern Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Amend Regulations Implementing Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Resolution C-02-03” (RIN0648-BF71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6503. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bycatch Management in the Bering Sea Pollock Fishery” (RIN0648-BF25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6504. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Specifications” (RIN0648-XE425) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6505. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; the Highly Migratory Species Fishery; Closure” (RIN0648-XE621) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6506. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Seismic Surveys in Cook Inlet, Alaska” (RIN0648-BE53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6507. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery; 2016 Longfin Squid Trimeter II Quota Harvested” (RIN0648-XE697) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6508. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands” (RIN0648-XE518) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6509. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #1 Through #5” (RIN0648-XE520) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6510. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2016 Recreational Accountability Measures and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Gray Triggerfish” (RIN0648-XE701) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6511. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XE679) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6512. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “At-

lantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Blacknose Sharks and Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks in the Atlantic Region South of 34 degrees North Latitude; Closure” (RIN0648-XE634) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6513. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; 2016 Closure of the Northern Gulf of Maine Scallop Management Area” (RIN0648-XE620) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6514. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery and Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XE644) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6515. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clarification of Award Fee Evaluations and Payments” (RIN2700-AE31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6516. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Human Exploration and Operations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Space Flight” (RIN2700-AD98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6517. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inflation Adjustment of the Ordinary Maximum and Aggravated Maximum Civil Monetary Penalties for a Violation of the Hazardous Material Transportation Laws or Regulations, Orders, Special Permits, and Approvals Issued Under Those Laws” (RIN2130-AC61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6518. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act for a Violation of a Federal Railroad Safety Law or Federal Railroad Administration Safety Regulation or Order” (RIN2130-AC59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6519. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Com-

mission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data” ((FCC 16-81) (GN Docket No. 15-206)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6520. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System” ((FCC 16-80) (PSHSB Docket No. 15-94)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6521. A communication from the Acting Division Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Promoting Expanded Opportunities for Radio Experimentation and Market Trials under Part 5 of the Commission’s Rules and Streamlining Other Related Rules; 2006 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations—Part 2 Administered by the Office of Engineering and Technology (OET)” ((ET Doc. No. 10-236 and ET Doc. No. 06-155) (FCC 16-86)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6522. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technology Transitions, Policies and Rules Governing Retirement Of Copper Loops by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers.” ((RIN3060-AK32) (FCC 16-90)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6523. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data” ((FCC 16-81) (GN Docket No. 15-206)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6524. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director/Financial Operations, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth In Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission’s Rules” (FCC 16-87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6525. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technology Transitions, Policies and Rules Governing Retirement Of Copper Loops by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers.” ((RIN3060-AK32) (FCC 16-90)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6526. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director/

Financial Operations, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth In Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 16-87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6527. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime" ((RIN3060-AF85) (FCC 16-33)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6528. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime" ((RIN3060-AF85) (FCC 16-33)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6529. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System" (FCC 16-80) (PSHSB Docket No. 15-94)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6530. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class C Airspace; Billings Logan International Airport, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-0149)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6531. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class C Airspace; Capital Region International Airport, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4452)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6532. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Destin, FL; Duke Field, Eglin AFB, FL; Revocation of Class D Airspace; Eglin AF Aux No 3 Duke Field, FL; and Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Eglin Air Force Base, FL; Eglin Hurlburt Field, FL; and Crestview, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-7203)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6533. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Destin, FL; Duke Field, Eglin AFB, FL; Revocation of Class D Airspace; Eglin AF Aux No 3 Duke Field, FL; and Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Eglin Air Force Base, FL; Eglin Hurlburt Field, FL; and Crestview, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-7203)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6534. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Beach, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-5801)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6535. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Lisbon, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-5800)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6536. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Shelton, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3994)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6537. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Charlottesville, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-8304)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6538. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Orlando, FL; Jackson, TN; and Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gainesville, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-0071)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6539. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Little Rock, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3085)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6540. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following

Indiana Towns; Goshen, IN; Greencastle, IN; Huntington, IN; North Vernon, IN; Rensselaer, IN; Tell City, IN; and Washington, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-4291)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6541. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Louisiana Towns; De Quincy, LA; Minden, LA; Slidell, LA; and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Homer, LA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-4429)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6542. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ogden-Hinckley, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-0021)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6543. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Kansas Towns; Belleville, KS; Johnson, KS; Marysville, KS; Pittsburg, KS; and Washington, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-4234)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6544. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changing the Collective Risk Limits for Launches and Reentries and Clarifying the Risk Limit Used to Establish Hazard Areas for Ships and Aircraft" ((RIN2120-AK06) (Docket No. FAA-2014-0418)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6545. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Application Requirements for Authorization to Operate in Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum Airspace" ((RIN2120-AK54) (Docket No. FAA-2015-1746)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6546. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Requirement for Helicopters to Use the New York North Shore Helicopter Route" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0302)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6569. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-6899)) received

EC-6585. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthi-

EC-6614. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics (Formerly Known as Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems)" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No.

FAA-2015-7524)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6615. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics (Type Certificate Previously Held by Saab, AB, Saab Aerosystems) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-8432)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6616. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GROB Aircraft AG Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-7057)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6617. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BLANK LIMITED Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-4233)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6618. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5578)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6619. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; B/E Aerospace Protective Breathing Equipment Part Number 119003-11" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-2134)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6620. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EVEKTOR, spol. S.r.o. Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-4232)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6621. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EVEKTOR, spol. S.r.o. Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-4230)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6622. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-6542)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6623. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6624. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Sean A. Pybus, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6625. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities" (RIN7100-AD74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6626. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities" (RIN7100-AD74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6627. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities" (RIN7100-AD74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6628. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties" ((7 CFR Part 3560) (RIN0575-AC93)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6629. A communication from the Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2016 Amendments)" (Docket No. AMS-CN-16-0012) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6630. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas; Order Regulating Handling" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0023) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6631. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees" (RIN0572-AC06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6632. A communication from the Administrator of the National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program (NOP): Sunset 2016 Amendments to the National List" (Docket No. AMS-NOP-15-0052) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6633. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Change to the Quality and Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0066) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6634. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disposition of HUD - Acquired Single Family Properties; Updating HUD's Single Family Property Disposition Regulations" (RIN2502-AJ32) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6635. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6636. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Shipbuilding Antifoulant Coatings" (FRL No. 9950-84-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6637. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Kenosha County 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Reasonable Further Progress Plan" (FRL No. 9950-86-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6638. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Minor New Source Review - Nonroad Engines" (FRL No. 9950-94-Region 3) received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6639. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to Test Methods, Performance Specifications, and Testing Regulations for Air Emission Sources” (FRL No. 9950-57-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6640. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Minor New Source Review Requirements” (FRL No. 9950-91-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6641. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prohibition on Importation of Jadeite or Rubies Mined or Extracted from Burma, and Articles of Jewelry Containing Jadeite or Rubies Mined or Extracted from Burma” (RIN1515-AE15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6642. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Investigation of Claims of Evasion of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties” (RIN1515-AE10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6643. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-110); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6644. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 16-036); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6645. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a comprehensive report on policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6646. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2016-0101 - 2016-0104); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6647. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Procedures for Obtaining State Department Authorization to Export Items Subject to the Export Administration Regulations; Revision to the Destination Control

Statement; and Other Changes” (RIN1400-AC88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6648. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-Stop System Joint Provisions” (RIN1205-AB74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6649. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act” (RIN1205-AB73) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6650. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Delays in Approvals of Applications Related to Citizen Petitions and Petitions for Stay of Agency Action for Fiscal Year 2015”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6651. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2016 FAIR Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6652. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Regulatory Affairs Law Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Petitions for Rulemaking, Amendment, or Repeal” (RIN1601-AA56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6653. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Aggregated Large Coastal Shark and Hammerhead Shark Management Group Retention Limit Adjustment” (RIN0648-XE586) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6654. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2015-2016 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments” (RIN0648-BG08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6655. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2016 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack” (RIN0648-XE716) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate

on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6656. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Mid-Atlantic Access Area to General Category Individual Fishing Quota Scallop Vessels” (RIN0648-XE709) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6657. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Georges Bank Cod Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery” (RIN0648-XE720) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6658. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Kamchatka Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XE647) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6659. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XE694) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6660. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Georges Bank Cod Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery” (RIN0648-XE720) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6661. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Other Hook-and-Line Fishery by Catcher Vessels in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XE667) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6662. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole for Vessels Participating in the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XE669) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate

on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6663. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulation; Allegheny River mile 0.0-1.5; Pittsburgh, PA” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0541)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6664. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulations; Tall Ships Duluth 2016 Parade of Sail, Lake Superior, Duluth, MN” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0797)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6665. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Pittsburgh Steelers Fireworks; Allegheny River mile 0.0-0.25, Ohio River mile 0.0-0.1, Monongahela River mile 0.0-0.1, Pittsburgh, PA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0739)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6666. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Apra Outer Harbor, Naval Base Guam” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0644)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6667. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Tall Ships Duluth 2016 - Giant Duck, Lake Superior, Duluth, MN” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-6017)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6668. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0670)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6669. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Annual Roy Webster Cross-Channel Swim, Columbia River, Hood River, OR” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0370)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6670. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled “Energy Labeling Rule” (RIN3084-AB03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6671. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising” (16 CFR Part 436) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6672. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts” (16 CFR Part 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6673. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Unified Registration System; Correction” (RIN2126-AB85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6674. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)—Reader Requirements” ((RIN1625-AB21) (Docket No. USCG-2007-28915)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6675. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Small Business Mentor Protege Programs” (RIN3245-AG24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2016; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6676. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2017”; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-6677. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Natamycin; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9949-03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6678. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Citrus tristeza virus expressing spinach defensin proteins 2, 7, and 8; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9947-19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6679. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acrylic polymers; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL No. 9949-81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6680. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Dairy Promotion and Research Program; Amendments to the Order” (Docket No. AMS-DA-14-0074) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6681. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Removal of Program to Assess Organic Certifying Agencies in 7 CFR Part 37” (Docket No. AMS-LPS-15-0054) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6682. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Almonds Grown in California; Change in Quality Control Requirements” (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0047; SC16-981-3IR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6683. A communication from the Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Livestock Mandatory Reporting: Reauthorization of Livestock Mandatory Reporting and Revision of Swine and Lamb Reporting Requirements” ((RIN0581-AD45) (Docket No. AMS-LPS-15-0070)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6684. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Request for Audit Services in France, Germany, the Netherlands, or the United Kingdom” ((RIN0750-AJ04) (DFARS Case 2016-D027)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6685. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Instructions for the Wide

Area WorkFlow Repairable Receiving Report” ((RIN0750-AI83)) (DFARS Case 2016-D004) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6686. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Costs Related to Counterfeit Electronic Parts” ((RIN0750-AI86)) (DFARS Case 2016-D010) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6687. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List” (RIN0694-AH06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6688. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Temporary General License: Extension of Validity” (RIN0694-AG82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6689. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Form ADV and Investment Advisers Act Rules” (RIN3235-AL75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6690. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Harmonization of the Destination Control Statements” (RIN0694-AG47) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6691. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Notice of Partial Grant and Partial Denial of Petitions To Amend the Error Correction Rule” (RIN1904-AD63) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6692. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Indiana; RACM Determination for Indiana Portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton Annual PM2.5 Non-attainment Area” (FRL No. 9951-29-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6693. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Regional Haze Progress Report” (FRL No. 9951-25-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6694. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Wyoming; Emission Inventory for 2008 Ozone NAAQS and Revisions to Incorporation by Reference” (FRL No. 9951-34-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6695. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; State Operation Permit Conditions for the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from the Reynolds Consumer Products LLC - Bellwood Printing Plant” (FRL No. 9951-41-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6696. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; San Joaquin Valley; Moderate Area Plan for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS” (FRL No. 9951-42-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6697. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Virgin Islands; Sewage Sludge Incinerators” (FRL No. 9951-24-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6698. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Deadline for Action on the July 2016 Section 126 Petition from Delaware” (FRL No. 9951-18-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6699. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Interstate Transport Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS” (FRL No. 9951-49-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6700. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled “Air Plan Approval; Alabama; Cross-State Air Pollution Rule” (FRL No. 9951-52-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6701. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Open Burning and Portable Fuel Containers” (FRL No. 9943-06-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6702. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Source Specific Revision for Louisville Gas and Electric” (FRL No. 9951-59-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6703. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; NH; Approval of Single Source Orders” (FRL No. 9951-46-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6704. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Reno, Nevada; Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan” (FRL No. 9951-48-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6705. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Emissions from Various Processes and Fuel-Burning Equipment from Kraft Pulp Mills” (FRL No. 9951-22-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6706. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Maryland; Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions” (FRL No. 9951-51-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6707. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Low Pressure Coolant Injection (LPCI) Coupling Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines” (BWRVIP-42, Revision 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6708. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Administrative Exemption on Value Increased for Certain Articles” (RIN1515-AE09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6709. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) User Fee Update” ((RIN1545-BN02) (TD 9781)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6710. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Use of Contingency to Satisfy CRAT Exhaustion Test” (Rev. Proc. 2016-42) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6711. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interim Guidance Under Section 7705 for Certified Professional Employer Organizations” (Notice 2016-49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6712. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Updates on Jurisdictions Treated as if They Have an IGA Effect” (Announcement 2016-27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6713. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Election into the Partnership Audit Regime Under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015” ((RIN1545-BN34) (TD 9780)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6714. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Voss v. Commissioner, 796 F.3d 1051 (9th Cir. 2015), rev’d *Sophy v. Commissioner*, 138 T.C. 204 (2012)” (AOD 131448-15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6715. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Tax on Certain Foreign Procurement” ((RIN1545-BK06) (TD 9782)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6716. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Applicable Federal Rates—September 2016” (Rev. Rul. 2016-20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate

on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6717. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Average Monthly Premium for a Bronze-Level Health Plan Under Section 5000A” (Rev. Proc. 2016-43) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6718. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program; Implementing the Total Unemployment Rate as an Extended Benefits Indicator and Amending for Technical Corrections; Final Rule” (RIN1205-AB62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6719. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2016-1100); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6720. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2016-1099); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6721. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits” (29 CFR Part 4022) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6722. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Substances Generally Recognized as Safe” ((RIN0910-AH15) (Docket No. FDA-1997-N-0020)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6723. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-90; Introduction” (FAC 2005-90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6724. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-90; Small Entity Compliance Guide” (FAC 2005-90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6725. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Fair Play and Safe Workspaces” ((RIN9000-AM81) (FAC 2005-90)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6726. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-465, “Public Charter School Fiscal Transparency Amendment Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6727. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-466, “Renewable Portfolio Standard Expansion Amendment Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6728. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-467, “Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Amendment Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6729. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-468, “Theodore ‘Ted’ Williams Alley Designation Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6730. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-484, “Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults and the Elderly Amendment Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6731. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-485, “Building Service Employees Minimum Work Week Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6732. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-486, “Procurement Integrity, Transparency, and Accountability Amendment Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6733. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-487, “Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Program Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6734. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-488, “Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Support Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6735. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-489, “Public Space Naming Amendment Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6736. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report of the Proceedings of

the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the March 2016 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6737. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Thiafentanil into Schedule II" (Docket No. DEA-375) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6738. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Section 105, Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals" ((CG Doc. No. 10-210) (FCC 16-101)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6739. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improvements to Benchmarks and Related Requirements Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets" ((FCC 16-103) (WT Docket No. 15-285)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-198. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island urging the United States Congress, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution relative to campaign finance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7670

