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## Senate

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.

God of our fathers and mothers, continue to lead us with the power of Your wisdom and might. Empower our Senators to live this day with honor. Increase their faith, hope, and love that they may receive Your promises and claim them to accomplish Your purposes for our world.

Lord, inspire our Senators today with the music of Your wisdom that through their labors, they may bring hope from despair and joy from sadness. Teach them to celebrate, even in the darkness, because You are the God who gives us strength to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine.

We pray in Your merciful 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. YOUNG). The majority leader is recognized.

### GOVERNMENT FUNDING LEGISLATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the funding bill announced last night will allow us to make critical advances to rebuild our military, strengthen our border, and continue providing relief to

communities that have struggled for too long against the opioid epidemic. These are important priorities for Congress and for the President. They reflect a lot of hard work. They promise to positively and meaningfully impact the lives of the men and women we represent. The funding bill also includes another critical priority I have long fought for: protecting healthcare for thousands of retired coal miners.

This legislation would allow us to take the initial step needed to begin rebuilding our military. It contains a downpayment on defense that will support forward-deployed forces in places like the Korean Peninsula and Eastern Europe and operations against adversaries like ISIL and the Taliban as we work to secure the funds that will be necessary to improve readiness and restore munitions and ammunition.

We know that more must be done to meet our global commitments, and by providing some of the resources that will be necessary for a sustained rebuilding campaign—one we can hope will earn bipartisan support—we can take an important step forward.

This legislation will also allow us to substantially strengthen the border. It contains the largest increase in border security resources in a decade, allowing us to address high-priority security needs, crack down on illegal border crossings, and strengthen the border with everything from upgraded physical infrastructure to high-tech biometric and surveillance technology. We know more must be done to secure the border, and by finally delivering more of the resources and tools necessary to secure it, we can take an important step forward.

This legislation will also allow us to fight back against the opioid and heroin crisis while bolstering medical innovation and treatments at the same time. It contains funding for programs Congress authorized last year in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, continued funding for the 21st

Century Cures Act—also passed last year—to attack opioid abuse, plus additional funds to combat the prescription opioid and heroin crisis that has devastated communities across the Nation.

We know more must be done to heal the communities that are hurting, and by funding the fight against today's epidemic, along with a fight for tomorrow's medical solutions, we can take an important step in the right direction. My home State of Kentucky has been particularly hard-hit by this epidemic, and helping our families and communities overcome this assault remains a top priority for me.

On another priority of mine addressed in the funding bill, I am particularly proud to announce that through this legislation, we have secured a permanent extension of healthcare benefits for thousands of retired coal miners and their families in States like Kentucky. Over the past few years, I have met with numerous Kentucky miners about this important issue, and I have been proud to lead efforts to help these families keep their healthcare. Now I am pleased to report that this spending legislation incorporates language from a bill I introduced earlier this year and will enact a permanent extension of miner healthcare benefits. I am proud to have secured this important provision as we put together the final package, and I will continue to fight to provide relief for coal communities going forward.

Moreover, this funding bill also includes additional assistance for troubled coal-mining communities and dislocated coal workers, and it promotes an "all of the above" energy policy that prioritizes coal, natural gas, and nuclear research.

It is disappointing that our Democratic colleagues blocked last year's efforts to move individual appropriations bills under the regular order, but I am pleased that they have now agreed to a solution that will advance many of the

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priorities of the American people, Congress, and the President.

The funding legislation announced last night, which incorporates the 11 regular appropriations bills remaining from last year, is the product of a great deal of work in committee last year and subsequent bipartisan, bicameral discussions this year. I want to thank all of those who put in long hours and continued to negotiate in good faith so that we could arrive at this strong agreement.

In particular, I wish to recognize Chairman COCHRAN, the leadership of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and their staffs. They worked to ensure that the process was bipartisan and bicameral every step of the way. Because of their efforts, we now have an agreement that both sides should support.

Before we take up the bill later this week, I encourage all Senators to review the full text, which includes more information on the priorities I just mentioned, and then let's keep working together to pass it later this week.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar Nos. 39 through 51 and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, 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. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### IN THE NAVY

The following named officers 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) Richard A. Brown  
Rear Adm. (lh) James S. Bynum  
Rear Adm. (lh) Daryl L. Caudle  
Rear Adm. (lh) Richard A. Correll  
Rear Adm. (lh) Randy B. Crites  
Rear Adm. (lh) Daniel H. Fillion  
Rear Adm. (lh) Collin P. Green  
Rear Adm. (lh) Mary M. Jackson  
Rear Adm. (lh) James W. Kilby  
Rear Adm. (lh) James J. Malloy  
Rear Adm. (lh) John W. Tamm, Jr.

The following named officers 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. Kevin M. Jones  
Capt. Thomas J. Moreau

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps Re-

serve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

##### *To be major general*

Brig. Gen. David G. Bellon  
Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Hermesmann

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

##### *To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Edward D. Banta  
Brig. Gen. Robert F. Castellvi  
Brig. Gen. Matthew G. Glavy  
Brig. Gen. Michael S. Groen  
Brig. Gen. Kevin M. Iiams  
Brig. Gen. William F. Mullen, III  
Brig. Gen. Gregg P. Olson  
Brig. Gen. Eric M. Smith

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. Michael S. Martin

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

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. James H. Adams, III  
Col. Eric E. Austin  
Col. Jay M. Bargerion  
Col. Michael J. Borgschulte  
Col. William J. Bowers  
Col. Dimitri Henry  
Col. Keith D. Reventlow  
Col. Roberta L. Shea  
Col. Benjamin T. Watson  
Col. Christian F. Wortman

#### 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. Bryan P. Fenton

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. Darrell K. Williams

#### 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. David H. Lewis

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. Mathias W. Winter

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) Steven L. Parode

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) John P. Polowczyk

The following named officers 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) Jon A. Hill  
Rear Adm. (lh) Gordon D. Peters

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

PN128 AIR FORCE nomination of Raymond C. Jones, III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN129 AIR FORCE nomination of Christopher E. Austin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN130 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning ROBERT D. HOUGHTLING, and ending CARL H. SPEARS, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN131 AIR FORCE nominations (9) beginning LISA ANN BANYASZ, and ending JULIE L. WIBLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN132 AIR FORCE nominations (5) beginning LORI J. BETTERS, and ending LISA S. SHEAR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN133 AIR FORCE nomination of James A. Crider, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN134 AIR FORCE nominations (15) beginning JOSE E. BARRERA, and ending DAVID H. ZONES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN135 AIR FORCE nominations (12) beginning KRISTIN L. ADER, and ending CHRISTOPHER C. VANNATTA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN136 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning GREGG MICHAEL CAGGIANELLI, and ending WILLIAM SCOTT WIECHER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN137 AIR FORCE nominations (136) beginning PATRICK W. ALBRECHT, and ending STEPHEN S. YOON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN138 AIR FORCE nomination of Stephen N. Luker, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN139 AIR FORCE nominations (55) beginning TYLER J. BANACHOWSKI, and ending MARITA N. ZGURI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN140 AIR FORCE nominations (244) beginning JONI A. ABBOTT, and ending DANIELLE C. YUEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN141 AIR FORCE nominations (30) beginning MICHAEL J. ALFARO, and ending SARA M. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN142 AIR FORCE nominations (129) beginning JESSICA L. ABBOTT, and ending HEATH D. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN143 AIR FORCE nominations (13) beginning COREY R. ANDERSON, and ending ANDREW J. STOY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN144 AIR FORCE nominations (63) beginning EDWARD R. ANDERSON, III, and ending RAMON YAMBO ARIAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN174 AIR FORCE nominations (438) beginning PATRICK M. ALBRITTON, and ending RAY A. ZUNIGA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN250 AIR FORCE nominations (5) beginning NEIL R. COPELAND, and ending OLIVIA M. VAUGHAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN251 AIR FORCE nomination of Robert P. McCoy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN252 AIR FORCE nomination of Allen R. Henderson, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN253 AIR FORCE nomination of George L. Burnett, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN254 AIR FORCE nomination of Dion R. Dixon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN255 AIR FORCE nomination of Rebecca A. Lipe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN256 AIR FORCE nomination of Michael N. Tesfay, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN257 AIR FORCE nomination of Megan G. K. Steele, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN258 AIR FORCE nominations (141) beginning RYAN W. ABNER, and ending BREANCA G. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN259 AIR FORCE nominations (76) beginning ALLEN SETH ABRAMS, and ending THOMAS BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN260 AIR FORCE nominations (18) beginning CHAD A. BELLAMY, and ending ANDREW L. THORNLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN261 AIR FORCE nominations (51) beginning AMEE L. ALVIAR, and ending DAVID A. WHITEHORN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN262 AIR FORCE nominations (40) beginning WILLIE J. BABOR, and ending MAUREEN SCHELLIE WOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN263 AIR FORCE nominations (6) beginning HECTOR L. COLONCOLON, and ending KEVIN L. LOCKETT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN264 AIR FORCE nominations (33) beginning BETH M. BAYKAN, and ending WILLIAM T. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN265 AIR FORCE nomination of Martin J. Hamilton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN266 AIR FORCE nominations (14) beginning MICHAEL A. BLACKBURN, and ending JASON S. WRACHFORD, which nominations

