

of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

SEC. 573. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO JAMES MEGELLAS FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING BATTLE OF THE BULGE.

(a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 3744 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such title to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for the acts of valor during World War II described in subsection (b).

(b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of James Megellas on January 28, 1945, in Herresbach, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge when, as a first lieutenant in the 82d Airborne Division, he led a surprise and devastating attack on a much larger advancing enemy force, killing and capturing a large number and causing others to flee, single-handedly destroying an attacking German Mark V tank with two hand-held grenades, and then leading his men in clearing and seizing Herresbach.

SA 738. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. ____ . EXPANSION OF PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF VETERANS MEMORIAL OBJECTS WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION BY LAW.

Paragraph (3) of section 2572(e) of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(3) The prohibition imposed by paragraph (1) does not apply to a transfer of a veterans memorial object that is specifically authorized by law.”.

SA 739. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ITEMIZED LIST OF ITEMS ACQUIRED FROM FOREIGN ENTITIES THROUGH BUY AMERICAN NON-AVAILABILITY WAIVERS.

Section 8302(b)(2) of title 41, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “supplies; and” and inserting “supplies;”;

(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) an itemized list of all articles, materials, and supplies acquired through waivers pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(B).”.

SA 740. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . INTEGRITY IN BORDER AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Integrity in Border and Immigration Enforcement Act”.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **LAW ENFORCEMENT POSITION.**—The term “law enforcement position” means any law enforcement position in U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”).

(2) **POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.**—The term “polygraph examination” means the Law Enforcement Pre-Employment Test certified by the National Center for Credibility Assessment.

(c) **POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.**—

(1) **APPLICANTS.**—Beginning not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security—

(A) shall require that polygraph examinations are conducted on all applicants for law enforcement positions; and

(B) may not hire any applicant for a law enforcement position who does not pass a polygraph examination.

(2) **TARGETED POLYGRAPH REINVESTIGATIONS.**—Beginning not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, as part of each background reinvestigation, shall administer a polygraph examination to—

(A) every CBP law enforcement employee who is determined by the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to be part of a population at risk of corruption or misconduct, based on an analysis of past incidents of misconduct and corruption; and

(B) every ICE law enforcement employee who is determined by the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to be part of a population at risk of corruption or misconduct, based on an analysis of past incidents of misconduct and corruption.

(3) **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE TARGETED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS.**—The Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security may—

(A) delegate the authority under paragraph (2)(A) to the CBP Office of Professional Responsibility; and

(B) delegate the authority under paragraph (2)(B) to the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility.

(4) **RANDOM POLYGRAPH REINVESTIGATIONS.**—Beginning not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

(A) randomly administer a polygraph examination each year to at least 5 percent of CBP law enforcement employees who are undergoing background reinvestigations during that year and have not been selected for a

targeted polygraph examination under paragraph (2)(A); and

(B) randomly administer a polygraph examination each year to at least 5 percent of ICE law enforcement employees who are undergoing background reinvestigations during that year and have not been selected for a targeted polygraph examination under paragraph (2)(B).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Executive Calendar Nos. 195 through 223, with the exception of COL John K. Muller, and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the Record; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Steven L. Kwast

The following named officer for reappointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and 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., sections 601 and 154:

To be general

Gen. Paul J. Selva

IN THE ARMY

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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. John B. Cooper

IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers 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. John B. Dunlap, III

Col. Donald R. Emerson
Col. David Fleming, III
Col. Ryan T. Pace
Col. Andrew M. Roman

The following named 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. Deborah Y. Howell

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons

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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Charles W. Hooper

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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Edward M. Daly

The following named 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. Michelle M. Rose

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Daniel W. Dwyer

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Ross A. Myers

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. John J. Broadmeadow

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Vincent R. Stewart

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Herman S. Clardy, III

IN THE ARMY

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. William C. Mayville, Jr.