Whereas, The 1st President of the United States George Washington stated, "The basis or our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their Constitutions of Government"; and

Whereas, It was the stated intention of the framers of the Constitution of the United States of America that the Congress of the United States of America should be "dependent on the people alone." (James Madison Federalist 52); and

Whereas, That dependency has evolved from a dependency on the people alone to a dependency on those who spend excessively in elections, through campaigns or third-party groups; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) removed restrictions on amounts of independent political spending; and

Whereas, The removal or those restrictions has resulted in the unjust influence of powerful economic forces, which have supplanted the will of the people by undermining our ability to choose our political leadership, write our own laws, and determine the fate of our state; and

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the United States Con-

gress to call a convention for proposing amendments upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby sees the need for a convention to propose amendments in order to address concerns such as those raised by the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and related cases and events including those occurring long before or afterward or for a substantially similar purpose, and desires that said convention should be so limited; and be it further

Resolved, That this House hereby respectfully requests that the delegates to said convention be comprised equally of individuals currently elected to state and local office, or be selected by election, in each Congressional district for the purpose of serving as delegates, though all individuals elected or appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited from serving as delegates to the Convention, and furthermore requests the ability to restrict or expand the power of its delegates within the limits expressed above; and be it further

Resolved, That this House hereby intends that this be a continuing application considered together with applications calling for a convention passed in the 2013-2014 Vermont legislature as R454, the 2013-2014 California legislature as Resolution Chapter 77, the 2013-2014 Illinois legislature as Senate Joint Resolution No. 42, the 2014-2015 New Jersey legislature Senate concurrent Resolution No. 132, and all other passed, pending, and future applications, the aforementioned concerns of Rhode Island notwithstanding until such time as two-thirds of the several states have applied for a Convention and said Convention is convened by Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the citizenry of the State of Rhode Island, speaking through this House of Representatives, and pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby petitions the United States Congress to call a Convention for the purpose of proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America as soon as two-thirds of the several states have applied for a Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; the Vice President of the United States in his capacity as President of the United States Senate and addressed to him at the office he maintains in the United States Capitol; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

POM-199. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Rhode Island urging the United States Congress, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution relative to campaign finance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION 2589

Whereas, The 1st President of the United States George Washington stated, "The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their Constitutions of Government"; and

Whereas, It was the stated intention of the framers of the Constitution of the United

States of America that the Congress of the United States of America should be "dependent on the people alone." (James Madison. Federalist 52); and

Whereas, That dependency has evolved from a dependency on the people alone to a dependency on those who spend excessively in elections, through campaigns or third-party groups; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) removed restrictions on amounts of independent political spending; and

Whereas, The removal of those restrictions has resulted in the unjust influence of powerful economic forces, which have supplanted the will of the people by undermining our ability to choose our political leadership, write our own laws, and determine the fate of our state; and

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the United States Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby sees the need for a convention to propose amendments in order to address concerns such as those raised by the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and related cases and events including those occurring long before or afterward or for a substantially similar purpose, and desires that said convention should be so limited; and be it further

Resolved, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests that the delegates to said convention be comprised equally of individuals currently elected to state and local office, or be selected by election, in each Congressional district for the purpose of serving as delegates, though all individuals elected or appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited from serving as delegates to the Convention, and furthermore requests the ability to restrict or expand the power of its delegates within the limits expressed above; and be it further

Resolved, That this Senate hereby intends that this be a continuing application considered together with applications calling for a convention passed in the 2013-2014 Vermont legislature as R454, the 2013-2014 California legislature as Resolution Chapter 77, the 2013-2014 Illinois legislature as Senate Joint Resolution No. 42, the 2014-2015 New Jersey legislature Senate concurrent Resolution No. 132, and all other passed, pending, and future applications, the aforementioned concerns of Rhode Island notwithstanding until such time as two-thirds of the several states have applied for a Convention and said Convention is convened by Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the citizenry of the State of Rhode Island, speaking through this Senate, and pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby petitions the United States Congress to call a Convention for the purpose of proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America as soon as two-thirds of the several states have applied for a Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; the Vice President of the United States in his capacity as President of the United States Senate and addressed to him at the office he maintains in the United States Capitol; the Speaker of the United States House

of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

POM-200. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Delaware rescinding all previous applications by the Legislature to the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of Delaware has, at various times, previously made applications to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments concerning specific subjects to the United States Constitution, pursuant to Article V; and

Whereas, over the course of time, the will of the people of the State of Delaware may have changed with regard to the General Assembly's previous calls for a convention to amend the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of Delaware does not want its previous applications for a constitutional convention, most of which were made over 3 decades ago, to be aggregated with calls for a convention from other states: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 148th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the Senate concurring therein, That the General Assembly rescinds all prior applications to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, including all of the following:

1. House Joint Resolution No. 7 (1907).
2. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 of the 109th General Assembly (1943).
3. House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 of the 126th General Assembly (1971).
4. House Concurrent Resolution No. 36 of the 128th General Assembly (1976).
5. House Joint Resolution No. 43 of the 128th General Assembly (1976).
6. House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 of the 129th General Assembly (1977).
7. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 79 of the 129th General Assembly (1978).
8. House Concurrent Resolution No. 56 of the 137th General Assembly (1994); and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, members of the Delaware congressional delegation, and the Administrator of the United States General Services Administration.

POM-201. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of West Virginia urging the Congress of the United States, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that would provide for a balanced budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 36

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a Convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of two thirds of the Legislatures of the several states ("amendments convention"); and

Whereas, This application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including,

but not limited to, previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas and Utah, and this application shall be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and

Whereas, This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the Legislatures of at least two thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject and supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That as provided in Article V of the Constitution of the United States the Legislature of the State of West Virginia herewith respectfully applies for an Amendments Convention to Propose a Constitutional Amendment limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That the amendments convention contemplated by this application shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution providing that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two thirds of the Legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited amendments convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates forward certified copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Secretary of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, and to the presiding officers of each house of the several State Legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the amendments convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this application.

POM-202. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of West Virginia urging the Congress of the United States, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that would provide for a balanced budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 36

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a Convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of two thirds of the Legislatures of the several states ("amendments convention"); and

Whereas, This application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including, but not limited to, previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas and Utah, and this application shall be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and

Whereas, This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the Legislatures of at least two thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject and supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That as provided in Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of the State of West Virginia herewith respectfully applies for an Amendments Convention to Propose a Constitutional Amendment limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That the amendments convention contemplated by this application shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution providing that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two thirds of the Legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited amendments convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates forward certified copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Secretary of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, and to the presiding officers of each house of the several State Legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the amendments convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this application.

POM-203. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to criminal investigations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

POM-204. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to constitutional conventions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of July 14, 2016, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 30, 2016:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 461, A bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-303).

Report to accompany S. 2509, A bill to improve the Government-wide management of Federal property (Rept. No. 114-304).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2964. A bill to eliminate or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office (Rept. No. 114-305).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 2967. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Office of Management and Budget to execute a national biodefense strategy, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-306).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2971. A bill to authorize the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System (Rept. No. 114-307).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 718. A bill to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-308).

S. 1577. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 114-309).

S. 1623. A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-310).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2360. A bill to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-311).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1289. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-312).

H.R. 2288. A bill to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-313).

H.R. 2615. A bill to establish the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission (Rept. No. 114-314).

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

S. 2319. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1167. A bill to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring,

herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho (Rept. No. 114-315).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1662. A bill to include Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-316).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1690. A bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington (Rept. No. 114-317).

S. 1696. A bill to redesignate the Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia, to revise the boundary of that monument, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-318).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1777. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-319).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1930. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-320).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1943. A bill to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the State of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-321).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2018. A bill to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-Federal land in Glennallen, Alaska (Rept. No. 114-322).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2087. A bill to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-323).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2177. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-324).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2223. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-325).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2412. A bill to establish the Tule Lake National Historic Site in the State of California, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-326).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2524. A bill to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-327).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2608. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the "American Discovery Trail", and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-328).

S. 2620. A bill to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-329).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2805. A bill to modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-330).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2839. A bill to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission (Rept. No. 114-331).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2954. A bill to establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-332).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3020. A bill to update the map of, and modify the acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument (Rept. No. 114-333).

S. 3027. A bill to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-334).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 959. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-335).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany H.R. 1475, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance (Rept. No. 114-336).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 2880. A bill to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-337).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany H.R. 3004, a bill to amend the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission (Rept. No. 114-338).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 3620. A bill to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain

vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-339).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

H.R. 4119. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-340).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 4539. A bill to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-341).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1818. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies (Rept. No. 114-342).

S. 1820. A bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules (Rept. No. 114-343).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2970. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of the Air and Marine Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Rept. No. 114-344).

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. CRUZ:

S. 3284. A bill to oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. BURR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. FISCHER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 3285. A bill to prohibit the President from using funds appropriated under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, to make payments to Iran, to impose sanctions with respect to Iranian persons that hold or detain United States citizens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 3286. A bill to prohibit the issuing of licenses for the export or reexport of aircraft and related parts and services to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3287. A bill to establish the Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 3288. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to exempt certain recipients of

Department of Agriculture conservation assistance from certain reporting requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3289. A bill to prohibit scheduled passenger air transportation between the United States and Cuba until a study has been completed regarding security measures and equipment at Cuba's airports and certain agreements have been established with the Government of Cuba, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the role of the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding security standards at foreign airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 17

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 17, a bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

S. 31

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 31, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana, and for other purposes.

S. 198

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 377

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform pay-

ments for such services under such program, and for other purposes.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 591, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

S. 1205

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1205, a bill to designate the same individual serving as the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service as the National Nurse for Public Health.

S. 1345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 1865

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2031

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2031, a bill to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

S. 2217

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2217, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority to bring proceedings under section 403A.

S. 2373

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 2427

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2427, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 2484

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 2484, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XI of the Social Security Act to promote cost savings and quality care under the Medicare program through the use of telehealth and remote patient monitoring services, and for other purposes.

S. 2531

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2531, a bill to authorize State and local governments to divest from entities that engage in commerce-related or investment-related boycott, divestment, or sanctions activities targeting Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 2595

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 2645

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANT-

WELL), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2645, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2659

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2659, a bill to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency cannot regulate vehicles used solely for competition, and for other purposes.

S. 2702

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2702, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals with disabilities to save additional amounts in their ABLE accounts above the current annual maximum contribution if they work and earn income.

S. 2711

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2711, a bill to expand opportunity for Native American children through additional options in education, and for other purposes.

S. 2763

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2763, a bill to provide the victims of Holocaust-era persecution and their heirs a fair opportunity to recover works of art confiscated or misappropriated by the Nazis.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2782, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of pediatric subspecialists in the National Health Service Corps program, and for other purposes.

S. 2912

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2912, a bill to authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in accordance with State law, and for other purposes.

S. 2921

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2921, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department

of Veterans Affairs, to improve health care and benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2927

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2927, a bill to prevent governmental discrimination against providers of health services who decline involvement in abortion, and for other purposes.

S. 2932

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2932, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the provision of emergency medical services.

S. 2944

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2944, a bill to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefit program, and for other purposes.

S. 2951

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2951, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to impose penalties and provide for the recovery of removal costs and damages in connection with certain discharges of oil from foreign offshore units, and for other purposes.

S. 2962

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2962, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 3031

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3031, a bill to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3106

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3106, a bill to provide a coordinated regional response to effectively manage the endemic violence and humanitarian crisis in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

S. 3124

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3124, a bill to require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes.