were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

#### IN THE ARMY

PN145 ARMY nomination of Scott C. Apling, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN146 ARMY nomination of Patricia L. George, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN148 ARMY nomination of Adam J. Points, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN149 ARMY nomination of Larry G. Workman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN150 ARMY nomination of Robert J. Dunlap, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN151 ARMY nomination of Wayne O. Dehaney, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN152 ARMY nomination of Johnathan T. Parchem, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN153 ARMY nominations (883) beginning JACOB P. ABSALON, and ending G010445, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN154 ARMY nominations (545) beginning MARK P. ADAMS, and ending G010388, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN155 ARMY nominations (483) beginning AMIR A. ABUAKEEL, and ending D013352, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN156 ARMY nominations (85) beginning VANESSA R. ASMUS, and ending D013007, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN157 ARMY nomination of Michael C. Flynn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN158 ARMY nomination of Steve L. Martinelli, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN161 ARMY nominations (127) beginning KENNETH AHORRIO, and ending PAUL W. ZIEGLER, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN162 ARMY nominations (210) beginning TOLULOPE O. ADEYEMI, and ending D013595, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN163 ARMY nominations (77) beginning PAUL J. E. AUCHINCLOSS, and ending D012628, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN164 ARMY nominations (26) beginning RACHEL A. ACCIACCA, and ending LAUREN E. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN165 ARMY nomination of Christopher J. Brown, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN166 ARMY nominations (2) beginning DANIEL B. KING, and ending TODD E. WAINMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN175 ARMY nomination of John J. Bortorff, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN176 ARMY nomination of Eugene L. Thomas, III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN177 ARMY nomination of John T. Bleigh, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN178 ARMY nomination of Jeffrey D. Buck, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN179 ARMY nomination of Michael W. Preczewski, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN180 ARMY nominations (2) beginning CANDY BOPARAI, and ending LINCOLN F. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN181 ARMY nominations (2) beginning CHARLES J. HASELBY, and ending JASON T. RAMSPOTT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN182 ARMY nomination of Alexander M. Willard, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN183 ARMY nomination of Christopher K. Berthold, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN184 ARMY nomination of Preston H. Leonard, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN185 ARMY nomination of Nicole E. Ussery, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN186 ARMY nomination of Michael D. Baker, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN187 ARMY nomination of Bridget V. Kmetz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN188 ARMY nominations (2) beginning VEDNER BELLOT, and ending JAMES ROBINSON, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN189 ARMY nominations (2) beginning ANGELA L. FUNARO, and ending CHAD HACKLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN190 ARMY nomination of Brian R. Harki, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN191 ARMY nominations (8) beginning JONATHAN L. BOURIAQUE, and ending DAVID A. LANGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN192 ARMY nominations (6) beginning TIMOTHY L. BAER, and ending GERALD R. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN193 ARMY nomination of James V. Crawford, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN194 ARMY nomination of Mohammed S. Aziz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN195 ARMY nomination of Seth C. Lydem, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN196 ARMY nomination of Christopher C. Ostby, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN197 ARMY nomination of Calvin E. Fish, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN198 ARMY nomination of Aaron E. Lane, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN199 ARMY nomination of Damien Boffardi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN200 ARMY nomination of Randy D. Dorsey, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN201 ARMY nominations (2) beginning BENJAMIN R. SMITH, and ending STALIN R. SUBRAMANIAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN202 ARMY nomination of Mark W. Hopkins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN203 ARMY nominations (7) beginning THOMAS R. MATELSKI, and ending JOSHUA H. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN204 ARMY nomination of Mark B. Howell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN205 ARMY nomination of Julio ColonGonzalez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN206 ARMY nominations (3) beginning JASON N. BULLOCK, and ending GERALD A. NUNZIATO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN267 ARMY nomination of Jennifer A. McAfee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN268 ARMY nomination of Nina R. Copeland, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN269 ARMY nomination of Calvin E. Townsend, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN270 ARMY nomination of Scott A. McDonald, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN271 ARMY nomination of Thomas P. Lukins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN272 ARMY nomination of Scott M. McFarland, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN273 ARMY nomination of Jeffrey A. Miller, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN274 ARMY nomination of Joseph M. Kilonzo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN275 ARMY nomination of Brandi A. Schuyler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN276 ARMY nomination of David J. Kaczmarek, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN277 ARMY nomination of Jonathan A. Johnson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN278 ARMY nominations (22) beginning JAMES A. BENSON, and ending WILLIAM M. YANEK, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN279 ARMY nomination of Crystal J. Smith, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN280 ARMY nomination of Dana B. Love, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN281 ARMY nomination of Douglas A. McKewan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN282 ARMY nomination of David M. Wallace, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN283 ARMY nomination of Lisa M. Patton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN293 ARMY nomination of Basil J. Catanzaro, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN216 MARINE CORPS nominations (17) beginning DANIEL E. ALGER, JR., and ending JESSICA M. WALL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN217 MARINE CORPS nominations (712) beginning ANIS A. ABUZEID, and ending CRAIG A. ZOELLNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN218 MARINE CORPS nominations (2) beginning DANIEL W. ANNUNZIATA, and ending LEAH R. PARROTT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN219 MARINE CORPS nomination of James R. Reusse, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN220 MARINE CORPS nominations (320) beginning JOSE M. ACEVEDO, and ending FRANCISCO X. ZAVALA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN221 MARINE CORPS nominations (4) beginning HENRY CENTENO, JR., and ending JAMES L. SHELTON, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN222 MARINE CORPS nomination of Richard K. O'Brien, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN223 MARINE CORPS nominations (7) beginning MICHAEL J. ALLEN, and ending CHRISTOPHER T. HAMBRICK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN224 MARINE CORPS nominations (5) beginning JEREMY T. FLANNERY, and ending MARK L. OLDROYD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN225 MARINE CORPS nomination of Joseph W. Hockett, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN226 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning FRANCISCO D. AMAYA, and ending TYSON E. PETERS, which nominations were

received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN227 MARINE CORPS nominations (8) beginning MICHAEL M. DODD, and ending ROBERT J. SNODDY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN228 MARINE CORPS nomination of David S. Gersen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN229 MARINE CORPS nomination of John W. Glinksy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN230 MARINE CORPS nomination of Keith A. Stevenson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN231 MARINE CORPS nominations (5) beginning QUENTIN R. CARRITT, and ending ERIC A. SHARPE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN232 MARINE CORPS nominations (6) beginning ANTHONY P. GREEN, and ending MICHAEL A. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN234 MARINE CORPS nomination of Stuart M. Barker, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN236 MARINE CORPS nominations (4) beginning RICHARD CANEDO, and ending DAVID L. OGDEN, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN237 MARINE CORPS nomination of John E. Simpson, III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN238 MARINE CORPS nomination of Sean T. Hays, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN239 MARINE CORPS nominations (2) beginning LUKE A. CROUSON, and ending JASON C. FLORES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN240 MARINE CORPS nominations (2) beginning ARLINGTON A. FINCH, JR., and ending KEVIN M. TSCHERCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN241 MARINE CORPS nominations (95) beginning STEPHEN J. ACOSTA, and ending DONALD R. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN242 MARINE CORPS nominations (7) beginning JOSHUA P. BAHR, and ending JANHENDRIK C. ZURLIPPE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN243 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning JOHN T. BROWN, JR., and ending JULIUS G. JONES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN244 MARINE CORPS nominations (4) beginning ELI J. BRESSLER, and ending JAMES R. STRAND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN245 MARINE CORPS nominations (6) beginning CHADWICK W. ARDIS, and ending BRAD J. WILDE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN246 MARINE CORPS nomination of Duane A. Gumbs, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