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 and for appointment as a Senior Member of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations under title 10, U.S.C., section 711:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Richard D. Clarke

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. Frederick J. Roegge

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Daniel J. O'Donohue

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the United States Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Michael A. Rocco

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the United States Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Mark A. Brilakis

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Anthony J. Carrelli

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 major general

Brig. Gen. Sam C. Barrett

IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers 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. Michael N. Adame
Col. Jaime A. Areizaga
Col. Thomas G. Behling
Col. Karen A. Berry

Col. Robyn J. Blader
Col. Darrell L. Butters
Col. Stephen M. Doyle
Col. John J. Driscoll
Col. Larry D. Fletcher
Col. David A. Gagnon
Col. Terry L. Grisham
Col. Herman W. Holt
Col. Todd H. Hubbard
Col. Jonathan S. Hubbard
Col. Manley James
Col. David M. Jenkins
Col. John T. Kelly
Col. Steven J. Kremer
Col. Scott M. MacLeod
Col. Sharon A. Martin
Col. Brian R. Nesvik
Col. Donald D. Perez
Col. Stephen M. Radulski
Col. Carl T. Reese
Col. Robert K. Ryan
Col. Lawrence E. Schloegl
Col. Grant C. Slayden
Col. Troy J. Soukup
Col. Brian E. Tate
Col. Jeffrey M. Terrill
Col. Patrick C. Thibodeau

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers 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. John C. Andonie
Col. Jimmie L. Cole
Col. William T. Conway
Col. Jeffrey L. Copeland
Col. Peter B. Cross
Col. Jon M. Harrison
Col. Stefanie K. Horvath
Col. Lowell E. Kruse
Col. Haldane B. Lamberton
Col. Stephen F. Logan
Col. Franklin D. Powell
Col. Carlton G. Smith
Col. Timothy N. Thombleson
Col. Cynthia K. Tinkham

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers 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. Samuel AgostoSantiago
Col. Herbert J. Brock, IV
Col. Charles G. Cody
Col. Charles T. Crosby
Col. Jackie R. Davis, Jr.
Col. Mark D. Drown
Col. Curtis W. Faulk
Col. Timothy A. Glynn
Col. Richard A. Gray
Col. Gregory J. Hadfield
Col. Thomas W. Hanley
Col. Shawn A. Harris
Col. Ralph F. Hedenberg
Col. Jackie A. Huber
Col. David T. Manfredi
Col. Judith D. Martin
Col. William M. Myer
Col. Ralph R. Myers, Jr.
Col. Eric J. Oh
Col. Amos P. Parker, Jr.
Col. Joseph K. Pearce
Col. Debra D. Rice
Col. Douglas C. Rose, Jr.
Col. Mark J. Schindler
Col. Farin D. Schwartz
Col. Ronald F. Taylor
Col. Daniel L. Townsend
Col. William L. Zana

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. (lh) William R. Merz

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S
DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN538 AIR FORCE nominations (1223) beginning WILLIAM JOHN ACKMAN, and ending MICHAEL D. ZOLLARS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2017.

PN630 AIR FORCE nomination of Lisa E. Donovan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN631 AIR FORCE nomination of Kirt L. Stallings, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN632 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning Michael G. Rhode, and ending Scott D. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN633 AIR FORCE nomination of Richard L. Allen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN704 AIR FORCE nomination of Michael J. Silverman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

PN705 AIR FORCE nomination of Maiya D. Anderson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

PN706 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning KIMBERLY M. KITTLESON, and ending KEVIN C. PETERSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

PN707 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning CECILIA A. FLORIO, and ending JOHN M. FEJES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