S. 3130

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3130, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a permanent Independence at Home medical practice program under the Medicare program.

S. 3155

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3155, a bill to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title.

S. 3169

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3169, a bill to support basic energy research and eliminate the wind production tax credit.

S. 3184

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3184, a bill to protect law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 3198

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3198, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

S. 3237

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 3237, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 3244

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 3244, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to clarify the treatment of pediatric dental coverage in the individual and group markets outside of Exchanges established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3252

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3252, a bill to require States to automatically register eligible voters to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 3256

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3256, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the goal of all children in school and learning as an objective of the United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 3281

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3281, a bill to extend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

S.J. RES. 35

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 35, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of Labor

relating to “Interpretation of the ‘Advice’ Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act”.

S. RES. 426

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 426, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should support and protect the right of women working in developing countries to safe workplaces, free from gender-based violence, reprisals, and intimidation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4978. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5293, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4978. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5293, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Upon a determination by the Secretary of Defense that such action is necessary in the national interest, the Secretary may transfer working capital funds of the Department of Defense, and amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act, to and among appropriate accounts of the Department of Defense in order to provide funds for the following:

- (1) Operations to counter or control the Zika Virus.
- (2) Research, development, test, and evaluation of medical items related to the Zika Virus.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Adam Yezerski:									
Greece	Euro		399.21						399.21
Macedonia	Dinar		508.00						508.00
Serbia	Dinar		178.00						178.00
United States	Dollar				4,451.06				4,451.06
Jason Wheelock:									
El Salvador	Dollar		438.00						438.00
Colombia	Peso		695.00		272.00				967.00
United States	Dollar				2,297.16				2,297.16
Paul Grove:									
Iraq	Dinar		152.00		3,975.00				4,127.00
Jordan	Dinar		355.41		121.83				477.24
Turkey	Lira		569.33		563.80				1,133.13
United States	Dollar				6,780.36				6,780.36

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Heideh Shahmoradi:									
Japan	Yen		1,336.00						1,336.00
Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
Senator Lamar Alexander:									
Morocco	Dirham		407.27						407.27
South Africa	Rand		1,055.60		1,306.56				2,362.16
Botswana	Pula		333.50						333.50
Cape Verde	Escudo		160.00						160.00
Sarah Fairchild:									
Morocco	Dirham		407.27						407.27
South Africa	Rand		1,010.86		1,306.56				2,317.42
Botswana	Pula		314.50						314.50
Cape Verde	Escudo		160.00						160.00
Senator Richard Durbin:									
Morocco	Dirham		363.97						363.97
South Africa	Rand		936.66		1,306.56				2,243.22
Botswana	Pula		297.50						297.50
Cape Verde	Escudo		160.00						160.00
Brian Potts:									
China	Yuan		1,055.43						1,055.43
Jacqueline Russell:									
China	Yuan		1,055.43						1,055.43
Wallace Hsueh:									
China	Yuan		1,055.43						1,055.43
Senator Steve Daines:									
China	Yuan		1,055.43						1,055.43
Senator Shelley Moore Capito:									
China	Yuan		1,055.43						1,055.43
Kay Webber:									
Japan	Yen		1,336.00						1,336.00
Korea	Won		555.00						555.00
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
Senator Thad Cochran:									
Japan	Yen		1,336.00						1,336.00
Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
Linda Good:									
Japan	Yen		1,336.00						1,336.00
Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Japan	Yen						5,413.72		5,413.72
Korea	Won						2,368.60		2,368.60
Australia	Dollar						2,736.64		2,736.64
* Delegation Expenses:									
Macedonia	Dinar						60.00		60.00
Serbia	Dinar						473.00		473.00
Greece	Euro						852.00		852.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Morocco	Dirham						1,460.70		1,460.70
South Africa	Rand				3,545.79		4,321.62		7,867.41
Botswana	Pula						448.89		448.89
Cape Verde	Escudo						2,487.00		2,487.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Turkey	Lira						656.33		656.33
Jordan	Dinar						56.24		56.24
* Delegation Expenses:									
China	Yuan						3,298.30		3,298.30
* Delegation Expenses:									
El Salvador	Dollar						580.00		580.00
Colombia	Peso						1,070.33		1,070.33
Total:			25,722.73		25,926.68		26,283.37		77,932.78

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR THAD COCHRAN,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, July 27, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Claire McCaskill:									
Austria	Euro		465.61						465.61
Jordan	Dinar		151.80						151.80
Israel	New Shekel		485.00						485.00
Ireland	Euro		112.00						112.00
Jason Rauch:									
Austria	Euro		479.61						479.61
Jordan	Dinar		195.80						195.80
Israel	New Shekel		485.00						485.00
Ireland	Euro		178.00						178.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Austria	Euro						27.23		27.23
Jordan	Dinar				87.17		73.65		160.82
Israel	New Shekel				232.44		641.59		874.03
Ireland	Euro				1,301.50				1,301.50
Senator Joe Donnelly:									
Israel	New Shekel		473.66						473.66
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		168.69						168.69
Bahrain	Dinar		460.99						460.99
Iraq	Dinar		316.43						316.43
Spain	Euro		148.29						148.29
Rachel Lipsey:									
Israel	New Shekel		473.66						473.66
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		168.69						168.69

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Bahrain	Dinar		460.99						460.99
Iraq	Dinar		316.43						316.43
Spain	Euro		148.29						148.29
Carolyn Chuhta:									
United States	Dollar						4,099.96		4,099.96
Israel	New Shekel		621.00						621.00
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		338.64						338.64
* Delegation Expenses:									
Israel	New Shekel						4,518.97		4,518.97
United Arab Emirates	Dirham						441.23		441.23
Bahrain	Dinar						269.01		269.01
Iraq	Dinar				1,800.00				1,800.00
Spain	Euro				97.37		72.77		170.14
Senator Lindsey Graham:									
Israel	New Shekel		496.64						496.64
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		449.85						449.85
Turkey	Lira		452.32						452.32
Egypt	Pound		430.20						430.20
Spain	Euro		340.85						340.85
Craig Abele:									
Israel	New Shekel		496.38						496.38
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		438.45						438.45
Turkey	Lira		452.32						452.32
Egypt	Pound		410.20						410.20
Spain	Euro		324.85						324.85
Alice James:									
Israel	New Shekel		496.64						496.64
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		448.95						448.95
Turkey	Lira		452.32						452.32
Egypt	Pound		430.20						430.20
Spain	Euro		340.85						340.85
Scott Jaillette:									
Israel	New Shekel		496.64						496.64
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		458.45						458.45
Turkey	Lira		469.32						469.32
Egypt	Pound		410.20						410.20
Spain	Euro		334.85						334.85
Senator Thom Tillis:									
Israel	New Shekel		605.28						605.28
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		567.89						567.89
Egypt	Pound		690.76						690.76
Turkey	Lira		421.64						421.64
Spain	Euro		465.29						465.29
Robert Wikie:									
Israel	New Shekel		447.72						447.72
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		410.33						410.33
Egypt	Pound		533.20						533.20
Turkey	Lira		264.08						264.08
Spain	Euro		310.69						310.69
* Delegation Expenses:									
Israel	New Shekel						3,366.65		3,366.65
Saudi Arabia	Riyal						2,263.50		2,263.50
Egypt	Pound						4,265.60		4,265.60
Turkey	Lira						1,582.50		1,582.50
Spain	Euro						1,781.39		1,781.39
Senator Mike Lee:									
China	Renminbi		1,046.76						1,046.76
Allyson Bell:									
China	Renminbi		942.16						942.16
* Delegation Expenses:									
China	Renminbi				872.50		594.09		1,466.59
Senator John McCain:									
United States	Dollar				7,519.96				7,519.96
Singapore	Dollar		1,245.57						1,245.57
Japan	Yen		327.80						327.80
David Eric Sayers:									
United States	Dollar				17,616.33				17,616.33
Singapore	Dollar		1,460.36						1,460.36
Japan	Yen		368.01						368.01
Dustin Walker:									
United States	Dollar				17,616.32				17,616.32
Singapore	Dollar		1,323.95						1,323.95
Japan	Yen		309.02						309.02
Senator Lindsey Graham:									
United States	Dollar				17,185.76				17,185.76
Singapore	Dollar		1,822.59						1,822.59
Japan	Yen		458.56						458.56
Reece Pelley:									
United States	Dollar				18,990.76				18,990.76
Singapore	Dollar		2,076.10						2,076.10
Japan	Yen		418.38						418.38
Senator Tom Cotton:									
United States	Dollar				7,560.16				7,560.16
Singapore	Dollar		1,299.67						1,299.67
Japan	Yen		335.97						335.97
Thomas Brady:									
United States	Dollar				19,924.18				19,924.18
Singapore	Dollar		1,425.00						1,425.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Singapore	Dollar						931.00		931.00
Japan	Yen				1,776.43				1,776.43
China	Renminbi						519.64		519.64
Senator Dan Sullivan:									
United States	Dollar				231.54				231.54
Republic of Korea	Won		830.87						830.87
Myanmar	Kyat		424.98						424.98
Singapore	Dollar		413.06						413.06
Japan	Yen		349.00						349.00
Jason Sustavich:									
United States	Dollar				240.66				240.66
Republic of Korea	Won		733.76						733.76
Myanmar	Kyat		396.20						396.20
Singapore	Dollar		476.05						476.05
Japan	Yen		349.00						349.00
Senator Joni Ernst:									
Republic of Korea	Won		804.61						804.61

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Myanmar	Kyat		545.83						545.83
Singapore	Dollar		732.12						732.12
Japan	Yen		235.32						235.32
David Eric Sayers:									
United States	Dollar				7,490.00				7,490.00
Republic of Korea	Won		933.22						933.22
* Delegation Expenses:									
Republic of Korea	Won				2,271.41				2,271.41
Myanmar	Kyat					733.33			733.33
Adam Barker:									
United States	Dollar				24,390.70				24,390.70
Senegal	Franc		484.68						484.68
Mali	Franc		141.80						141.80
* Delegation Expenses:									
Senegal	Franc					117.37			117.37
Senator Lindsey Graham:									
United States	Dollar				13,933.86				13,933.86
Germany	Euro		157.00						157.00
Total			42,863.34		161,139.05		26,299.48		230,301.87

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, July 27, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Kaitlin Vogt:									
South Africa	Rand		1,866.00		879.00				2,745.00
Total			1,866.00		879.00				2,745.00

SENATOR MICHAEL ENZI,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, July 26, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1, TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Deb Fisher:									
Japan	Yen		1,270.00						1,270.00
* Delegation Expenses						1,467.20			1,467.20
Senator Deb Fisher:									
South Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
* Delegation Expenses						693.49			1,467.20
Senator Deb Fisher:									
Australia	Dollar		1,579.00						1,579.00
* Delegation Expenses						912.24			912.24
Robert Fraser:									
Japan	Yen		1,336.00						1,336.00
* Delegation Expenses						1,467.18			1,467.18
Robert Fraser:									
South Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
* Delegation Expenses						693.48			693.48
Robert Fraser:									
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
* Delegation Expenses						912.22			912.22
Joseph Hack:									
Japan	Yen		1,336.00						1,336.00
* Delegation Expenses						1,467.18			1,467.18
Joseph Hack:									
South Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
* Delegation Expenses						693.48			693.48
Joseph Hack:									
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
* Delegation Expenses						912.22			912.22
Total			9,959.50			9,218.69			19,178.19

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JOHN THUNE,
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
August 1, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Debbie Stabenow:									
Austria	Schilling		421.68						421.68

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Jordan	Dinar		241.41						241.41
Israel	Shekel		457.19						457.19
Ireland	Euro		140.34						140.34
Emily Carwell:									
Austria	Schilling		421.68						421.68
Jordan	Dinar		279.41						279.41
Israel	Shekel		488.90						488.90
Ireland	Euro		197.63						197.63
* Delegation Expenses:									
Austria	Schilling						27.24		27.24
Jordan	Dinar						160.82		160.82
Israel	Shekel						874.04		874.04
Ireland	Euro						523.66		523.66
Jason Thielman:									
China	Yuan		779.43						779.43
* Delegation Expenses:									
China	Yuan						659.57		659.57
Total			3,427.67				2,245.33		5,673.00

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,
July 8, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Barrasso:									
Japan	Yen		1,270.00						1,270.00
Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
Alexander Herrgott:									
Japan	Yen		1,336.00						1,336.00
Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
Dustin Vaughan:									
Japan	Yen		1,336.00						1,336.00
Korea	Won		1,077.50						1,077.50
Australia	Dollar		603.00						603.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Japan	Yen						4,401.57		4,401.57
Korea	Won						2,080.42		2,080.42
Australia	Dollar						2,736.67		2,736.67
Totals			8,983.50				9,218.66		18,202.16

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JAMES INHOFE,
Chairman, Committee on Environment & Public Works, July 26, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Barrasso:									
Singapore	Dollar		1,151.38						1,151.38
Japan	Yen		427.82						427.82
United States	Dollar				14,264.96				14,264.96
* Delegation Expenses:									
Singapore	Dollar						116.37		116.37
Japan	Yen						177.64		177.64
Taiwan	Dollar						57.73		57.73
Senator Ben Cardin:									
India	Rupees		1,099.72						1,099.72
United Kingdom	British Pounds		935.16						935.16
United States	Dollar				10,958.13				10,958.13
Debbie Yamada:									
India	Rupees		1,077.39						1,077.39
United Kingdom	British Pounds		921.35						921.35
United States	Dollar				10,958.13				10,958.13
Damian Murphy:									
India	Rupees		1,026.18						1,026.18
United Kingdom	British Pounds		816.16						816.16
United States	Dollar						14,284.23		14,284.23
* Delegation Expenses:									
India	Rupees						2,027.17		2,027.17
United Kingdom	British Pounds						1,665.54		1,665.54
Senator Christopher Coons:									
South Africa	Rand		1,349.19						1,349.19
United States	Dollar				15,816.66				15,816.66
Thomas Mancinelli:									
South Africa	Rand		1,349.19						1,349.19
United States	Dollar				12,163.43				12,163.43
* Delegation Expenses:									
South Africa	Rand						454.80		454.80
Senator Cory Gardner:									
Korea	Won		776.00						776.00