#### IN THE NAVY

PN167 NAVY nomination of Aaron B. Mayer, which was received by the Senate and

appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN169 NAVY nomination of John J. Kitt, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN208 NAVY nominations (51) beginning JORGE R. BALARES, JR., and ending BRANDON M. ZOSS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN209 NAVY nomination of Mary E. Linnell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN210 NAVY nominations (15) beginning SPENCER M. BURK, and ending BRIANNA S. WHITTEMORE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN211 NAVY nominations (5) beginning KIRK J. HIPPESTEEL, and ending JOHN M. RUGGERO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN213 NAVY nomination of Evita M. Salles, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN215 NAVY nomination of John P. H. Rue, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN284 NAVY nominations (30) beginning MICHAEL W. AMECHE, and ending JOSHUA J. WHITLOW, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN285 NAVY nominations (3) beginning RACHEL E. CARTER, and ending KEVIN D. KEITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN286 NAVY nominations (7) beginning MAUER BISCOTTI, III, and ending ADAM J. SUSMARSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN287 NAVY nomination of Donald V. Wilson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN288 NAVY nomination of Michael A. Winslow, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN289 NAVY nominations (5) beginning HORACIO G. TAN, and ending DERRICK A. THOMAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN290 NAVY nomination of Natalie C. O. Gilliver, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN291 NAVY nomination of John F. Sharpe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

PN292 NAVY nomination of Reann S. Mommsen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2017.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

## RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

## CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Clayton nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

### TAX REFORM

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, last Wednesday, the Trump administration unveiled the outlines of a tax reform plan, and, predictably, the plan has met with both praise and scorn from the usual sectors. Regardless of where the people might come down on the specifics of the President's plan, those who have been proponents of tax reform—hopefully those from both parties—should be pleased to see the President of the United States fully engaged in this effort.

For 6 years now, I have been beating the drum on tax reform. I have sought to make the case for reform here on the floor, in public forums and events, and in private conversations, and I haven't been alone. Indeed, Members from both parties have acknowledged the need to fix our broken tax system and have sought to move the ball forward on reform.

One thing I have said throughout this endeavor is that tax reform, if it is going to be successful, will require Presidential leadership, and that was not a political statement on my part. With those statements, I wasn't simply calling for the election of a Republican President; on the contrary, I repeatedly implored President Obama to engage with Congress on tax reform but really to no avail.

As of now, we finally have a President who is willing to lead in this effort. Once again, regardless of where anyone stands with regard to this President or the specifics of his tax plan, the fact that he is willing to meaningfully engage with Congress and the public on these issues should be viewed as a welcome sign for all tax reform advocates, regardless of their party affiliation.

With regard to the specifics of the outline, I believe the President has laid out a set of critical core principles that should hopefully serve as guideposts as the effort moves forward. Most importantly, the plan is designed, first and foremost, to grow the economy, and it would certainly do that.

In addition, the plan would greatly simplify the Tax Code to make it fair-

er, particularly for individuals and families, which has been a shared goal of tax reformers from both parties and from both sides of the aisle. For instance, over two-thirds of taxpayers take the standard deduction. Those taxpayers tend to be concentrated in the middle and lower income brackets. Under the President's plan, married couples would see the standard deduction doubled, so that they would not pay taxes on the first \$24,000 of income. It would reduce rates for both large and small businesses and job creators, which is also something both Republicans and Democrats have sought to accomplish in tax reform.

Overall, the President's tax plan would make our country more competitive in the international marketplace and reduce the tax burden on millions of middle-class families.

Clearly, as the effort moves forward, Congress and the administration will have to fill in the specifics. We will need to see how the numbers work out and where the votes are for any particular reform proposal. This is going to take some time, but, as the chairman of the Senate's tax-writing committee, I believe we can be ready to move in relatively short order. I intend to work closely with my colleagues on the Finance Committee, our leadership here in the Senate, leaders in the House, and, of course, the administration to finalize a reform package and get it across the finish line. The last major tax overhaul in the United States was more than 30 years ago, so we have a once-in-a-lifetime or once-in-a-generation opportunity in front of us, and I intend to do all I can to ensure that we make the most of it.

When I say "we," I am not simply referring to Republicans in Congress and the White House; I am referring to anyone who recognizes the problems in our current tax system and is willing to do the necessary work to fix those problems. My hope is that this will be a bipartisan exercise. By and large, Republicans appear ready and willing to work with the President to get tax reform done, and I am working to find some willing partners among my friends on the other side of the aisle.

I have said many times that tax reform should not have to be a partisan exercise. Our current tax system imposes undue burdens and undue hardships on Republican and Democratic voters alike. Therefore, both Republicans and Democrats in Congress should be willing to relieve these hardships, and, as I have stated here on the floor on numerous occasions, I am willing to work with anyone, Republican or Democrat, to make this effort successful.

That said, I haven't been all that encouraged by the rhetoric we are hearing from our friends on the other side of the aisle on these issues. Setting aside statements we have heard about the policies in the President's plan or

elsewhere, the Senate Democratic leadership at times seems bound and determined to ensure that no Member of their party engages on these issues.

Most recently, the Senate minority leader has insisted on two conditions before he will agree to work with Republicans on tax reform.

The first condition is that Republicans commit to not moving tax reform through the budget reconciliation process. This is an odd demand, one that is, quite frankly, unprecedented in the modern history of tax policy. Certainly, the reconciliation process makes it easier to move reform through Congress on a partisan basis, but, historically speaking, most major tax bills that have moved through reconciliation have had bipartisan support. There is no reason, if agreements are reached on policy, that Democrats could not agree to support a tax reform package moved through reconciliation, so taking it categorically off the table before discussions even begin seems, at best, counterintuitive.

History tells us that reconciliation need not be partisan. In fact, when Republicans have had control of both Houses of Congress and the White House, we have enacted tax reconciliation bills that have enjoyed some Senate Democratic support.

It is also worth noting that at various points in the recent past, Republicans have stayed at the negotiating table, participating in formal and informal discussions on major policy matters with reconciliation instructions in place and without any assurances that reconciliation would not be used. Are Democrats going to be more amenable to compromising on policy if reconciliation is not on the table? It is hard to see why that would be the case. Taking reconciliation off the table would really only make it easier for Democrats to prevent any kind of tax reform from passing.

So, essentially, what some of my Democratic colleagues are saying is that before they will even enter into talks on tax reform, they want us to ensure upfront that they will have the ability to block the bill once it is brought up. As I said, that is an odd demand, and not one you would expect to hear from someone who is willing to negotiate in good faith.

My colleagues' second precondition for working with us on tax reform is that President Trump release his tax returns. Like their first demand, this one makes me doubt whether the Senate Democratic leadership really wants to be constructive on tax reform. This is a political demand, pure and simple, likely poll-tested and focus-grouped to please the Democrats' base. I don't imagine this demand is really about uncovering conflicts of interest in tax reform. If it is, it is a horribly misguided strategy.

After all, if tax reform were to succeed, the President is only one small part of the equation. There are 435 Members of the House of Representa-

tives and 100 Senators, all of whom would be called upon to vote either for or against the tax reform bill, and whether a Member of Congress supports or opposes a particular bill, a conflict of interest could potentially influence that decision, just as one could theoretically influence a President's decision to sign or veto a bill. Yet I don't hear anyone from the other side of the aisle demanding the release of the tax returns of every Member of Congress before we can even start working on a bill. That has never been a prerequisite for working on tax legislation in the past, and it certainly should not be a prerequisite in the future.

In any event, despite these unreasonable demands, I will once again state that I am more than willing to work with my Democratic colleagues on tax reform, and I sincerely hope at least some of them will be willing to do so. I have been in the Senate for a while now. I think I have more than sufficiently demonstrated my willingness to put partisan differences aside and to reach across the aisle.

Make no mistake, I believe Republicans can move a tax reform package on a purely partisan basis. We have the procedural mechanism in place that would allow us to do that. But my strong preference would be to find a bipartisan pathway forward, and I hope that can be achieved.

Speaking more broadly, whether we move forward on a partisan or bipartisan basis, being successful on tax reform is going to require that we practice the art of the doable. There are a lot of ideas out there on tax reform and no shortage of competing interests. I have my own ideas and proposals that I have been working on for a number of years that I would like to see included in the final package. However, no idea should be considered more important than the broader goals of tax reform. That goes for my ideas and those of anyone else in Congress or in the administration.

There is a great deal of consensus among Republicans on the most important tax reform policies and principles. In fact, I would say we agree on roughly 80 percent of the key issues, which is a good starting point. I will not go into specifics today, but there are some high-profile items in the remaining 20 percent, and there are some differences of opinion regarding most of those items.