IN THE ARMY

PN634 ARMY nominations (4) beginning JAMES C. BENSON, and ending JACOB S. LOFTICE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN635 ARMY nomination of Timothy D. Litka, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN636 ARMY nomination of Scott D. Blackwell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN637 ARMY nominations (150) beginning MICHAEL A. ADAMS, and ending D012118, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN638 ARMY nominations (32) beginning TODD R. ANDERSON, and ending JOHN F. YANIKOV, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN639 ARMY nominations (11) beginning DOUGLAS A. ALLEN, and ending THOMAS K. SARROUF, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN640 ARMY nominations (18) beginning CHARLES E. BANE, and ending MATTHEW D. WEGNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN641 ARMY nomination of Dareen A. Douchi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN643 ARMY nomination of Brandon J. Baer, which was received by the Senate and

appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN644 ARMY nomination of Barry Murray, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN645 ARMY nominations (82) beginning FRANCIS K. AGYAPONG, and ending SASHI A. ZICKEFOOSE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN646 ARMY nominations (109) beginning JOSEPH H. AFANADOR, and ending D013069, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN647 ARMY nominations (26) beginning BERT M. BAKER, and ending MARIA R. S. YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN649 ARMY nominations (28) beginning BRECK S. BREWER, and ending DIANA W. WEBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN651 ARMY nominations (2) beginning DANIEL F. ALEMANY, and ending BRITTANY E. MCCROAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN652 ARMY nomination of Wil B. Neubauer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN653 ARMY nomination of Mark C. Gillespie, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN708 ARMY nomination of Joseph M. O'Callaghan, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

PN709 ARMY nomination of Bret P. Van Poppel, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

PN710 ARMY nomination of Aliya I. Wilson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

PN767 ARMY nomination of William O. Murray, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN768 ARMY nomination of Patrick R. Wilde, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN769 ARMY nomination of Jeff H. McDonald, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN770 ARMY nominations (292) beginning EDWARD V. ABRAHAMSON, and ending D012929, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN771 ARMY nominations (393) beginning SCOTT J. AKERLEY, and ending D002220, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN772 ARMY nominations (497) beginning RYAN C. AGEE, and ending D011536, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN773 ARMY nominations (88) beginning ERIK C. ALFSEN, and ending D013346, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN774 ARMY nominations (19) beginning BRADFORD A. BAUMANN, and ending THOMAS B. VAUGHN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN775 ARMY nomination of Jay A. Johannigman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

* PN578 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (164) beginning Nicholas Raymond Abbate, and ending Elizabeth Marie Wysocki, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2017.

* PN579 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (106) beginning Gabriela R. Arias Villela, and ending Haenim Yoo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2017.

* PN580 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (4) beginning Andrew Anderson-Sprecher, and ending Evan Nicholas Mangino, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2017.

* PN581 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (4) beginning Rameeth Hundle, and ending Loren Stender, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2017.

* PN730 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (53) beginning Andrew K. Abordonado, and ending Peter B. Winter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 29, 2017.

IN THE NAVY

PN655 NAVY nominations (44) beginning CAMERON M. BALMA, and ending SCOTT D. ZIEGENHORN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN656 NAVY nominations (19) beginning RICHARD A. ACKERMAN, and ending PATRICIA R. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN657 NAVY nominations (28) beginning SARAH R. BOUTWELL, and ending ANDREW F. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN658 NAVY nominations (7) beginning JEREMIAH E. CHAPLIN, and ending JEANNETTE SHEETS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN659 NAVY nomination of Linwood O. Lewis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN660 NAVY nomination of Brian A. Evick, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN661 NAVY nominations (15) beginning KRISTOPHER M. BRAZIL, and ending SHEREE T. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN662 NAVY nominations (479) beginning BRYCE D. ABBOTT, and ending SHANE M. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN663 NAVY nominations (32) beginning JEREMIAH P. ANDERSON, and ending ASHLEY S. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN664 NAVY nominations (17) beginning STACY J. G. ARENSTEIN, and ending HENRY L. THOMASON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN665 NAVY nominations (14) beginning KELLY W. BOWMAN, JR., and ending ROBERT H. VOHRER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN666 NAVY nominations (10) beginning LARA R. BOLLINGER, and ending CANDICE

C. TRESCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN667 NAVY nominations (13) beginning PATRICK P. DAVIS, and ending SEAN C. STEVENS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN668 NAVY nominations (42) beginning JEFFRY A. ALSUP, and ending TERRY N. TRAWEEK, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2017.

PN711 NAVY nomination of Linda C. Seymour, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

PN712 NAVY nomination of Chad J. Trubilla, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2017.