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Burma	Kyat		526.00						526.00
Singapore	Dollar		681.00						681.00
Japan	Yen		279.00						279.00
United States	Dollar				20,740.62				20,740.62
Curtis Swager:									
Korea	Won		885.00						885.00
Burma	Kyat		635.00						635.00
Singapore	Dollar		861.00						861.00
Burma	Kyat		635.00						635.00
United States	Dollar				17,802.76				17,802.76
* Delegation Expenses:									
Korea	Won						945.50		945.50
Burma	Kyat						1,116.00		1,116.00
Singapore	Dollar						640.40		640.40
Japan	Yen						177.64		177.64
Taiwan	Dollar						57.73		57.73
Senator Christopher Murphy:									
Slovakia	Euros		768.00						768.00
United States	Dollar				11,187.06				11,187.06
Jessica Elledge:									
Slovakia	Euros		865.00						865.00
United States	Dollar				11,913.16				11,913.16
* Delegation Expenses:									
United States	Dollar						2,196.00		2,196.00
Senator David Perdue:									
Israel	Shekel		616.75						616.75
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		398.43						398.43
Turkey	Lira		277.89						277.89
Egypt	Pound		627.25						627.25
Spain	Euro		381.56						381.56
Caitlin Poling:									
Israel	Shekel		634.26						634.26
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		399.08						399.08
Turkey	Lira		277.47						277.47
Egypt	Pound		546.96						546.96
Spain	Euro		385.48						385.48
* Delegation Expenses:									
Israel	Shekel						1,122.06		1,122.06
Saudi Arabia	Riyal						754.50		754.50
Turkey	Lira						446.48		446.48
Egypt	Pound						1,421.86		1,421.86
Spain	Euro						593.79		593.79
Senator Marco Rubio:									
Honduras	Lempira		339.39						339.39
United States	Dollar				1,548.36				1,548.36
Viviana Bovo:									
Honduras	Lempira		371.00						371.00
United States	Dollar				1,548.36				1,548.36
* Delegation Expenses:									
Honduras	Lempira						1,959.00		1,959.00
Christopher E. Barr:									
Jordan	Dinar		1,654.92						1,654.92
United States	Dollar				1,628.86				1,628.86
Charlotte Oldham Moore:									
Jordan	Dinar		1,654.92						1,654.92
United States	Dollar				1,628.86				1,628.86
* Delegation Expenses:									
Jordan	Dinar						421.80		421.80
Joseph Curtsinger:									
Jordan	Dinar		362.00						362.00
Iraq	Dinar		63.00						63.00
Israel	Shekel		1,534.00						1,534.00
United States	Dollar				2,062.19				2,062.19
Stacie Oliver:									
Jordan	Dinar		314.41						314.41
Iraq	Dinar		106.00						106.00
Israel	Shekel		1,370.00						1,370.00
United States	Dollar				2,062.19				2,062.19
* Delegation Expenses:									
Jordan	Dinar						290.98		290.98
Iraq	Dinar				6,800.00				6,800.00
Israel	Shekel						1,028.33		1,028.33
Joe Curtsinger:									
Korea	Won		1,449.69						1,449.69
United States	Dollar				1,267.56				1,267.56
Stacie Oliver:									
Korea	Won		1,292.36						1,292.36
United States	Dollar				1,262.56				1,262.56
* Delegation Expenses:									
Korea	Won						1,022.63		1,022.63
Sarah Downs:									
Jordan	Dinar		503.50						503.50
Greece	Euros		422.79						422.79
Cyprus	Euro		258.62						258.62
United States	Dollar				5,510.26				5,510.26
Caleb McCarr:									
Jordan	Dinar		594.82						594.82
Greece	Euro		422.79						422.79
Cyprus	Euro		258.62						258.62
United States	Dollar				5,510.26				5,510.26
Sarah Ramig:									
Jordan	Dinar		544.64						544.64
Greece	Euro		307.16						307.16
Cyprus	Euro		319.29						319.29
United States	Dollar				5,452.93				5,452.93
Todd Womack:									
Jordan	Dinar		660.82						660.82
Greece	Euro		401.53						401.53
United States	Dollar				18,305.76				18,305.76
* Delegation Expenses:									
Jordan	Dinar						254.51		254.51
Lebanon	Lebanese Pound						1,015.36		1,015.36
Brooke Eisele:									
Taiwan	Dollar		1,009.86						1,009.86
United States	Dollar				11,524.96				11,524.96

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
* Delegation Expenses:									
Taiwan	Dollar					561.05			561.05
Jamie Fly:									
Qatar	Riyal		357.37						357.37
Iraq	Dinar		19.00						19.00
Turkey	Lira		552.74						552.74
United States	Dollar				17,981.37				17,981.37
* Delegation Expenses:									
Qatar	Riyal						50.22		50.22
Iraq	Dinar				600.00				600.00
Turkey	Lira						19.45		19.45
Christopher Ford:									
Colombia	Peso		1,366.69						1,366.69
United States	Dollar				2,019.76				2,019.76
* Delegation Expenses:									
Colombia	Peso					1,340.00			1,340.00
Carolyn Leddy:									
China	Renminbi		954.94						954.94
Taiwan	Dollar		416.99						416.99
United States	Dollar				4,232.46				4,232.46
Igor Khrestin:									
China	Renminbi		938.46						938.46
Taiwan	Dollar		405.00						405.00
United States	Dollar				3,663.06				3,663.06
Rolfe Michael Schiffer:									
China	Renminbi		996.38						996.38
Taiwan	Dollar		352.68						352.68
United States	Dollar				5,198.36				5,198.36
Margaret Taylor:									
China	Renminbi		1,045.02						1,045.02
Taiwan	Dollar		442.43						442.43
United States	Dollar				5,198.36				5,198.36
* Delegation Expenses:									
China	Renminbi					655.52			655.52
Taiwan	Dollar					526.80			526.80
Caleb McCarr:									
Cuba	Peso		888.00						888.00
United States	Dollar				962.72				962.72
* Delegation Expenses:									
Cuba	Peso					100.00			100.00
Damian Murphy:									
Germany	Euro		679.22						679.22
United Kingdom	British Pound		983.11						983.11
United States	Dollar				2,717.76				2,717.76
Lowell Schwartz:									
Germany	Euro		699.22						699.22
United Kingdom	British Pound		1,005.11						1,005.11
United States	Dollar		699.22		2,717.76				3,416.98
David Andrew Olson:									
Liberia	Dollar		610.00						610.00
Cote D'Ivoire	Central African Franc		650.95						650.95
United States	Dollar				7,934.16				7,934.16
Morgan Vina:									
Liberia	Dollar		761.00						761.00
Cote D'Ivoire	Central African Franc		550.58						550.58
United States	Dollar				7,934.16				7,934.16
* Delegation Expenses:									
Liberia	Dollar					50.38			50.38
Cote D'Ivoire	Central African Franc					652.00			652.00
Sarah Osborn:									
South Africa	Rand		729.45						729.45
United States	Dollar				5,000.56				5,000.96
* Delegation Expenses:									
South Africa	Rand				239.11				239.11
Michael Phelan:									
South Sudan	South Sudan Pound		345.00						345.00
United States	Dollar				6,477.88				6,477.88
* Delegation Expenses:									
South Sudan	South Sudan Pound				5,000.56				5,000.56
Rolfe Michael Schiffer:									
Laos	Kip		585.00						585.00
Singapore	Dollar		1,418.00						1,418.00
United States	Dollar				5,886.00				5,886.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Laos	Kip					2,803.00			2,803.00
Brandon Yoder:									
Mexico	Peso		1,192.90						1,192.90
United States	Dollar				1,378.10				1,378.10
* Delegation Expenses:									
	Peso					681.00			681.00
Total			57,470.26		277,060.16		41,687.47		376,217.89

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, July 27, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Brooke Ericson:									
United States	Dollar				2,261.26				2,261.26
Jordan	Dinar		510.82						510.82
Turkey	Lira		612.00						612.00
Jose Bautista:									
United States	Dollar				2,916.06				2,916.06

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Jordan	Dinar		585.82						585.82
Turkey	Lira		558.18						558.18
Elizabeth McWhorter:									
United States	Dollar				12,047.52				12,047.52
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		918.66						918.66
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,023.95						1,023.95
Harlan Geer:									
United States	Dollar				12,047.52				12,047.52
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		918.66						918.66
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,231.43						1,231.43
Senator Thomas R. Carper:									
United States	Dollar				94.00				94.00
China	Renminbi		132.00						132.00
Total			6,491.52		29,366.36				35,857.88

SENATOR RON JOHNSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs,
August 5, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Cornyn:									
Egypt	Pound		2,042.00						2,042.00
Bahrain	Dinar		892.62						892.62
Tunisia	Dinar		598.88						598.88
United Kingdom	Pound		812.00						812.00
David Hanke:									
Egypt	Pound		647.11						647.11
Bahrain	Dinar		733.01						733.01
Tunisia	Dinar		495.94						495.94
United Kingdom	Pound		734.60						734.60
* Delegation Expenses:									
Egypt	Pound						1,120.41		1,120.41
Bahrain	Dinar						454.36		454.36
Tunisia	Dinar						435.46		435.46
United Kingdom	Pound						1,013.70		1,013.70
Total			6,956.16				3,023.93		9,980.09

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
July 27, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Mike Enzi:									
Morocco	Dirham		358.58						358.58
South Africa	Rand		1,299.73						1,299.73
Botswana	Pula		270.39						270.39
Cape Verde	CVE		151.24						151.24
Tara Shaw:									
Morocco	Dirham		340.69						340.69
South Africa	Rand		1,310.68						1,310.68
Botswana	Pula		266.52						266.52
Cape Verde	CVE		151.24						151.24
David Cleary:									
Morocco	Dirham		358.51						358.51
South Africa	Rand		1,323.62						1,323.62
Botswana	Pula		288.84						288.84
Cape Verde	CVE		151.24						151.24
* Delegation Expenses:									
Morocco	Dirham						1,460.71		1,460.71
South Africa	Rand				3,545.79		4,333.62		7,879.41
Botswana	Pula						448.88		448.88
Cape Verde	CVE						282.21		282.21
Laura Pence:									
South Africa	Rand		591.49						591.49
Total			6,862.77		3,545.79		6,525.42		16,933.98

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under the authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179, agree to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR LAMAR ALEXANDER,
Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,
Aug. 4, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Chris Joyner	1,994.25 355.49	.....	.....	.....	1,161.00	.....	3,155.25 355.49
Mike Casey	1,994.25 355.49	.....	10,128.96	.....	1,161.00	.....	10,128.96 3,155.25
Christian Cook	1,994.25 355.49	.....	10,128.96	.....	1,161.00	.....	10,128.96 3,155.25
Senator Marco Rubio	437.00 176.00 667.00	.....	10,128.96 600.00	.....	51.00	.....	10,128.96 488.00 776.00
Brian Walsh	437.00 176.00 667.00	.....	21,502.37 600.00	.....	51.00	.....	21,502.37 488.00 776.00
John Rosenwasser	714.80 441.00 1,080.00	.....	19,191.37	.....	.....	.....	19,191.37 714.80 441.00
Jim Catella	714.80 441.00 1,081.00	.....	17,716.20	.....	.....	.....	17,716.20 714.80 441.00
Hayden Milberg	714.80 441.00 1,018.66	.....	17,716.20	.....	.....	.....	17,716.20 714.80 441.00
Nate Adler	1,009.00 802.18	.....	13,842.00	.....	.....	.....	13,842.00 1,009.00 802.18
John Matchison	1,009.00 802.18	.....	14,747.06	.....	.....	.....	14,747.06 1,009.00 802.18
Ryan Tully	1,009.00 802.18	.....	14,747.06	.....	.....	.....	14,747.06 1,009.00 802.18
Chad Tanner	1,009.00 802.18	.....	14,747.06	.....	.....	.....	14,747.06 1,009.00 802.18
Emily Harding	225.00 191.00 1,287.00	.....	14,747.06	.....	.....	.....	14,747.06 225.00 191.00
Brian Miller	225.00 191.00 1,287.00	.....	8,053.00	.....	866.00	.....	8,053.00 225.00 191.00
Tara McFeely	191.00 1,287.00	.....	8,053.00	.....	866.00	.....	8,053.00 191.00 2,153.00
Nick Basciano	225.00 191.00 1,287.00	.....	5,621.00	.....	.....	.....	5,621.00 225.00 191.00
Senator Marco Rubio	437.00 176.00	.....	8,053.00 600.00	.....	866.00 51.00	.....	8,053.00 488.00 776.00
Brian Walsh	437.00 176.00	.....	21,502.37 600.00	.....	145.00 145.00	.....	21,502.37 488.00 776.00
Mike Geffroy	19,791.37	.....	.....	.....	19,791.37
Brett Freedman	1,470.00	.....	.....	.....	1,470.00
Ryan Tully	1,470.00	.....	.....	.....	1,470.00
Christian Cook	1,218.29	.....	1,470.00	.....	654.00	.....	1,872.29
John Matchison	1,218.29	.....	2,128.00	.....	654.00	.....	2,128.00 1,872.29
Total	33,750.58	.....	261,483.00	.....	8,749.00	.....	303,982.58

SENATOR RICHARD BURR,
Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Aug. 3, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Amb. David Killion: Thailand	Baht .....	.....	1,152.91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,152.91
Hong Kong	Dollar .....	.....	3,231.52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,231.52
United States	Dollar .....	.....	.....	.....	12,795.06	.....	.....	.....	12,795.06
* Delegation Expenses: Thailand	Baht .....	.....	6434.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	643.16
Hong Kong	Dollar .....	.....	1,282.73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,282.73
Total .....	.....	.....	6,310.32	.....	12,795.06	.....	.....	.....	19,105.38

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR ROGER WICKER,
Chairman, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe,
July 18, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), MAJORITY LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Thomas Hawkins:									
United States	Dollar				13,847.14				13,847.14
Turkey	Lira		634.33						634.33
Jordan	Dinar		359.74						359.74
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		973.00						973.00
Thomas Hawkins:									
United States	Dollar				10,569.09				10,569.09
Egypt	Pound				261.27				261.27
Israel	New Shekel				1,040.27				1,040.27
Jordan	Dinar				259.54				259.54
Total			1,967.07		25,977.31				27,944.38

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL,
Majority Leader, July 7, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 110-315, the reappointment of the following individuals to be members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Anne D. Neal of the District of Columbia and Richard F. O'Donnell of Colorado.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3231

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 3231 is at the desk and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3231) to amend title 5, United States Code, to protect unpaid interns in the Federal Government from workplace harassment and discrimination, and for other purposes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 7; 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 leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2848; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Senators RUBIO, BROWN, MCCAIN, FLAKE, and SULLIVAN.