Bridging that gap and finding the path forward is going to take some serious negotiation and compromise. My hope is that people will be willing to adjust their expectations and bend on their preferences in order to achieve success in this very important endeavor. Speaking for myself, I can say that I would be willing to do so, and I have confidence that my colleagues who will also be playing leadership roles in this effort are similarly willing. Perhaps most importantly, I believe the President and his advisers in the adminis-

tration are willing to make the necessary compromises to finally make tax reform a success.

This is the closest we have been to success in tax reform in the past three decades. I hope both parties, both Chambers, both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue are up to that challenge.

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

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

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING LEGISLATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, late last night, due to the hard work and diligence of the staffs of the Appropriations Committees on both sides of the aisle in both Houses, the staff of the leadership, and so many others, we were able to come to a bipartisan agreement on a bill to fund the government through September. Most importantly, this agreement takes the threat of a government shutdown off the table. It is also a good agreement for the American people.

The bill ensures taxpayer dollars are not used to fund an ineffective border wall; it excludes over 160 poison pill riders; and it increases investments in programs that the middle class relies on, like education, infrastructure, and medical research.

It includes a permanent extension for health benefits for miners. Here, I want to praise—and I can't give enough praise—to the Senator from West Virginia, JOE MANCHIN, who was relentless even after disappointment after disappointment, at holding the Senate's feet to the fire and making sure this was done. Many miners can rest easy tonight—people who have worked so hard all their lives and had so much disappointment—because of JOE MANCHIN's work and what we put into the bill.

There is also funding to shore up Puerto Rico's Medicaid Program, and \$2 billion to help States like California, West Virginia, Louisiana, and North Carolina recover from recent natural disasters.

The bill also includes a significant increase in NIH funding, which deals with cancer research and the Cancer Moonshot that both President Obama and Vice President Biden pushed for and continues onward, and a restoration of year-round Pell grants that will benefit about 1 million students. College is often the ladder up for a lot of students, and this will help them stay on that ladder.

And the bill includes significantly increased funding for infrastructure, as well as funding to combat the scourge of opioid abuse which affects all parts



of the country—urban areas, suburban areas, rural areas. It affects the poor, the middle class, and the rich.

Good news: It protects 99 percent of the Environmental Protection Agency's budget so their quest to keep our water and air clean will be able to continue. It increases funding for clean energy research as well. That is one of the great hopes for jobs in this country, as our Senator from Washington, MARIA CANTWELL, constantly reminds us.

For my home State of New York, I was particularly pleased the agreement supports critical programs that are greatly needed and very popular in my State, like the Community Development Block Grant Program, which so many smaller cities depend on; the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to get pollution out of all the Great Lakes, Lake Ontario and Lake Erie being on the shores of New York; and the vital TIGER Grant Program, which has done so much to support infrastructure, road building, and highways throughout my State and throughout America.

As I said, the bill explicitly precludes the use of any of this funding for a border wall. This is an idea that both parties rejected. A load of Congressmen and Senators on the Republican side have said that the wall doesn't make sense. In fact, you couldn't find one Republican on the border in the States of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas who supported that wall. Why? Unlike the President's promise, Mexico is not paying for it. There is no plan for the wall. We don't even know where we would build it. The Secretary of the Interior, President Trump's appointee, said: We can't build it from the U.S. side because it cuts us off from the river. Mexico will not build on their side. Where are we going to build it? In the middle of the river? And, mainly, because it is not very effective—you can tunnel under a wall.

We all want to prevent the scourge of drugs from coming across our border; so many of them come in little planes and boats. When they come by land, they are often hidden in parts of cars, in the carburetor or the exhaust tank—hidden. They will be able to come through because the wall obviously is going to have portals in it where trucks and cars can go through. So there is no money for the border wall, not one plug nickel.

We do have money, of course, for border protection, which both parties have always supported, and comprehensive immigration reform. Senator McCain and I, in a bipartisan bill supported by 68 Members of this body, made sure we had very strong border protection. But it has to be smart, it has to be cost effective, and it has to work.

Early on in this debate, Democrats clearly laid out our principles and insisted there would be no poison pill riders in this bill. We were able to knock out more than 160 poison pill riders from the final agreement, including

the border wall, anti-labor measures that hurt the working people of America, and efforts to defund Planned Parenthood. So many women depend on these clinics for their health. And we were able to achieve significant investments in domestic programs that help the middle class and those struggling to get to the middle class.

Of course, this bill doesn't include all the things we wanted, but that is the nature of compromise. At the end of the day, this is an agreement that reflects our basic principles—something that both Democrats and Republicans can support. It took a few extra days, but we got a very good agreement.

I want to thank my friend, the majority leader, Senator MCCONNELL. He worked very hard to get a good bill. I thank the chairmen and ranking members of the House-Senate Appropriations Committees, particularly Senator LEAHY from Vermont in our Chamber. I thank Speaker RYAN and Leader PELOSI and all of their staff for working so hard last week and over the weekend to forge an agreement.

I must tell you, and I must tell my colleagues, the negotiations between our two sides were consistently productive and always respectful. Throughout the process, both Republican and Democratic Members and staff negotiated in good faith because we all wanted to get something done. I believe this experience bodes well for the 2018 budget and future negotiations between our two parties on appropriations. If we can show the same desire to get things done—the same mutual respect, the same ability to compromise—we can get a darn good budget for the year 2018 without the specter of a government shutdown hanging over the country's head.

I wish to say one final thing. It shows that when our Republican colleagues are willing to work with us, we can get things done. All too often—particularly from the White House—this attitude is just do it our way, my way or the highway. That is what happened on the healthcare bill—no consultation with Democrats. That is what happened on this little tax plan.

When you don't do things in a bipartisan way, it is much harder to pass things. It is much harder to get a product that is at the consensus of where America is. I hope that not only will this successful negotiation on the 2017 appropriations bill be a model for the 2018 bill but a broader model that we can all work together to get things done for the country we love.

I expect we will vote on this bill later this week, and I believe it will receive overwhelming support in this Chamber.

I yield the floor.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, I rise today in support of Jay Clayton, who has been nominated to serve on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. In the interest of time, I will save my longer remarks for later.

As demonstrated at the Banking Committee's nomination hearing, Mr. Clayton is eminently qualified to serve on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC.

He impressed both Republicans and Democrats and was voted out of committee on a bipartisan vote of 15 to 8. His extensive expertise and experience in our financial markets will be a benefit to the Commission and to the American people.

His testimony about the need to make our capital markets more attractive, which would rejuvenate their ability to invest in the United States and grow and create jobs, was well received. Additionally, he pledged to members of this committee and to the American people that he will show no favoritism to anyone.

While some have raised issues about his previous work potentially creating conflicts, Mr. Clayton is not new in this regard, nor will he be any less vigilant to ensure that he acts appropriately and ethically.

I will be supporting his nomination and look forward to having him at the SEC, where he can help protect and promote the success of our security markets and our investors.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORAN). 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time is expired.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

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 nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021.

Mitch McConnell, John Cornyn, Tom Cotton, Dan Sullivan, Shelley Moore Capito, John Barrasso, Roger F. Wicker, Mike Rounds, Orrin G. Hatch, Bill Cassidy, Pat Roberts, Mike Crapo, Lamar Alexander, Richard Burr, John Thune, Jerry Moran, James E. Risch.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination

of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) is necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 60, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 117 Ex.]

#### YEAS—60

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| Alexander | Gardner   | Paul     |
| Barrasso  | Graham    | Perdue   |
| Bennet    | Grassley  | Portman  |
| Blunt     | Hassan    | Risch    |
| Boozman   | Hatch     | Roberts  |
| Burr      | Heitkamp  | Rounds   |
| Capito    | Hoeben    | Rubio    |
| Carper    | Inhofe    | Sasse    |
| Cassidy   | Johnson   | Scott    |
| Cochran   | Kennedy   | Shaheen  |
| Collins   | King      | Shelby   |
| Corker    | Lankford  | Strange  |
| Cornyn    | Lee       | Sullivan |
| Cotton    | Manchin   | Tester   |
| Crapo     | McCain    | Thune    |
| Cruz      | McCaskill | Tillis   |
| Daines    | McConnell | Toomey   |
| Enzi      | Moran     | Warner   |
| Ernst     | Murkowski | Wicker   |
| Fischer   | Nelson    | Young    |

#### NAYS—36

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| Baldwin      | Franken    | Murray     |
| Blumenthal   | Gillibrand | Peters     |
| Booker       | Harris     | Reed       |
| Brown        | Heinrich   | Sanders    |
| Cantwell     | Hirono     | Schatz     |
| Cardin       | Kaine      | Schumer    |
| Casey        | Klobuchar  | Stabenow   |
| Coons        | Leahy      | Udall      |
| Cortez Masto | Markey     | Van Hollen |
| Donnelly     | Menendez   | Warren     |
| Duckworth    | Merkley    | Whitehouse |
| Feinstein    | Murphy     | Wyden      |

#### NOT VOTING—4

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|--------|---------|
| Durbin | Heller  |
| Flake  | Isakson |

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN). On this vote, the yeas are 60, the nays are 36.