PN776 NAVY nominations (49) beginning PATRICK R. ADAMS, and ending JAMES T. WATTERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

PN777 NAVY nomination of Randall G. Schimpf, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3219

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3219) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 1; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Newsom nomination, with all time during morning business, recess, adjournment, and leader remarks counting postcloture on the Newsom

nomination; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 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 Senator BROWN.

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

The Senator from Ohio.

WELLS FARGO AND FORCED ARBITRATION

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, a number of Wall Street banks, car title lenders, big corporations, and payday loan sharks have two things in common: They have a record of ripping off consumers, and they have armies of expensive lawyers and lobbyists in Washington, in Columbus, and in State capitals all over this country who protect them from facing the consequences.

That is why it is so important that ordinary American consumers have their own cop on the beat—the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The recent abuses by Wells Fargo are the latest proof of how necessary the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's work is.

Less than a year ago, we learned that Wells Fargo secretly opened millions of phony bank and credit card accounts without customers' permission. The CEO of Wells Fargo had to resign as a result. This was an outrageous abuse of American consumers. The sheer size and scope of this scam are breathtaking. In total, Wells Fargo may have opened as many as 3.5 million unauthorized accounts—meaning, it opened these accounts without the accountholders even necessarily knowing that they did it, without permission—costing customers some \$2.5 million in fees.

The abuses are bad enough. To make matters worse, Wells Fargo tried to keep this scandal hidden from the public, and it used something called the “forced arbitration clauses,” which are buried in the fine print of customers' contracts, to deny them their day in court. There is hardly anybody in this country who has not confronted small print in a contract when signing that contract, especially with a financial institution. Customers first sued over these fake accounts back in 2013, but Wells Fargo then forced them into secret arbitration proceedings, keeping this scam under wraps and blocking consumers from obtaining any relief.

Last year, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and other watchdogs blew the lid off of this scandal. Customers sued once again, and, once

again, the bank tried to block them from getting relief in court. This time, because of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the LA Times, and others who shone a light on the scandal and on all of the bad press that went with it, Wells Fargo relented. So, after two congressional hearings and a flood of bad headlines, Wells Fargo is cutting a deal in its phony account scandal. Yet now we have learned that this is not the only scam that one of America's largest banks has pulled.

Just last week, we learned that the bank forced unwanted insurance on 800,000 auto loan borrowers, potentially pushing tens of thousands into default and repossession, and it is still using these forced arbitration clauses in its contracts in order to cheat future consumers, including in the contracts in this auto loan scam.

The only thing more outrageous than the fact that Wells Fargo continues to cheat its customers is the fact that Members of Congress—a lot of Members of Congress in this body and down the hall—are trying to make it even harder for those customers to seek justice in their overturning the arbitration rule. They think that forced arbitration and the fine print, which most people do not read and most people do not understand if they do read it, is legitimate. No wonder so many hard-working Americans believe that the system is rigged against them in Wall Street's favor.

These scams have caused real damage for hundreds of thousands of Americans as 275,000 Wells Fargo customers have been forced into delinquency by being charged for unnecessary insurance, and 20,000 vehicles have been unfairly repossessed because of this bank's behavior.

Wells Fargo is not alone. Santander has used forced arbitration clauses against servicemembers. It is a Spanish company that does business in the United States and uses forced arbitration clauses against American servicemembers—again, for illegal car repossessions. In 2015, Santander used forced arbitration to block an Army National Guard sergeant from seeking justice after the bank illegally repossessed his car while he was serving our country overseas.

I see that kind of thing happening at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. Air Force men and women are not always making big salaries, to put it mildly, as they are serving their country. They do not make a lot of money, and a lot of these young families struggle. Yet predators—companies like Wells Fargo and payday lenders—continue to prey on them. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau stands with them. The CFPB is looking out for folks like the Army National Guard sergeant, like those at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and like those at the Air Force bases in Springfield and Mansfield and Toledo and Youngstown.

Yet, with all of this happening, some Members of Congress, again, are doing