Mrs. BOXER. Reserving the right to object, I ask Senator RUBIO if I may have 1 minute to respond to your WRDA comments before he begins.

Is that all right with the Senator?

Mr. RUBIO. That is all right. No objection.

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

Mrs. BOXER. Thank you.

WRDA

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I just want to say to the majority leader that I am pleased he put forward the WRDA bill. I think it is so important to Democrats and Republicans.

I thank the Senator from Florida for yielding for just a few seconds because I am going to read the title of the bill. It will take me less than a minute, and you can see how important it is. We are talking about making navigation better. We are talking about flood control. We are talking about coastal storm damage reduction; environmental restoration; relief for Flint, MI; improved notification when high levels of lead are found in drinking water anywhere in the country; restoring critical ecosystems; investing in innovative water technologies such as desalination and water recycling. We are talking about drought assistance. We are talking about improving ports, repairing dams, and allowing States to issue permits for coal ash. This is a critical bill. It is super-bipartisan.

I wish to say that working with Senator INHOFE continues to be a joy for me when it comes to infrastructure. On the environment, we are sort of from different planets, but when it comes to infrastructure, we are as one.

I thank the majority leader for putting this bill out there. I ask Members on both sides to help us get to this bill.

I again thank the Senator from Florida.

I yield the floor.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, might I take just 1 minute as well?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. STABENOW. I thank the leader as well and thank colleagues, Senator INHOFE and Senator BOXER, for working in good faith, as they usually do, in coming up with a bill that addresses multiple issues that are very important to Members—certainly us in Michigan but others as well. I thank the leader for bringing it forward.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, before I begin my remarks on the vote on Zika, I do want to join the chorus of those voices thanking the majority leader for bringing the water bill, which also has important priorities for the State of Florida, in particular the Central Everglades planning process, which will allow us to begin the process of moving forward on a series of programs that are important not just for restoring the natural flow of the Everglades but for helping coastal areas of Florida that were impacted over the last few months with algae blooms as a result of water runoff from Lake Okeechobee.

There is a lot more to be done. This project alone will not solve this problem, but it is the single biggest project out there that we are closest to achieving and that can move us toward that goal. If the Senate can move forward, I, too, will ask my colleagues over the next few days to allow this issue to move forward. Let's get this passed. There are many good priorities here for many States in this country, but for Florida in particular. The Central Everglades Planning Project has taken so long to get to this point, and I thank Senator INHOFE for working with me on it to ensure that it is part of this package.

I am hopeful we can continue to move forward and get this done. It is important for Florida, particularly for our coastal areas, and for those who care deeply about the great natural treasures of this country—the Florida Everglades.

ZIKA VIRUS FUNDING

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, on a separate topic, I rise today to discuss the spread of the Zika virus. As many of my colleagues know, I have been calling for funding to confront this crisis to be included in the continuing resolution Congress is hopefully going to pass in the coming weeks.

First, in light of tonight's vote, I want to take a step back and look at how we have gotten to this point. I want us to think about how long we have known about this crisis. I want us to think about how many warning signs had to be ignored for us to still be having this debate. And I want all the American people who are concerned about and impacted by the virus to know the truth about our deliberations up to this point.

The truth is that every Senator has known about the Zika virus since at least January. We all knew then that it was a threat. The World Health Organization warned in January that Zika would spread throughout most of the Americas by the end of this year. In February, as the number of travel-related cases in the United States grew, President Obama made an emergency spending request of \$1.9 billion. I supported that request. The vast majority of Congress, for political reasons, did not. So the virus continued to spread.

Since then, I have come to the floor of the Senate to urge my colleagues to take action on Zika on at least eight separate occasions. I have written letters, I have written laws, and I have supported every single Zika proposal that has come before the Senate regardless of which party wrote it. Tonight will mark the 12th time—the 12th time—I have voted to move forward on funding to take on Zika.

But tonight, for the third time, the minority party—the Democrats in the Senate—have blocked more funding to fight this virus. And I want to be frank. At times, my own party has not taken the issue seriously enough either. In the eight times I have come to the floor to deliver speeches about this issue, I have called out both parties, and I have repeatedly warned it was only a matter of time before we had a mosquito transition in the mainland of the United States. Tragically, that time has now come and, with it, an increase in infections.

In July, when we last voted on this issue, there were approximately 1,300 cases of Zika in the continental United States and 2,900 cases in U.S. territories. Since that time in July, these numbers have more than doubled to over 2,700 cases of Zika in the continental United States and over 14,000 cases in U.S. territories, particularly Puerto Rico. That includes 625 pregnant women whose babies are now at risk of complications, including very serious ones like microcephaly.

These are not statistics. These are real people. As the infection rate continues to snowball, our health officials and experts desperately need addi-

tional resources to combat this crisis. I continue to support supplemental legislation to fund the fight against Zika, but we simply cannot afford to wait any longer. That is why I have requested that any legislation to fund the Federal Government beyond the 30th of September include additional resources to combat and, hopefully through a vaccine, eradicate the Zika virus.

For Congress, this is our moment of truth on this incredibly dangerous issue. We are going to continue to see more explosive growth in infections if people keep conspiring, for political reasons in an election year, to do nothing. My colleagues on both sides of the aisle and in both Chambers—in the House and the Senate—now face a choice: Are the political points you hope to gain from posturing on this funding really more valuable than saving lives, protecting pregnant women, and preventing unborn children from being afflicted by this disease?

And ask yourself this: How will history remember this moment 20 years from now if, God forbid, there are hundreds or even thousands of children who are born with microcephaly while we stood here playing politics and did nothing? This has the potential to tarnish the legacy of our generation of national leaders and, far worse, to cause grave health challenges for an untold number of Americans.

My colleagues, for the life of me, I cannot understand why any Senator with any chance to do something about this would stand in the way any longer. My message to both parties and both Chambers for this month is simple and straightforward: Zika is not a game. And if you think it is, then you should take your game somewhere else. This issue is about human beings, not political chess pieces, and we have a duty to solve it. It will not stop until Congress does what is necessary to respond to this public health crisis. Enough waiting. Enough games. Congress needs to act, and it needs to act now.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

REMEMBERING DR. DONALD HENDERSON AND THE ERADICATION OF SMALLPOX

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, while my colleagues and I were back home in Ohio, Michigan, Arizona or Florida over the last number of weeks, this country lost one of the heroes in the fight to eradicate smallpox: Lakewood, OH, native and Oberlin College graduate Dr. Donald Henderson. Dr. Henderson passed away at age 87 on August 19. He left behind perhaps the most important public health legacy of anyone in the 20th century.

Along with Dr. William Foege, who is still alive and still very active, Dr. Henderson helped lead the war on humankind's most feared diseases and

achieved one of the greatest public health victories ever—very arguably maybe the most important public health victory—the eradication of smallpox.

Most Americans are too young to remember the fear that smallpox struck in the hearts of people around the globe. Because of the work of literally 150,000 workers—paid workers and volunteers, thousands and thousands, tens of thousands of public health workers—fewer and fewer of us bear the scars on our upper arms that serve as a reminder of the danger this disease once posed.

In the 20th Century, it is estimated that more than 300 million people died of smallpox. Think of that. More than 300 million people died of smallpox—at least. Some estimates are as high as 500 million. The numbers aren't particularly precise, putting it mildly, because of where the deaths occurred and how they occurred and what people were dying of in addition to smallpox. Because of the serious investment our country and the world made in stamping out this disease, we no longer live in fear.

I think there are some lessons here. I just listened to the Senator from Florida talk about the fact his party seems to want to load up the Zika virus funding with all kinds of political statements or wants to take the money from some other public health fund and move it into the Zika virus, which is different from what we did as a nation to combat smallpox. What we did as a nation to combat smallpox had nothing to do with political parties; it was all about making sure that we came together as a nation and around the world.

It was an expensive and serious investment. It was a massive international effort. It mobilized epidemiologists—well-paid epidemiologists and laboratories and low-paid health care workers in India and South Asia and parts of Africa across the globe. Dr. Foege wrote an amazing account of this campaign in his 2011 book called “House on Fire.”

The smallpox vaccine had existed since the late 18th century. Dr. Edward Jenner developed the first successful vaccine in fighting cowpox. We all learned that in high school. But having the science wasn't enough to actually get people vaccinated to allay people's fears of what a vaccination could mean. Injecting a virus into somebody's arm obviously was a bit counterintuitive: That is going to make me well rather than sick? But to deal with the outbreaks would take action and coordination on a scale never before seen.

The title of the book “House on Fire” refers to the way a young Indian doctor described the approach to the vaccination campaign: You pour water on the house that is burning. When an outbreak happened, that village and the ones immediately surrounding it needed to be vaccinated. That fire

line—or ring of vaccination is what doctors will sometimes call that—around the virus would stop an epidemic. Mass vaccinations were highly expensive, and reaching into every village and doing what needed to be done was hard. It was hard to transport vaccines, keeping them active, if you will, and just the scale of the whole world—at least the whole developing world—meant they needed to do something different. That is the reason for the ring of vaccines or the fire line.

Nonetheless, it still required significant investments from governments around the globe. Senators and Congressmen in those days hadn't taken pledges that they would never raise taxes or never close a tax loophole. We came up with the money because we knew public health counted for more than almost anything else. We needed funding for surveillance, for global partnerships, and for developing newer and more effective techniques.

It took a huge amount of manpower and health care workers, local workers in India and Africa going from village to village identifying and stamping out outbreaks. The investment paid off. The last smallpox case appeared in the United States—keep in mind, 300 million people at least died between 1900 and the late 1970s—300 million people. The last case in the United States appeared in 1949. A little more than 30 years later, after a 10-year campaign with Dr. Foege and Dr. Henderson and thousands and thousands of unnamed workers around the world, the last known case was found in Somalia in 1977.

Smallpox is the only infectious disease for humans—the only infectious disease—to be declared eradicated by the World Health Assembly. We still have polio, we still have diphtheria, and we still have cholera. We have made huge progress in polio, thanks in part to the Rotary Club, thanks in part to international efforts by governments, by communities, by doctors, by researchers, by nurses, by health workers, and by so many other people. But smallpox is the only one that has totally been eradicated.

That is how we should do partnerships. We know in health care that up-front public investment is the most effective way to take on the biggest, most important projects. Private charity works, surely. Look what Rotary did on polio. But you have to have the public dollars, the public investment. People in this body think government doesn't do anything right or government can't be trusted to do anything, to accomplish anything or there is no role of government. Well, think about the 300 million people dying from smallpox and now that is eradicated in every place in the world because governments worked together with local communities, with local researchers, with local doctors, and with all of that.

These investments aren't just about helping individual people who are sick or at risk. Whether in our back yard or

a world away, when you save one life, you help so many others. Dr. Henderson understood that, and so did many thousands of others whose names we don't celebrate but who risked their lives to end the scourge of smallpox.

Today's world is more connected than ever. Think of the challenge we face with the spread of the Zika virus. Think how pathetic this Congress's response is to the Zika virus. We can't even fund the Zika virus out of this body because people want to make it about Planned Parenthood or about taking money from the Ebola virus effort instead of straightforward funding for the Zika virus. We did it with smallpox, where 300 million people died, and yet we can't stand up to get funding for the Zika virus.

We are going to have to work together and commit to public investment to make this a better country and a better world for our children, just like Dr. Henderson and Dr. Foege. And Dr. Henderson, whom we honor today—an Ohio native and Oberlin College graduate—ran the campaign that ended the scourge of smallpox, which was a huge victory for humankind.

I yield to Senator McCAIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to address the Senate in a colloquy with my colleague from Arizona.