The motion is agreed to.

The assistant majority leader.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CORNYN. 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.

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

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jay Clayton to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Executive Calendar No. 36.

On vote No. 117, had I been present, I would have voted nay on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 36.●

#### 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. 17-07, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Kenya for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$253 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. 17-07

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 Kenya.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$0 million.  
Other \$253 million.  
Total \$253 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.  
Non-MDE:  
Twelve (12) MD 530F Weaponized Aircraft.  
Twenty-four (24) Heavy Machine Gun Pod (HMP) 400 Systems.  
Twenty-four (24) M260 Rocket Launchers.  
Four thousand and thirty-two (4,032) M151 Rockets.

One thousand five hundred and thirty-six (1,536) 2.75-inch M274 Smoke signature Warhead Rockets.

Four hundred thousand (400,000) rounds of .50 Caliber Ammunition.

Also included is communications and navigation equipment, contractor logistics support, training, U.S. Government technical assistance, airframe and weapon system spare parts support, Contractor Field Service Representative (CFSR) support, and Special Airlift Assignment Mission (SAAM) flight delivery support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (UDQ).

(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: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 1, 2017.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

##### Kenya—MD 530 Aircraft

The Government of Kenya has requested a possible sale of twelve (12) MD 530F weaponized aircraft to include twenty-four (24) Heavy Machine Gun Pod (HMP) 400 systems; twenty-four (24) M260 rocket launchers; four thousand and thirty-two (4,032) M151 rockets; one thousand five hundred and thirty-six (1,536) 2.75-inch M274 smoke signature warhead rockets; and four hundred thousand (400,000) rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. Also included are communications and navigation equipment, contractor logistics support, training, U.S. Government technical assistance, airframe and weapon system spare parts support, Contractor Field Service Representative (CFSR) support, and Special Assigned Airlift Mission (SAAM) flight delivery support. The total estimated cost is \$253 million.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a strong regional partner who is a regional security leader, undertaking critical operations against al-Shabaab, and a troop contributor to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

The proposed sale of the MD 530F helicopters, weapons, ammunition, support items and technical support will advance Kenya's efforts to conduct scout and attack rotary wing aircraft operations in support of their AMISOM mission. The MD 530F will also replace Kenya's aging MD500 fleet, which is the current reconnaissance platform supporting Kenyan ground forces. This sale will significantly enhance the Kenyan Army's modernization efforts and increase interoperability with the U.S. Armed Forces and other partners in the region. Additionally, a strong national defense and dedicated military force will assist Kenya in its efforts to maintain stability in East Africa.

Kenya will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be MD Helicopters, Mesa, AZ. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately twelve (12) additional contractor representatives in country for a period of 12 months.

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



## NATIONAL SEERSUCKER DAY

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the seersucker manufacturers and enthusiasts across the United States. The storied history of this uniquely American fashion dates back to 1909 when Joseph Haspel designed the first seersucker suit at his Broad Street facility in New Orleans. Louisiana is proud to have played an important part in introducing the country to seersucker apparel.

During the hot summer months, Americans across the country have worn and enjoyed this lightweight cotton fabric, known for its signature pucker. Mr. Haspel said it best, "hot is hot, no matter what you do for a living." In the 1990s, Members of this Chamber established Seersucker Day to honor this unique American fashion. I proudly resumed this tradition in 2014 in the U.S. House of Representatives by designating Wednesday, June 11, as National Seersucker Day. I have continued this tradition in the U.S. Senate and wish to designate Thursday, June 8, as the fourth annual National Seersucker Day. I encourage everyone to wear seersucker on this day to commemorate this iconic American clothing.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, there is no place on this planet like the Crown of the Continent, Glacier National Park.

For over 100 years, families have flocked to Glacier National Park to experience the breathtaking views, unique wildlife, and the pristine landscapes that can't be found anywhere else on earth.

In fact, last year, more than 2.3 million people visited Glacier National Park to hike above Lake McDonald, bike across the Continental Divide, and experience the Going to the Sun Road.

Today we mark the next chapter of the distinctive history of Glacier National Park. Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes National Park have collectively become the first transcontinental National Parks to secure "dark sky" status.

To achieve this prestigious status, Glacier National Park has retrofitted nearly 30 percent of its light fixtures and is committing to continue to identify ways to limit artificial light within the park.

By achieving this status, Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks have provided the public with even more reasons to explore the outdoors in northwest Montana and southwest Alberta.

Not only do dark skies play an important role in outdoor recreation and late-night stargazing, but they are critical to wildlife migrations and habitats within the parks.

This wouldn't be possible without Glacier Park superintendent Jeff Mow.

Their leadership has ushered Glacier National Park into a new era and provided millions of folks around the world with the opportunity to fall in love again with our great outdoors.

Thank you again for your outstanding work.●

## TRIBUTE TO ROB OLIVER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the distinguished career, service, and leadership of Augustana University president Rob Oliver.

His 11 years of leadership as the 23rd president of Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD, have highlighted his servant's heart, visionary attitude, and passion for higher education. As he prepares for this next chapter in life, I would like to honor Rob's dedication and efforts to not only continue the university's rich history of providing students with a quality, liberal arts education, but also for his commitment to ensuring future students are given the opportunity to advance their studies and given the foundation to live a life of purpose at Augustana University.

President Oliver joined the university after being incredibly involved in the Sioux Falls financial, business, and philanthropic community. For many years, Rob pursued efforts to improve the economic vitality of the region and was also active as a board member and devoted volunteer for many organizations, including the board of trustees of then-Augustana College.

Rob's presidential tenure occurred during a time of uncertainty for many colleges and universities across the country. With the rising costs of higher education, enrollment challenges, nationwide economic troubles, and a growing discourse regarding the value of a college degree, many traditional institutions were struggling to chart a sustainable path forward.

However, through President Oliver's ability to inspire others, offer a strategic vision, and execute a thorough plan of action, he has responded to those difficulties and strengthened Augustana's mission to deliver a quality, well-rounded experience for students, faculty, and staff.

Under Rob's direction, Augustana has attained a number of accomplishments. Many will point to the critical investments in the Froiland Science Complex and Mikkelsen Library and others will point to record-setting monetary support and vastly increased endowment and scholarship programs as remarkable accomplishments; yet it is also worthwhile to note the university's advancement of the Civitas honors program, new academic majors and curriculum, expanded undergraduate research, and an expansion of online offerings for undergraduate, graduate, and adult students. Additionally, the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Student Success Center were created to provide important

strategic partnerships and vocational engagement.

Knowing the university's ability to attract students also depends on factors and opportunities outside the scholastic realm. President Oliver's era of leadership also included growth in the performing and visual arts, study abroad programs, and the construction and renovation of first-class, athletic facilities such as Kirkeby-Over Stadium, Ronken Field, and other projects through unprecedented, charitable gifts.

The university has already seen the fruits of Rob's diligent work. With enrollment at a 26-year high, scholarships and financial aid for 100 percent of its fulltime students, two NCAA national championships, a well-respected place among the Nation's top educational institutions, and additional projects already staged for the future, there is little doubt his 25 years as part of Augustana University, whether as a trustee, member of the faculty, or finally as president, President Oliver's outstanding legacy will leave an impact for many years to come.

I wish Rob, his wife, Angela, and the entire family the very best as we celebrate his service to Augustana University and the people of South Dakota.●

## RECOGNIZING HOOSIER CROSSFIT

• Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, my home State of Indiana takes pride in its long tradition of Hoosier innovation and small business entrepreneurship. Hoosier businesses across Indiana strive to create quality products and services that become integral parts of their local communities. During National Small Business Week, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize one such small business. Located in Bloomington, IN, Hoosier CrossFit is well known for its strong commitment to its core values: community, quality, accountability, diligence, and integrity. As a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to recognize Hoosier CrossFit as one of Indiana's outstanding small businesses during National Small Business Week.