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

OBAMACARE AND MILITARY FUNDING

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I am proud to join my colleague from Arizona on several issues that are very important to our constituents. And I believe by working together we have been able to make some significant progress in a number of areas, but we also are facing an enormous challenge.

Our State of Arizona has the unique category of having a county without a single health care provider—not one. Our largest county, Maricopa County, is now down to one from six. So if there is ever an object lesson in the failure of ObamaCare, it is right there in our home State of Arizona, where we have a very large aging population, we have a very large young population, and we are asking young people to pay for the health care of seniors when the fact is, it was a flawed idea from the beginning.

The fact is, I stood on this floor until Christmas Eve morning fighting against ObamaCare, when it was rammed through on a strictly partisan basis: 60 votes they had, 60 votes they used. For the first time in history, we had a major entitlement reform that was done on a totally partisan basis, and we said at the time it would fail. It is unravelling as we speak.

I would ask my colleague from Arizona, what is entertaining is now our friends from the other sides of the aisle

and in the administration are saying: Well, we would like to sit down with the Republicans and fix it, and we could make some much needed changes. The same people who didn't even allow us a single amendment on one of the most massive entitlement reforms in history, and now our citizenry—our citizenry—are paying the price, as are citizens all over the country.

As I mentioned, we now have one county in Arizona—Pinal County—which has the unique distinction of being the only county in America without a single provider. Maricopa County, where the majority of our constituents live—guess what—one provider, increases of 65 percent, 100 percent, 200 percent. It is amazing. It is amazing. By the way, Maricopa County—where there is one health insurance option in the ObamaCare exchanges—about 128,000 people.

And don't ever forget the immortal words of the President of the United States: If you like your health care policy, you can keep your policy, period. Wasn't that clever the way he said "period" at the end of that? Because he was sure that if you liked your health care policy, you could keep your health care policy. And he also said, by the way: If you like your physician, you can keep your physician. How has that turned out? How has that worked?

I thank my colleague from Arizona for his work on the NDAA. We have protected the A-10, we have protected our bases, we have protected the Goldwater ranges. There has been no stronger proponent for those wonderful Apache helicopters that are made in Mesa, AZ, and the Raytheon missiles that are down in Tucson, AZ.

I ask my colleague this: What do you think this impact is in our State—in our beautiful State—of 10,000 people being without a health care option and 180,000 who are going to now be presented with one? Is that what this administration called choice?

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. President, I thank my colleague for having this colloquy.

First, on the NDAA, I thank him for the work he has done this year and every year to make sure we get the NDAA passed. It is one of the single pieces of authorizing legislation we routinely pass and the President signs. It is important to our military to have that guidance—to know not just that we will appropriate the money, but we authorize the money and tell them how it needs to be spent. That provides a much better opportunity for oversight.

I thank my colleague for the reforms he got in this year with regard to procurement and to root out waste, as he always does, in the military. So I appreciate that. It is important to Arizona.

As he mentioned, we have five major Active-Duty military installations in the State: Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Luke Air Force Base, Army Fort Huachuca, Army Yuma Proving

Ground, and Marine Corps Air Station Yuma. There also are several National Guard and Air National Guard facilities around the State. So the NDAA is extremely important to them. Arizona is fortunate to have the chairman of the Armed Services Committee representing the State and understanding the importance of these installations and our national defense.

With regard to ObamaCare, Senator McCAIN and I both traveled around a lot of Arizona during this break. One thing I know he has heard and I have heard from constituents around the State but in particular in Pinal County—as he mentioned, Pinal County is just south of Maricopa County and just out of the metropolitan area, some of it within the metropolitan area. These individuals now have no option. There are 13 counties in Arizona—13 of 15—that have 1 option. Those in Maricopa County last year had eight options. Now it is down to one. So 128,000 individuals, as mentioned, have no competition. Premiums continue to go up. That insurer can do whatever they want to do, and we are hearing it wherever we go. After spending a day in Pinal County traveling around, hearing from the Chamber of Commerce, from Rotary Clubs, from Republican organizations, from townhalls—you name it—people are concerned. There is no option. Yet despite there being no option and no exchange, the penalties still exist.

Imagine, you have no exchange to purchase. If you buy on another exchange, there is no Federal subsidy attached to it. So it is completely unaffordable for many of our constituents. Yet, if they can't buy the insurance and don't buy the insurance, penalties still come. The penalties still come.

I am pleased my colleague is introducing legislation. I am glad to join him on this to make sure that in counties where there is no competition, those penalties simply shouldn't apply. That is the first thing we ought to do.

I have legislation as well that will say the hardship exemptions that currently exist ought to be expanded, particularly for those who have no option at all. It is not getting better. It is getting worse. So we have to sit down and say let's do some of these reforms now because people are hurting.

I thank my colleague.

Mr. McCAIN. Could I just say to my colleague, I think he put it very well. First of all, we are going to have people who have no option but under the present law are going to be paying a fine. How does that work? Then, of course, those with only one option are seeing projected premium increases that are as high, in one case, as 65 percent. Then, of course, we also have a situation where, if you only have one option and the premium increases, then obviously they have no choice. The deductibles are now, in some cases, in the thousands of dollars—deductibles.

So why do you want to buy an insurance policy that you are going to pay a couple thousand bucks before you are part of the plan that gives you the health care you need?

The fact is, and I would ask my colleague, ObamaCare is unravelling. It has now proven to be a colossal failure because it was based on the false premise that young people would willingly pay huge amounts of money to care for the health of older, sicker people. Of course, our great Congressional Budget Office had predicted there would be 21 million people who would have taken advantage of it, and I believe the actual number is 11 million. So this is a failure.

In the short term, Senator FLAKE and I want to make sure no one would ever pay a fine when there is not any option available or only one option available.

Then, I say to my colleagues, we had better start in either the later session of this Congress or the beginning of next year and repeal and replace ObamaCare. It needs to be replaced. If we don't replace it, then we are going to see these horror stories like in Pinal County, AZ, all over America. That is unfair to average American citizens who right now have seen—thanks to the massive regulations issued by the Obama administration—very little improvement in their incomes and their lives. In fact, the actual number of the middle class has been shrinking.

So I thank my colleague for all his hard work on behalf of the men and women who are serving in the military and at our wonderful bases throughout Arizona and also for his leadership in this whole effort of trying to make sure all Americans have affordable and available health care.

By the way, the answer is not the European-type health care system.

Mr. FLAKE. I thank my colleague. I would just add by saying I wish that officials from the administration could travel around with Senator McCAIN and myself as we travel around Arizona and go to Pinal County where people have no option—not even one. No option. No marketplace. Yet they are still being told you are going to pay a fine if you don't purchase insurance. Subsidies don't apply to you because there is no exchange here, but you are still going to get fined.

Try to tell somebody that, and tell them in this system that the administration is making no effort to reform this. They are still defending it, saying it will get better somehow or maybe someone will come just before the deadline and enter the marketplace. I think it is pretty clear they are not. And in those counties that have one insurer, they are looking and saying: Well, hey, where will we be next year? Will we be Pinal County with no options at all?

I wish the administration would travel around with us to Arizona and see what people are suffering with, see what they are trying to get, and it is not just a problem of getting coverage.

It is one thing to have coverage, but when you get to the hospital and find out that you have to get care and your deductibles are through the roof, your copays are through the roof—putting aside the premiums you are paying. This competition that is supposedly there isn't in Arizona. Premiums have skyrocketed as have copays and deductibles.

I thank my colleague for what he is doing. I look forward to working with him on this legislation to give people who have no options or only one choice an option where they pay no penalties. At least let's start there.

With that, I yield the floor.

Mr. McCAIN. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I begin by commending my colleagues from Arizona. I couldn't agree more with them and what they were just talking about with regard to ObamaCare.

Similar to Arizona, Alaska is going through the same thing. We are now down to one health insurance provider in the entire State. It started with five, and we are now down to one for the entire State of Alaska. Similar to Arizona, our premiums and deductibles are going through the roof. I certainly want to work with my colleagues from Arizona on ways to address States and counties in Arizona or places like Alaska, where we have seen essentially no competition. So we certainly want to focus on that as well.

I also commend the Senator from Arizona, the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, on what he has done for our military and how he has been a leader, really, in the country on national security and foreign policy issues. His leadership, particularly as the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, is absolutely critical for the national security and foreign policy of the entire country.

We are coming back from our work session. Most of us were home for the last 6 weeks. I had an amazing trip back home in Alaska and heard the concerns, hopes, dreams of my constituents across the State. I also saw a lot of pride. One reason I saw a lot of pride is that we have pride in our military forces that serve in the great State of Alaska, thousands and thousands of Active-Duty and Reserve Forces, more veterans per capita than in any other State in the country. I had the opportunity to visit with a lot of our veterans, a lot of our military Active-Duty and Reserve Forces. I also had the opportunity to bring a number of our U.S. military and civilian leaders up to Alaska to show them our troops, show them the great training. This was the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, the Secretary of the Army, the head of Missile Defense, the new combatant commander in charge of NORTHCOM. So we had a number of military officers visiting Alaska, and

they got to see a lot of our troops, not only Alaska but Iowa National Guard, Hawaii troops, all training in the great State of Alaska.

You know that our troops are doing amazing work, not just the training in different bases throughout the country but keeping us safe throughout the world and risking their lives in combat throughout the world. I certainly don't have to mention to this body the number of troops we have deployed all over the world keeping us safe—in combat and risking their lives.

I mentioned the pride that Americans have in their military because it is really important to understand what just happened on the Senate floor about 20 minutes ago. What just happened? Sometimes it is hard to figure out the process. What did we just vote on? Let me put it bluntly. The minority leader of the Senate once again encouraged the Members of the other side of the aisle, of his party, to filibuster the funding for our troops. That just happened. The press will not report on it, but it is pretty remarkable given what we have going on in the world and one of the most sacred responsibilities of what we should be doing in this body. We just saw another filibuster of spending for the men and women who serve in the U.S. military. What a disappointment it is and what a disconnect between what is going on in the rest of America and here in DC.

I want to remind my colleagues of this. If you went back home, regardless of where you live, regardless of what party you are in, and you asked your constituents: Should we be funding our military right now, should we be funding the men and women who are overseas risking their lives, keeping this Nation safe, the answer, probably, of virtually every American in the United States of America would be yes.

I want to remind my colleagues that what just happened on the Senate floor—another filibuster of spending for our troops—wasn't the first time. Indeed, this is the bill that the minority leader of the Senate decided he wants to filibuster more than any other bill that we have brought up in the last year and a half.

This evening's vote was the sixth time that the minority leader of the Senate has led a filibuster against funding for our troops. He wasn't satisfied to do it one time or two times or three times or four times or five times—six times.

You and I and many other Members of the Senate were on the floor in July making the case that we shouldn't be doing this. We—I mean the Senate—should be focused on funding our troops. By the way, they read about this. For those who think the members of the military don't understand what is going on—that one party consistently denies them funding, that nobody understands that—that is not true. The troops know what is going on.

We were down here, like many other Members of the Senate, encouraging

our colleagues to support the troops, to stop the filibuster. This is what our troops want. This is what the American people want, and this is what the Senate of the United States of America should be doing—supporting our troops, not denying them funding.

I know my colleagues and I will continue to fight for this funding and fight these misguided attempts by the minority leader to undercut our troops, undercut our military, and undercut the funding that they desperately need and that should be a primary responsibility of this body.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:14 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

ABID RIAZ QURESHI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VICE ROSEMARY M. COLLYER, RETIRED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. CHARLES L. PLUMMER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. SAMUEL A. GREAVES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. JAMES M. HOLMES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARK D. KELLY

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. JOSEPH F. JARRARD

THE FOLLOWING OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. LAUREL J. HUMMEL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. GUSTAVE F. PERNA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE VICE CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 10505 AND 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. DANIEL R. HOKANSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. ALFRED F. ABRAMSON III
COL. PETER B. ANDRYSIAK, JR.
COL. ROBERT W. BENNETT, JR.
COL. JONATHAN P. BRAGA
COL. JOHN W. BRENNAN, JR.
COL. DAVID E. BRIGHAM
COL. MIGUEL A. CORREA
COL. CLEMENT S. COWARD, JR.
COL. MARIO A. R. DIAZ
COL. PATRICK J. DONAHUE
COL. CHRISTOPHER T. DONAHUE
COL. ROBERT L. EDMONSON II
COL. SCOTT L. EFFLANDT
COL. MICHAEL R. FENZEL
COL. DAVID J. FRANCIS
COL. PAUL H. FREDENBURGH
COL. DAVID M. HAMILTON
COL. NEIL S. HERSEY
COL. LONNIE G. HIBBARD
COL. JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, JR.
COL. OMAR J. JONES IV
COL. MARK H. LANDES
COL. DAVID A. LESPERANCE
COL. STEPHEN J. MARANIAN
COL. DOUGLAS M. MCBRIDE, JR.
COL. MATTHEW W. MCFARLANE
COL. STEPHEN L. MICHAEL
COL. CHRISTOPHER O. MOHAN
COL. LAURA A. POTTER
COL. ANTHONY W. POTTS
COL. ROBERT A. RASCH, JR.
COL. KENNETH T. ROYAR
COL. DOUGLAS A. SIMS II
COL. STEPHEN G. SMITH
COL. JOHN C. ULRICH
COL. ROBERT F. WHITTLE, JR.
COL. DAVID WILSON

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. WILLIAM K. LIESCHER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. JAMES G. FOGGO III