Hoosier CrossFit is owned and operated by husband and wife Shaun and Jenna Tieman. The Tiemans, both born and raised in Indiana, are hard-working Hoosier entrepreneurs who opened Hoosier CrossFit, then an 1,800-square-foot facility with four gym members, in 2010. By 2013, Hoosier CrossFit had moved to a 5,600 square foot facility with 150 members. Today Hoosier CrossFit and the Tiemans are gearing up for yet another expansion as they plan to move their 200-member gym to a brand-new, 8,600 square foot facility in Bloomington. Hoosier CrossFit offers programs for all ages and abilities and the 200-member community spans in age from 8 years old to 75 years old.

Hoosier CrossFit is not just to be admired for its business success or the community of Hoosiers that it has inspired and brought together over the

years. They are also to be commended for their community involvement, whether it be organizing its largest annual fundraiser, Murph, which honors U.S. Navy Seal Michael P. Murphy who was killed in action in Afghanistan, or raising over \$30,000 for the American Red Cross and Wish for Our Heroes, Hoosier CrossFit is a small business that all Hoosiers can be proud of. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the employees, owners, and entire community at Hoosier CrossFit for earning this recognition during National Small Business Week. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 28, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 99 Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2017, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled joint resolution was signed on April 28, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 317. A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-34).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 652. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

S. 849. A bill to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control.

S. 916. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services.

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 920. A bill to establish a National Clinical Care Commission.

#### 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. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 991. A bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 992. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an independent review of the deaths of certain veterans by suicide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 993. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from reclassifying broadband Internet access service as a telecommunications service and from imposing certain regulations on providers of such service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 994. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 995. A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 996. A bill to improve college affordability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 997. A bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 998. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HASSAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 999. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1000. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for high gravity violations, to adjust penalties for inflation, to provide rights for victims or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 148. A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 18th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 1 through May 5, 2017; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 180

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 180, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 307

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 307, a bill to enhance the database of emergency response capabilities of the Department of Defense.

S. 324

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 324, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

S. 372

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 372, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to ensure that merchandise arriving through the mail shall be subject to review by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and to require the provision of advance electronic information on shipments of mail to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes.

S. 384

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the Child and Dependent Care

Tax Credit and make the credit fully refundable.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 568, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 593

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 652

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 652, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

S. 681

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 720, a bill to amend the Export Administration Act of 1979 to include in the prohibitions on boycotts against allies of the United States boycotts fostered by international governmental organizations against Israel and to direct the Export-Import Bank of the United States to oppose boycotts against Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 760

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to expand the Government's use and administration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, and for other purposes.

S. 766

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 766, a bill to amend titles 10 and 32, United States Code, to improve and enhance authorities relating to the employment, use, status, and benefits of military technicians (dual status), and for other purposes.

S. 784

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 784, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2017, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to protect sensitive community locations from harmful immigration enforcement action, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control.

S. 856

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 856, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual assault, and for other purposes.

S. 867

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 867, a bill to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services.

S. 920

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 920, a bill to establish a National Clinical Care Commission.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 925, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

S. 926

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Montana

(Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 926, a bill to authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 976, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 12

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 12, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that those who served in the bays, harbors, and territorial seas of the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975, should be presumed to have served in the Republic of Vietnam for all purposes under the Agent Orange Act of 1991.

S. RES. 75

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 75, a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the largest organization of food and nutrition professionals in the world.

S. RES. 106

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate to support the territorial integrity of Georgia.

S. RES. 114

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 114, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on humanitarian crises in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 998. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, in recent years the American people have lost trust in the Federal government to keep our personally identifiable information, or PII, secure. In June of 2015 the Office of Personnel Management was infiltrated with a major cyber breach, affecting more than 22 million current and former federal employees,

including myself. In January of 2016, another nearly half a million Americans had their social security numbers stolen when the Internal Revenue Service was hacked.

I spent 28 years in the private sector, 12 years with a global cloud computing company. We faced cyber threats daily, and our customers expected security of their data. We delivered and not once was our data compromised. And we certainly did not give it out voluntarily. When there is an opportunity to protect our PII, we need to act on it and begin to rebuild trust with the American people.

In 1984, the public disclosure of certain manifest information was required of Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The original intent was to increase competition, to facilitate better public analysis of import trends, and to allow port authorities and transportation companies to more easily identify potential customers and changes in their industries. However, in recent years, PII of relocating individuals, bringing their home goods back to the United States, has been released, enabling identity theft, credit card fraud, and unwanted solicitations.

CBP does offer a process for consumers of shipping services to make their information confidential. However, these forms typical take two months to process and are often processed after the individual has moved.

That is why I am introducing the Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act. This legislation will simply require CBP to remove personally identifiable information from vessel manifest sheets before making them available for public disclosure. I believe the default should be to protect peoples' privacy and automatically remove this personal information, rather than requiring citizens to make a request and hope the paperwork is processed in time.

I want to thank Senator PETERS for being an original cosponsor of this bill. I ask my Senate colleagues to join us in support of this important legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 998

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act".

#### SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.

Paragraph (2) of section 431(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1431(c)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2)(A) The information listed in paragraph (1) shall not be available for public disclosure if—

"(i) the Secretary of the Treasury makes an affirmative finding on a shipment-by-shipment basis that disclosure is likely to

pose a threat of personal injury or property damage; or

"(ii) the information is exempt under the provisions of section 552(b)(1) of title 5 of the United States Code.

"(B) The Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall ensure that any personally identifiable information, including social security numbers, passport numbers, and residential addresses, are removed from any manifest signed, produced, delivered, or transmitted under this section before the manifest is disclosed to the public."

### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 148—CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR MAKING ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, AND SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE 18TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK, TO BE HELD MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 5, 2017

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. HATCH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 148

Whereas charter schools are public schools that do not charge tuition and enroll any student who wants to attend, often through a random lottery when the demand for enrollment is outmatched by the supply of available charter school seats;

Whereas high-performing public charter schools deliver a high-quality public education and challenge all students to reach the students' potential for academic success;

Whereas public charter schools promote innovation and excellence in public education;

Whereas public charter schools throughout the United States provide millions of families with diverse and innovative educational options for children of the families;

Whereas high-performing public charter schools and charter management organizations are increasing student achievement and attendance rates at institutions of higher education;

Whereas public charter schools are authorized by a designated entity and—

(1) respond to the needs of communities, families, and students in the United States; and

(2) promote the principles of quality, accountability, choice, high performance, and innovation;

Whereas, in exchange for flexibility and autonomy, public charter schools are held accountable by the authorizers of the charter schools for improving student achievement and for sound financial and operational management;

Whereas public charter schools are required to meet the student achievement accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) in the same manner as traditional public schools;

Whereas public charter schools often set higher expectations for students, beyond the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), to ensure that the charter schools are of high quality and truly accountable to the public;

Whereas 44 States and the District of Columbia have enacted laws authorizing public charter schools;

Whereas, as of the 2016–2017 school year, more than 6,950 public charter schools served more than 3,100,000 children;

Whereas enrollment in public charter schools grew from 400,000 students in 2001 to 3,100,000 students in 2017, a sevenfold increase in 16 years;

Whereas in the United States—

(1) in 190 school districts, more than 10 percent of public school students are enrolled in public charter schools; and

(2) in 17 school districts, at least 30 percent of public school students are enrolled in public charter schools;

Whereas public charter schools improve the achievement of students enrolled in the charter schools and collaborate with traditional public schools to improve public education for all students;

Whereas public charter schools—

(1) give parents the freedom to choose public schools;

(2) routinely measure parental satisfaction levels; and

(3) must prove the ongoing success of the charter schools to parents, policymakers, and the communities served by the charter schools or risk closure;

Whereas a 2015 report from the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University found significant improvements for students at urban charter schools, and compared to peers of traditional public schools, each year those students completed the equivalent of 28 more days of learning in reading and 40 more days of learning in mathematics;

Whereas parental demand for charter schools is high, and there was an estimated 7 percent growth in charter school enrollment between fall 2015 and fall 2016; and

Whereas the 18th annual National Charter Schools Week is scheduled to be celebrated the week of May 1 through May 5, 2017: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the students, families, teachers, leaders, and staff of public charter schools across the United States for—

(A) making ongoing contributions to public education;

(B) making impressive strides in closing the academic achievement gap in schools in the United States, particularly in schools with some of the most disadvantaged students in both rural and urban communities; and

(C) improving and strengthening the public school system throughout the United States;

(2) supports the ideals and goals of the 18th annual National Charter Schools Week, a week-long celebration to be held May 1 through May 5, 2017, in communities throughout the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to hold appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities during National Charter Schools Week to demonstrate support for public charter schools.

### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 209. Mr. CORNYN (for Mr. CORKER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 371, to make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017.

## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 209.** Mr. CORNYN (for Mr. CORKER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 371, to make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017; as follows:

On page 6, beginning on line 9, strike “and” and all that follows through line 17 and insert the following:

(2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) a comparison of the costs of current United Nations peacekeeping operations, including the costs incurred by the United States for such operations, and the estimated cost of such operations if implemented unilaterally by the United States;”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (1), as amended by paragraph (2) of this section, the following new paragraph:

“(2) an assessment of the operational, structural, and doctrinal differences between the military and civilian infrastructures of the United States and United Nations and other assumptions that impact cost estimates; and”.

#### EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 1, 2017, AS “SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY”

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 135.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 135) expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2017, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day.”

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

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 135) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of April 24, 2017, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORITIES ACT, FISCAL YEAR 2017, IMPROVEMENTS ACT

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of S. 371 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title. The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 371) to make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017.

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

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Corker amendment at the desk be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 209) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To require that the comparative report on peacekeeping operations include an assessment of the operational, structural, and doctrinal differences between the military and civilian infrastructures of the United States and United Nations and other assumptions that impact cost estimates)

On page 6, beginning on line 9, strike “and” and all that follows through line 17 and insert the following:

(2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) a comparison of the costs of current United Nations peacekeeping operations, including the costs incurred by the United States for such operations, and the estimated cost of such operations if implemented unilaterally by the United States;”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (1), as amended by paragraph (2) of this section, the following new paragraph:

“(2) an assessment of the operational, structural, and doctrinal differences between the military and civilian infrastructures of the United States and United Nations and other assumptions that impact cost estimates; and”.

The bill (S. 371), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

S. 371

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017, Improvements Act”.

#### SEC. 2. OVERSIGHT BY COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) OMNIBUS DIPLOMATIC SECURITY AND ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 1986.—Section 104(a) of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986, as added by section 101 of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323), is amended by inserting “and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives” after “appropriate congressional committees”.

(b) ANNUAL REPORT ON EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION COSTS.—Section 118(a) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended by inserting “and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives” after “appropriate congressional committees”.

(c) OVERSIGHT OF AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PEACEKEEPER ABUSES.—Section 301(a) of the

Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended by inserting “and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives” after “appropriate congressional committees”.

(d) WORKFORCE RIGHTSIZING REPORT.—Section 405(c) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended by inserting “and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives” after “appropriate congressional committees”.

(e) CONSULAR IMMUNITY.—Subsection (b)(2) of section 4 of the Diplomatic Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 254c), as added by section 501 of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323), is amended by striking “of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations” and inserting “and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations”.

(f) WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG POLICY COMMISSION REPORT.—Section 602(c) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended—

(1) by inserting “and the Committee on Appropriations” after “Committee on Foreign Affairs”; and

(2) by inserting “and the Committee on Appropriations” after “Committee on Foreign Relations”;

#### SEC. 3. PEACEKEEPING TRAINING.

Section 301 of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “enhance the discovery” and inserting “investigate allegations”;;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “adequately respond to complaints about such offenses by carrying out swift and effective disciplinary action against the personnel” and inserting “appropriately hold accountable personnel”; and

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, including compensation to victims, as appropriate” after “responses to such offenses”;

(2) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “any individual who commits an act” and inserting “personnel who are found to have committed acts”; and

(3) in subsection (g)(1), by striking “noteworthy”.

#### SEC. 4. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL.

Section 310 of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “The descriptions referred to in subsection (a) shall include the following elements” and inserting “In addition to the descriptions referred to in subsection (a), each such candidate shall be urged to describe the following”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “such 1” and inserting “such agenda”.

#### SEC. 5. POLICY REGARDING THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL.

Section 311(a)(2) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(E) which has been designated as a Tier 3 country in the annual Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107); or

“(F) which is identified as having failed to prevent or address gross violations of human rights in the annual Department of State

Human Rights Report under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Trade Act of 1974.”.

#### SEC. 6. COMPARATIVE REPORT ON PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS.

Section 313 of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended—

(1) by inserting “and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives” after “appropriate congressional committees”;

(2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) a comparison of the costs of current United Nations peacekeeping operations, including the costs incurred by the United States for such operations, and the estimated cost of such operations if implemented unilaterally by the United States;”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (1), as amended by paragraph (2) of this section, the following new paragraph:

“(2) an assessment of the operational, structural, and doctrinal differences between the military and civilian infrastructures of the United States and United Nations and other assumptions that impact cost estimates; and”.

#### SEC. 7. LATERAL ENTRY INTO THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

Section 404(a) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended by striking “outstanding”.

#### SEC. 8. COMBATING INTOLERANCE.

The section heading of section 419 of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended by striking “ANTI-SEMITISM” and inserting “INTOLERANCE”.

#### SEC. 9. TECHNICAL CORRECTION REGARDING COMPLETION OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG POLICY COMMISSION REPORT.

Section 603(f)(1) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended by striking “section 362” and inserting “section 602(c)”.

#### SEC. 10. BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Section 703(b)(2) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended by striking “any significant restructuring.”.

#### SEC. 11. RANSOMS TO FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

Section 709(a) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323) is amended by inserting “, to the extent practicable,” before “transmit”.

#### SEC. 12. RESTORATION OF TIBET REPORT.

Section 613 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228, 22 U.S.C. 6901 note), as amended by section 715(b)(1) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-323), is further amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “IN GENERAL” and inserting the following: “POLICY.—”

“(1) IN GENERAL.—”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as paragraph (2) and moving such paragraph, as so redesignated, two ems to the right; and

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

“(b) PERIODIC REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017, Improvements Act, and annually thereafter until December 31, 2021, the President shall transmit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on—

“(1) the steps taken by the President and the Secretary in accordance with subsection (a)(1); and

“(2) the status of any discussions between the People’s Republic of China and the Dalai Lama or his representatives.”.

#### CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR MAKING ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 148, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 148) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 18th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 1 through May 5, 2017.

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

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 148) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 2; 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 to resume consideration of the Clayton nomination, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; finally, that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and leader remarks count postcloture on the Clayton nomination.

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

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CORNYN. 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 the Senator from Florida, Mr. NELSON.

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

The Senator from Florida is recognized.

#### GULF OF MEXICO OIL DRILLING MORATORIUM

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, there has been a longstanding question of whether there would be drilling for oil in the eastern Gulf of Mexico off of the State of Florida.

This had been settled in law 10 years ago. Then, my colleague Senator Mel Martinez and I passed a portion of legislation called GOMESA. That portion of the legislation put the drilling off of Florida in the eastern Gulf—everything east of a north-south line called the Military Mission Line, which is a line running south of approximately Fort Walton Beach—everything east of that is off limits in law to any kind of oil drilling activity, along with the remainder of the coast of Florida; 125 miles from the coast going all the way over to Pensacola and to the Perdido River, which is the Alabama-Florida line.

The reasons for this are many, but not the least of which is called the Military Mission Line. That area of the Gulf off of Florida is the largest testing and training area for the United States military in the world. Compared to other testing ranges, such as the Nevada Test Site—it dwarfs that site. As we can see, from north to south, we have ranges as far as 300 miles from east to west. For example, off of Naples, FL, all the way west to the Military Mission Line is approximately 250 miles. That has been needed by our U.S. military because of the testing and training.

It has been doubted over the years as the relentless pursuit of oil drilling by the oil industry has tried to erode into that, and that is why, in a bipartisan way, Senator Martinez and I put in law for the period of years through 2022, from when we passed this back in 2006, it off limits.

The question is, What is coming afterward? Well, of course if it is up to the Department of Defense, there will be no oil drilling activity. That is what I wanted to bring to the attention of the Senate today.

Two previous Secretaries of Defense in Republican administrations, including Secretary Rumsfeld, have written letters to state the policy that any oil-related activity in that testing and training range would be incompatible with the mission of the testing and training of the U.S. military.

The reason I am bringing this to the attention of the Senate today is that a letter signed by the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness has just come into my possession. A gentleman named Mr. A.M. Kurta writes:



I have been asked to respond to your letter—

This is to Congressman MATT GAETZ—

on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.

This is regarding the maintaining of the moratorium on oil and gas activities in the Gulf of Mexico beyond the year 2022. The letter states:

The Department of Defense (DoD) cannot overstate the vital importance of maintaining this moratorium.