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. JOHN W. RAYMOND

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be major

REBECCA L. POWERS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be major

WILLIAM L. WHITE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

ANTHONY B. MULHARE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be major

ROBERT M. CLONTZ II
REBECCA K. KEMMETT

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

FREDDY L. ADAMS II
PAUL E. ALESSIO
RONNIE D. ANDERSON, JR.
JOEL D. BABBITT
DARIEN L. BAISLEY
JEFFREY E. BAKER
SEAN G. BARRETT
STEPHANIE A. BARTON

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HEATHER O. BELLUSCI
KENNETH C. BRADFORD
MATTHEW S. BRESKO
BOBBY W. BRYANT
DONALD L. BURTON
JAMES M. CALLIS II
LANCE CANGELOSI
HEATHER J. CARLISLE
COLEEN CARR
KEVIN S. CHANEY
DAVID R. CHENEY II
CHRISTOPHER D. CORIZZO
BRENT D. CORYELL
LAWRENCE M. COUSINS
DEXTER C. DANIEL
LESLIE E. DARLING
TROY M. DENOMY
DEREK J. DRAPER
JASON T. EDWARDS
DANIEL P. ELLINGER
ANGEL M. FELICIANOCASILLAS
KEVIN E. FINCH
CHRISTOPHER A. FORD
JOHNATHAN B. FRASIER
TIMOTHY R. FULLER
RODNEY M. GIBSON
MARSHANNA M. GIPSON
MICHAEL H. GRENNBERG
JOEL M. GREER
KEVIN J. GROTH
JOHN F. HALL
MATTHEW T. HAMILTON
STEVEN G. HANSON
SIDNEY A. HARRIS
PAUL A. HENRY
NICOLE M. HEUMPHREUS
JENNIFER K. HICKSMCGOWAN
JUSTIN L. HIGHLEY
LANNY A. HOGABOOM II
CARL J. HOLLISTER
STEPHEN M. HOWELL
CORT J. HUNT
JASON K. JEFFERIS
ROGER L. KEEN, JR.
MILTON G. KELLY
KEVIN H. KERBY
NICKOLAS T. KIOUTAS
TIMOTHY W. KLENSKE
JEFFREY C. KNIGHT
BRIAN A. LESIAK
ELISABETH S. LITVIN
JARED T. LONGFIELD
JON A. LUST
DENNIS C. MAJOR
DANIEL P. MARTIN
TIMOTHY R. MCDONALD
SCOTT W. MCINTOSH
GARY S. MCLEOD
MICHAEL B. MCNEELY
BRIAN E. MEMOLI
MICHAEL T. MOORE
MARCUS A. MOTLEY
ROBERT C. MURRAY
THOMAS H. P. NGUYEN
CHARLES G. NOVOTNY
JASON J. NOWAK
MARK E. PARSONS
BRYCE D. PRINGLE
BRIAN K. RICHIE
PHILIP G. ROTTENBORN
GARY D. ROWLEY
ROBERT C. SLOSSON
KEVIN Z. SMITH
ROY W. SPEAKS
MARC D. STAATS
MEGAN B. STALLINGS
SENODJA F. SUNDIATAWALKER
STEPHEN THOMAS
WILLIAM TRIMBLE, JR.
PATRICK W. TRIPLETT
JOHN K. TULIFUA
JAMES L. TURNER V
JOSE A. VALENTIN, JR.
JENNIFER S. WALKAWICZ
PAUL I. WEIZER
DAVID C. WELCH
CAMILLA A. W. WHITE
SCOTT A. WHITE
JESSE R. WIGHTMAN III
XAVIERA C. WILLIAMS
GARTH K. WINTERLE
DAVIE L. WRIGHT, JR.
GARVEY A. WRIGHT
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

ALISSA R. ACKLEY
ROBERT R. ANDERSON
RANDALL J. ARVAY
MARK W. BARLOW
SUNSET R. BELINSKY
MICHAEL J. BENSON
MICHELLE L. BIENIAS
DANIEL S. BISHOP
BRIAN C. BOLIO
WILLIAM E. BOSWELL
ERIC L. BROWN
JUSTIN W. BROWN
TED M. BRYANT
WILLIAM B. BURLEY
RICHARD D. BUTLER

MYLES B. CAGGINS III
JASON C. CALDWELL
CHAD E. CAMPFIELD
SHAWN B. CARDEN
JENNIFER CHAPMAN
JAMES F. CHASTAIN, JR.
CHRISTA M. CHEWAR
KEITH T. CHINN
CHRISTOPHER W. CIRINO
ANTHONY C. COMELLO
BRADLEY J. COOK
ROGER K. DAVIS
MATTHEW S. DENNY
DEAN H. DENTER
RYAN S. DILLON
RICHARD F. DIMARCO
LUKE R. DONOHUE
THOMAS W. DORREL, JR.
GREGORY L. DUTKA
SEAN P. DUVAL
DAVID P. ELSEN
GARY E. FARLEY, JR.
ANDREW T. FERGUSON
RONALD L. FRANKLIN, JR.
HERIBERTO GALARZAGONZALEZ
MATTHEW T. GILL
SCOTT D. GILMAN
JOHN C. GIORDANO
JAN K. C. GLEIMAN
MICHAEL A. GLODE
JON D. GRIESE
GREGORY C. GRIFFIN
JENNIFER S. M. GRIFFIN
GEORGE C. HACKLER
JAY W. HALEY
JAMES M. HARDAWAY
JUSTIN M. HAYNES
KENNETH G. HAYNES
BENNETT E. HAYTH
RAY C. HERNANDEZ
TRISTAN S. HIGGINS
GREGORY L. HOLDEN
JEFFREY M. HOWELL
JONG H. JUN
BRIAN A. KASTNING
JONATHAN P. KLUG
MICHAEL G. KNOWLTON
CHERYL R. KORVER
TIMOTHY R. KREUTTNER
SHAWN E. LEONARD
JASON T. LIDDELL
JOSEPH M. LINDQUIST
JOYCE M. LUGRAIN
WENDY Y. LUPO
ALEXANDER D. MACCALMAN
LUCIO E. MALDONADO, JR.
RYAN M. MCCABE
HUGH P. MCCAULEY
KIMELISHA Y. MCCULLUM
LOUIS P. MELANCON
RICHARD V. MELNYK
DOUGLAS W. MERRITT
PATRICK M. MIFSUD
MELISSA C. MILES
JOHN A. MOWCHAN
JAMES H. NELSON
JASON B. NICHOLSON
COLIN P. NIKKILA
QUENTIN C. NOREIGA
AARON D. OSBURN
DAVID J. PALAZZO
MATTHEW S. PALMER
DAVID W. PARKES
JON F. PARVIN
HECTOR E. PAZ III
JAY L. PERSONS
LEE I. PETERS III
ROBERT M. PETERS
AARON L. PETERSON
DONALD PETERSON, JR.
SAMUEL B. PHILLIPS
JOSEPH M. PISHOCK
ALAN J. QUATTRIN
CHAD O. RAMBO
THOMAS B. RANSOM
JOHN C. RAYBURN
JAMES F. RILEY
JOSE R. RIVAS
PETER J. ROWELL
SEAN J. RYAN
BILL N. SABA
TODD D. SABALA
JACK W. SANDER III
ROBERT F. SCHLICHT
CRAIG M. SCHLOZMAN
ADAM D. SELLERS
EDWIN S. SERRANO
MICHAEL D. SPAKE
PAUL S. SPARKS
ERICH C. SPRAGG
RYAN R. SQUIRES
JEFFREY A. STARKE
THOMAS M. STEVENSON
MICHAEL S. TARQUINTO
DAVID A. TARTIN
EDWARD B. TEAGUE IV
ENRIQUE P. TORRES
LOREN G. TRAUOGUTT
STONEY A. TRENT
CURTIS L. TYCAERT
CAINAZ A. VAKHARIA
ERIC J. VANDENBOSCH
BRYAN D. VELARDE
JOSEPH W. VONGSVARNRUNGRUANG
CHRIS A. WADE
BRAD W. WAMBEKE
CAMERON W. WEATHERS

ALEX L. WEHMEYER
JAMES R. WEST
CARLOS A. WILEY, SR.
RONALD D. WILKES
DENNIS G. WILLE
SEAN P. WILSON
JASON M. WINTERLE
DAVID O. WISEMAN
SAMUEL YBARRA
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

GEOFFREY R. ADAMS
PATRICK S. ALTENBURG
ROBERT R. ARNOLD, JR.
DENNIS R. ATKINS III
THOMAS J. BARRETT
STEVEN T. BARRY
LISA M. BARTEL
BASSEY E. BASSEY III
TAMMY L. BAUGH
IAN S. BENNETT
PAUL E. BERG
MICHAEL R. BIANKOWSKI, JR.
PHILLIP J. BORDERS
KIRT R. BOSTON
CLARENCE W. BOWMAN III
EDWARD A. BRADY
MATTHEW W. BROWN
ROBERT S. BROWN
JEFFREY C. BRYSON
KENNETH J. BURGESS
GREGORY A. CANNATA
KEVIN S. CAPRA
BARRY R. CARLSON, JR.
CHAD C. CHALFONT
DAVID C. CHALRENZA
BRYAN J. CHIVERS
MARK W. CHRISTENSEN
KENDALL J. CLARKE
MARC A. CLOUTIER
MICHAEL D. COLEMAN
KEVIN A. COMFORT
STACEY P. CORN
PATRICK M. COSTELLO
JOHN R. CRISAFULLI
EDWARD C. CROOT
JASON A. CURL
MARK R. DANNER
JOHN P. DAVIS
JOHNATON L. DAWBER
JOSEPH S. DEGLIUMINI
CORY J. DELGER
JEROME F. DENTE
JAMES M. DEPOLO, JR.
JAMES T. DONOVAN
DARRELL A. DOREMUS
WILLIAM M. DOWLING
JONATHAN H. DOYLE
RICHARD L. DUNTON
JOHN R. DYKE III
DANIEL H. EDWAN
EDWARD D. ELDRIDGE
WILLIAM J. EPOLITO
JASON A. EVERS
CHRISTOPHER T. FABER
BRETT C. FORBES
WILLIAM B. GARBER III
RICHARD R. GAREY
MARCUS A. GENGLER
ISSAC G. GIPSON
MICHELLE M. GOYETTE
GEOFFREY D. GREENE
JAMES D. GREER
SHANE M. GRIES
DWIGHT R. GRIFFITH, JR.
PAUL B. GUNNISON
ROBERT D. HALVORSON
PATRICK K. HARKINS
JOSHUA P. HIGGINS
JOSEPH P. HIGGSON
CHARLES P. HOGEBOOM IV
CAROLINE K. HORTON
THOMAS M. HOUGH
ERNEST J. IRVIN II
JAMES M. JAMES
CHRISTOPHER J. JESZENSZKY
ERIC M. JOHNSON
MARK C. JOHNSON
TERRANCE J. JOHNSON
SEBASTIEN P. JOLY
JASON J. JONES
MARK G. KAPPELMANN
JOSHUA C. KENNEDY
MATTHEW F. KETCHUM
WILLIAM L. KIRBY
SCOTT W. KIRKPATRICK
PAUL J. KREMER
SEAN H. KUESTER
CORNELIUS W. KUGLER
CHRISTOPHER T. KUHN
JAMES C. LASLE III
ALLEN D. LETH, JR.
FLOYD S. LIDDICK, JR.
ANDREW N. LIFFRING
JOHN T. LITZ
JOHN W. LUBAS
ROMEO R. MACALINTAL, JR.

JON P. N. MADDALONI
 RYAN O. MAENDER
 SCOTT J. MALONE II
 ISAAC C. MANIGAULT
 GERALD G. MAPP
 HARRY C. MARSON V
 RICHARD A. MARTIN
 JAMES A. MATTOX
 MATTHEW R. MAYBOUER
 JOHN J. MCDERMOTT III
 MICHAEL S. MCFADDEN
 DANIEL S. MCKEEGAN
 MICHAEL G. MCLENDON
 BRIAN C. MELLEN
 BRANDON G. MENO
 MICHAEL A. MINENI, JR.
 RANDOLPH M. MORGAN
 JEROME S. MORRISON
 JOHN C. MORROW
 THEDRIC J. MOSELEY
 VANESSA Y. MOYE
 MICHAEL S. MULLINS
 ROBERT A. MURPHY
 ANTHONY T. MURTHA III
 SCOTT C. NAUMAN
 ANTHONY E. NEW
 STEPHEN T. NEWMAN
 RICHARD NG
 LARRY NIEDRINGHAUS
 SHANNON E. NIELSEN
 BENJAMIN R. OGDEN
 MARK P. OTT
 JOSEPH E. PACE
 WILLIAM M. PARKER
 MICHAEL D. PARSONS
 ERIC S. PULS
 JASON M. RAILSBACK
 MARK D. RAY
 OWEN G. RAY
 BRENDAN C. RAYMOND
 KENNETH N. REED
 DANIEL L. RICE
 SAMUEL R. RODRIGUEZ
 IKE L. SALLEE
 STEVEN M. SATTINGER
 MATTHEW SCALIA
 MICHAEL A. SCARPULLA
 TIMOTHY R. SHAFFER
 MARK B. SHERKEY, JR.
 SAMUEL S. SHRADER
 PAUL A. SIGLER
 ALEXANDER V. SIMMONS
 KELSEY A. SMITH
 TONG I. SMITH
 TYLER B. SMITH
 PHILLIP D. SOUNIA
 JON R. SPELL
 WARREN E. SPONSLER, JR.
 STEPHEN J. STASEVICH
 DANA T. STOWELL
 DAVID A. STRAUSS
 PATRICK J. SULLIVAN
 RICHARD J. SUROWIEC
 NEIL TATOR
 JAMES L. TENPENNY
 ERICH R. THEN
 MARK L. TROMBLEE
 MICHAEL J. TROTTER
 JAMES J. TUTTLE IV
 GEOFFREY R. VANEPPS
 LANCE K. VANZANDT
 EDWARD M. VEDDER
 MARK D. VERTULI
 SAMUEL L. VOLKMAN
 WILLIAM D. VOORHIES
 ROY E. WALKER
 DOUGLAS R. WALTER
 JOHN P. WALTON
 CHRISTOPHER J. WARD
 SYLVESTER O. WEGWU
 MATTHEW R. WEINSHIEL
 JOHN C. WHITE, JR.
 MARCUS A. WILDY
 KEVIN J. WILLIAMS
 JEREMY S. WILSON
 JEFFREY S. WINSTON
 BRIAN K. WORTINGER
 BRIAN J. YARBROUGH
 TED D. YATES
 ANDREW S. ZIESENIS
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
 DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624
 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

BRIAN BICKEL
 PAUL E. BOQUET
 CHRISTOPHER G. BOWEN
 STEVEN M. BROOKS
 AILEEN R. CABANADALOGAN
 STEPHEN S. CHERRINGTON
 WOO J. A. CHI
 MARK E. CHURCH
 JAMES W. COBB, JR.
 TATYANA DANKULICHURYN
 STEVEN V. DRYDEN
 DANIEL D. ESCALANTE
 CRAIG R. FRECCERO
 KIMBERLY A. S. INOUE
 SUZANNE L. JONES
 ADAM R. LINCICUM

YAT H. MA
 BENJAMIN J. MCGOVERN
 LESLIE A. OAKES
 BENJAMIN D. OWEN
 ZACHARY A. PAUKERT
 MATTHEW B. PHILLIPS
 ERIK F. REIFENSTAHL
 SCOTT V. SCHLOFMAN
 ALEXANDER SMITH
 CHESTINE G. TOTH
 MELISSA F. TUCKER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
 MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624
 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

KYLE D. AEMISEGGER
 JUDY J. AEUM
 MATTHEW L. AGIUS
 IVAN J. ANTOSH
 DAVID T. ARMSTRONG
 BENJAMIN L. BAKER
 STEVEN R. BALLARD
 JOHN B. BALMAN
 TODD P. BALOG
 TIMOTHY S. BATIG
 JEROME M. BENAVIDES
 LINDA C. BENAVIDES
 SLAVOMIR A. BILINSKI
 KELLY S. BLAIR
 JASON M. BLAYLOCK
 MICHAEL R. BOVIN
 BRIAN M. BOLDT
 FRANCIS H. BOUDREAU
 LIONEL R. BROUNTS
 ALEXANDER W. BROWN
 JASON K. BURRIS
 ELIZABETH A. CALLEN
 VINCENT P. CAPALDI II
 NATHAN A. CARLSON
 XIAOLU W. CARTER
 DANIEL G. CASH
 MIN H. CHANG
 MEGAN L. CHILDS
 KEVIN M. CRON
 PETER L. CUFF
 LEO J. DAAB
 MICHAEL D. DANN
 PATRICK E. DAVIS
 KENNETH B. DEKAY
 HEATHER M. DELANEY
 KARAMARIE H. DELANEY
 MICHAEL S. DIRKS
 JEREMY P. DOMANSKI
 THOMAS C. DOWD
 JOHN W. DOWNS
 TOBIN T. ECKEL
 JASON W. EDENS
 CHRISTOPHER L. ELLIOTT
 ALEXANDER J. ERNEST
 JASON L. FERGUSON
 NATHAN L. FROST
 FRANKLIN W. GOLDWIRE
 AMY GOOLD
 MELISSA A. GRANT
 JOHN C. GRAYBILL
 BRIAN P. GREEN
 SCOTT P. GROGAN
 JENNIFER L. GURSKI
 KEVIN B. GUTHMILLER
 OMAR S. HAJIBRAHIM
 JASON S. HAWKSWORTH
 THERESA A. HEIFERT
 MATTHEW O. HEISEL
 JOHN S. HELLUMS
 BRANDI N. HICKS
 SUZANNA N. HOLBROOK
 DANIELLE HOLT
 JULIE A. HUNDETRMACK
 RICHARD K. JACOB
 ERIC J. JACOBSON
 TIMOTHY V. JARDELEZA
 ERIK R. JOHNSON
 KENNETH JOHNSON
 DARRELL E. JONES
 KELLY E. KAFKA
 GEORGE J. KALLINGAL
 TAMIR L. KERNS
 JENNIFER S. KICKER
 ANDREW S. KIM
 YU H. KIM
 TRISTAN L. KNUTSON
 MICHAEL J. KOZNARSKY
 REED B. KUEHN
 CHRISTOPHER J. KULHAVY
 LANCE M. KUNZ
 PAUL B. LAMB
 DAVID C. LARRYMORE
 ALAN R. LARSEN, JR.
 KATHERINE B. LIESEMER
 KIRK N. LIESEMER
 JEFFREY R. LIVEZEY
 THOMAS R. MAGRA
 PATRICK J. MALAFRONT
 RENEE MALLORY
 JOHN G. MANCINI
 BRENDAN D. MASINI
 JOSEPH M. MATTHEWS
 CHRISTOPHER S. MCGUIRE
 ANASTASIA M. MCKAY
 JAY H. MCKENNA
 MECHAN H. MCKINNON
 ANDREW R. MEDENDORP
 NANCY L. MEYERS
 SHAUN R. MILLER

LEX A. MITCHELL
 CLIFTON C. MO
 MICHAEL A. MOAK
 INGRID B. MULKERRIN
 ELISA D. OHERN
 HEATHER M. OMARA
 JENNIFER M. ORR
 KRISTOPHER M. PAOLINO
 NADIA M. PEARSON
 JONATHAN PEDERSON
 KATHERINE Q. PHILLA
 CHRISTOPHER A. PICKETT
 CLIFFORD F. PORTER
 STEVEN M. POTTER
 GREGORY E. PUNCH
 AARIC L. QUEEN
 KEVIN R. RICE
 AUTUMN M. RICHARDS
 NORBERTO RODRIGUEZ, JR.
 MICHAEL B. ROSE
 MICHAEL J. ROSSI
 LLOYD A. RUNSER
 KIRK S. RUSSELL
 BETH A. SALYER
 DAVID M. SEDORY
 ALISON L. SEMANOFF
 LIEN T. SENCHAK
 JOHN SHEPPARD
 JUSTIN M. SHIELDS
 TODD E. SIMON
 NOVAE B. SIMPER
 EARL J. SMITH
 JASON D. SMITH
 MARK E. SMITH
 RYAN M. SMITH
 MICHAEL E. STOUDMIRE
 SHANE M. SUMMERS
 MICHAEL J. SUPERIOR
 MICHELLE E. SZCZEPANIK
 KEVIN M. TAYLOR
 LELAND D. TAYLOR
 SARAH K. TAYLOR
 BRETT J. THEELER
 DAVID C. THOMA
 AMY M. THOMPSON
 SAIOA TORREALDAY
 CHRISTOPHER L. TRACY
 SCOTT T. TREXLER
 LEAH M. TRIOLO
 ZACHARY S. TURNER
 ERIC G. VERWIEBE
 RACHEL VILLACORTALYEW
 PATRICK J. VOORHEES
 WILLIAM WASHINGTON
 CHRISTOPHER A. WEISSMAN
 JUSTIN M. WELLS
 MICHAEL J. WILHELM
 CAMILLE M. WILLIAMS
 AIMEE WILSON
 KAREN L. WILSON
 NOUANSY K. WILTON
 JOSEPH R. YANCEY
 DUKE G. YIM
 RICHARD Y. YOON
 SARAH M. ZATE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
 MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SEC-
 TIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

JOHN E. SHEMANSKI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
 NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND
 3064:

To be colonel

CHRISTOPHER D. BAYS
 DENISE M. BEAUMONT
 SIMONA A. BLACK
 JAMES D. BURK
 EUGENE J. CHRISTEN III
 JENNIFER L. COYNER
 AARON R. ELLIOTT
 JULIE J. FREEMAN
 ROBERT L. KENT, JR.
 CHRISTOPHER G. LINDNER
 TAMMY K. MAYER
 JASON A. NELSON
 JANA L. NOHRENBURG
 UN Y. RAINEY
 EDITHA D. RUIZ
 CYNTHIA D. SANCHEZ
 JAY C. SCHUSTER
 MIKO Y. WATKINS
 BRIAN K. WEISGRAM
 JENNIFER L. WILEY
 SARAH A. WILLIAMS BROWN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT
 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
 MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SEC-
 TIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

ADRIENNE B. ARI
 DAVID M. BOWEN
 DEIDRA E. BRIGGS ANTHONY
 MARC BUSTAMANTE
 MARK C. CARDER
 MARVIN A. EMERSON
 ARTHUR FINCH III
 JONATHAN L. GOODE
 TARA L. HALL
 CLAUDIA L. HENEMYRE HARRIS

SAMANTHA S. HINCHMAN
 PHILIP A. HOLCOMBE
 MARION A. JEFFERSON
 GREGORY A. JOHNSON
 NATHAN A. KELLER
 DENNIS MCGURK
 ANTHONY A. MEADOR
 HEIDI P. MON
 DANIEL J. MOORE
 SCOTT H. NEWKIRK
 CHARLES H. ONEAL
 SEAN S. ONEIL
 DAVID E. PARKER
 DAVID J. PHILLIPS
 WENDY L. SAMMONS JACKSON
 MICHAEL C. SAUER
 AATIF M. SHEIKH
 AUDRA L. TAYLOR
 JEFFREY L. THOMAS
 BRETT H. VENABLE
 CHRISTINE M. WATSON
 JOHN E. WHITE
 TRACY M. WILSON
 CHARLES D. ZIMMERMAN, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

NORMAN W. GILL III
 DONALD L. GOSS
 CHAD A. KOENIG
 VANESSA M. MEYER
 JESSE K. ORTEL
 MICHAEL A. ROBERTSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

DERRON A. ALVES
 NICOLE A. CHEVALIER
 JENNIFER M. KISHIMORI
 THOMAS KOHLER
 KEVIN W. NEMELKA
 LARRY J. SHELTON, JR.
 CHAD A. WEDDELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

CHANTIL A. ALEXANDER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

CLIFFORD D. JOHNSTON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

YEVGENY S. VINDMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

DAVID G. OTT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

REINALDO GONZALEZ II

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

GEOFFREY J. COLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

JEFFREY D. MCCOY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

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 PAMELA S. COTTON
 PAUL J. CRITES
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

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 ANDREW D. BLOOM
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 RAFFAELLA DEROSA
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 TANYATORN GHANJANASAK
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TARA K. ORTIZ
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ROSS PARKER
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MARC F. WUERDEMAN
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AMY A. M. YAU
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ANDREY YUSUPOV
SHOSHANA ZHENG
KIMBERLY C. ZIBERT
JENNIFER E. ZUCCARELLI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS CHAPLAINS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

BUSTER D. AKERS, JR.
ALWYNNMICHAEL S. ALBANO
THOMAS E. ALLEN
GEOFFREY N. BAILEY
DOUGLAS H. BALL II
PAUL T. BERGHAUS
RICKEY W. BRUNSON
DARREN J. CHESTER
ROBERT J. CROWLEY
BRIAN D. CURRY
CHRISTOPHER E. DICKEY
DOUGLAS T. DOWNS
THOMAS J. FAICHNEY
EDWARD H. FRANKLIN
MATTHEW L. GIBSON
KENNETH M. GODWIN, JR.
JOHN M. GRAUER
DARRICK M. GUTTING
MATTHEW A. HALL
SUK KIM
MATTHEW S. KREIDER
ANDREW F. LAWRENCE
JOHN P. MANUEL
JAMES R. MCCAY, JR.
MICHAEL F. MCDONALD
KEVIN J. NIEHOFF
GLENN A. PALMER
TIMOTHY R. REYNOLDS
CHRISTOPHER D. RICE
ROGER B. RODRIQUEZ
DAMON D. SAXTON
STEVE SHIN
STANLEY V. SMITH
KEVIN E. WAINWRIGHT
KYLE L. WELCH
MICHAEL T. ZELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

RICHARD L. WEAVER

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

RICHARD M. CAMARENA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

THOMAS M. HEARTY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 5721:

To be lieutenant commander

JULIO A. ALARCON
ANGELA M. BALOGH
PATRICK M. BELL
PETER R. BLEDAY
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IAN G. BYNUM
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FRANK E. FERRELL
TRISTAN M. GLODECK
JUAN J. HUZAR
BRIAN C. JUSKIEWICZ
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BRYAN D. SCOTT
PEDRO A. SERRANO
ELLIOTT P. SKILES
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ADAM R. TURPIN
JEFFREY E. VANDENENGEL
JEREMY C. VANGELDER
BRIAN M. VIETHS
JODI M. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

ROLANDA A. FINDLAY
CAITLIN M. MCCORD
DAPHNE P. MORRISONPONCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

RUSSELL A. MAYNARD

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR APPOINTMENT AS A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, A CONSULAR OFFICER AND A SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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DEBORAH KAY JONES, OF NEW MEXICO

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 LAURA ELIZABETH SMITH ET'TABBAKH, OF PENNSYLVANIA
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