Why is that? The letter goes on to explain not only the necessity of which so many of our bases in the area—Tyn dall Air Force Base in Panama City, all the testing and training of the F-22, the training of our pilots there; Eglin Air Force Base, the testing and the training of the pilots for the F-35. Remember, the F-35 is being sold to many foreign nations, the testing and training of those pilots, as well, but now, with new technologies—I quote from the letter:

Emerging technologies such as hypersonics, autonomous systems, and advanced sub-surface systems will require enlarged testing and training footprints, and increased DoD reliance on the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act's moratorium beyond 2022. The moratorium is essential for developing and sustaining our nation's future combat capabilities.

So I think it is pretty clear.

There is one other issue. This all follows the fact that this Senator filed a bill last January to extend this moratorium. I will point out that just recently a bipartisan delegation from Florida—a majority of the Members of the Florida delegation, bipartisan—signed a letter to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Defense requesting the extension of this moratorium in law past the year 2022. The response from the Department of Defense has come today.

There is one further issue, and that is, if it is off limits to oil drilling in law, is there any question that it ought to be off limits to seismic testing? To the author of the original legislation 10 years ago, that should be clear, but—therefore we ought to clarify it. The request of the Department of Defense is:

[A] question arose concerning whether Congress intended the moratorium to prohibit even geological and geophysical survey activities in the eastern Gulf. We would welcome clarification from Congress concerning this matter.

So it will be this Senator's intent, joining in a bipartisan way with colleagues from Florida, to get that clarification in extending the moratorium.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the letter be printed in the RECORD.

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

WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 26, 2017.

Hon. MATT GAETZ,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE GAETZ: Thank you for your letter dated March 24, 2017, regarding maintaining the moratorium on oil and

gas activities in the Gulf of Mexico beyond 2022. Since military readiness falls under my purview, I have been asked to respond to your letter on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. The Department of Defense (DoD) cannot overstate the vital importance of maintaining this moratorium.

National security and energy security are inextricably linked and the DoD fully supports the development of our nation's domestic energy resources in a manner that is compatible with military testing, training, and operations. As mentioned in your letter, the complex of eastern Gulf of Mexico operating areas and warning areas provides critical opportunities for advanced weapons testing and joint training exercises. The moratorium on oil and gas "leasing, pre-leasing, and other related activities" ensures that these vital military readiness activities may be conducted without interference and is critical to their continuation. Emerging technologies such as hypersonics, autonomous systems, and advanced sub-surface systems will require enlarged testing and training footprints, and increased DoD reliance on the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act's moratorium beyond 2022. The moratorium is essential for developing and sustaining our nation's future combat capabilities.

Since signing the 1983 "Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Defense and the Department of the Interior on Mutual Concerns on the Outer Continental Shelf," the two departments have worked cooperatively to ensure offshore resource development is compatible with military readiness activities. During recent discussions between the DoD and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, a question arose concerning whether Congress intended the moratorium to prohibit even geological and geophysical survey activities in the eastern Gulf. We would welcome clarification from Congress concerning this matter.

On behalf of the Secretary, I appreciate your interest in sustaining our testing and training activities in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Sincerely,

A.M. KURTA,  
*Performing the Duties  
of the Under Sec-  
retary of Defense for  
Personnel and Read-  
iness.*

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, in conclusion, we can't have oil drilling, not only for our national security and the testing and training of our most sophisticated weapons systems in the Gulf off of Florida, but also we couldn't stand it if we had another oil spill that would do to us what the last one did. It was a spill way far west off of Louisiana, but it drifted to the east and blackened the sugary white sands of Pensacola Beach and Destin Beach, and there were tar balls as far east as Panama City Beach. Because of that, we lost an entire season of our guests, our tourists. They did not come to the Gulf Coast of Florida, not just in the Florida panhandle but all the way south down the Gulf to Naples and to Marco Island—a \$60 billion per year tourism industry for Florida's economy. We can't suffer that kind of shock again.

So whether it be the degradation of the environment, the messing up of the training and testing of our U.S. military and their largest testing and training range, or the devastating eco-

nomic loss to Florida of its tourism industry—for all those reasons, we need to pass this legislation. It will be coming forth in a bipartisan fashion.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:49 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 10 a.m.

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 01, 2017:

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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) RICHARD A. BROWN  
REAR ADM. (LH) JAMES S. BYNUM  
REAR ADM. (LH) DARYL L. CAUDLE  
REAR ADM. (LH) RICHARD A. CORRELL  
REAR ADM. (LH) RANDY B. CRITES  
REAR ADM. (LH) DANIEL H. FILLION  
REAR ADM. (LH) COLLIN P. GREEN  
REAR ADM. (LH) MARY M. JACKSON  
REAR ADM. (LH) JAMES W. KILBY  
REAR ADM. (LH) JAMES J. MALLOY  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN W. TAMMEN, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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. KEVIN M. JONES  
CAPT. THOMAS J. MOREAU

### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DAVID G. BELLON  
BRIG. GEN. PATRICK J. HERMESMANN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. EDWARD D. BANTA  
BRIG. GEN. ROBERT F. CASTELLVI  
BRIG. GEN. MATTHEW G. GLAVY  
BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL S. GROEN  
BRIG. GEN. KEVIN M. HAMS  
BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. MULLEN III  
BRIG. GEN. GREGG P. OLSON  
BRIG. GEN. ERIC M. SMITH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL S. MARTIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. JAMES H. ADAMS III  
COL. ERIC E. AUSTIN  
COL. JAY M. BARGERON  
COL. MICHAEL J. BORGSCHULTE  
COL. WILLIAM J. BOWERS  
COL. DIMITRI HENRY  
COL. KEITH D. REVENTLOW  
COL. ROBERTA L. SHEA  
COL. BENJAMIN T. WATSON  
COL. CHRISTIAN F. WORTMAN

### 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. BRYAN P. FENTON

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. DARRELL K. WILLIAMS

## 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. DAVID H. LEWIS

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. MATHIAS W. WINTER

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) STEVEN L. PARODE

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) JOHN P. POLOWCZYK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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) JON A. HILL

REAR ADM. (LH) GORDON D. PETERS

## IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF RAYMOND C. JONES III, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER E. AUSTIN, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ROBERT D. HOUGHTLING AND ENDING WITH CARL H. SPEARS, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LISA ANN BANYASZ AND ENDING WITH JULIE L. WIBLE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LORI J. BETTERS AND ENDING WITH LISA S. SHEAR, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF JAMES A. CRIDER, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSE E. BARRERA AND ENDING WITH DAVID H. ZONIES, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KRISTIN L. ADER AND ENDING WITH CHRISTOPHER C. VANNATTA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GREGG MICHAEL CAGGIANELLI AND ENDING WITH WILLIAM SCOTT WIECHER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PATRICK W. ALBRECHT AND ENDING WITH STEPHEN S. YOON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN N. LUKER, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TYLER J. BANACHOWSKI AND ENDING WITH MARITA N. ZGURI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JONI A. ABBOTT AND ENDING WITH DANIELLE C. YUEN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL J. ALFARO AND ENDING WITH SARA M. WILSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JESSICA L. ABBOTT AND ENDING WITH HEATH D. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH COREY R. ANDERSON AND ENDING WITH ANDREW J. STOY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH EDWARD R. ANDERSON III AND ENDING WITH RAMON YAMBO ARIAS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PATRICK M. ALBRITTON AND ENDING WITH RAY A. ZUNIGA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH NEIL R. COPELAND AND ENDING WITH OLIVIA M. VAUGHAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF ROBERT P. MCCOY, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF ALLEN R. HENDERSON, JR., TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF GEORGE L. BURNETT, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF DION R. DIXON, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF REBECCA A. LIPE, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL N. TESFAY, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF MEGAN G. K. STEELE, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RYAN W. ABNER AND ENDING WITH BREANCA G. YOUNG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALLEN SETH ABRAMS AND ENDING WITH THOMAS BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHAD A. BELLAMY AND ENDING WITH ANDREW L. THORNLEY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH AIMEE L. ALVIAR AND ENDING WITH DAVID A. WHITEHORN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH WILLIE J. BABOR AND ENDING WITH MAUREEN SCHELLIE WOOD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH HECTOR L. COLONCOLON AND ENDING WITH KEVIN L. LOCKETT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BETH M. BAYKAN AND ENDING WITH WILLIAM T. WILSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF MARTIN J. HAMILTON, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL A. BLACKBURN AND ENDING WITH JASON S. WRACHFORD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

## IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF SCOTT C. APLING, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF PATRICIA L. GEORGE, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ADAM J. POINTS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF LARRY G. WORKMAN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ROBERT J. DUNLAP, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF WAYNE O. DEHANEY, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JOHNATHAN T. PARCHEM, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JACOB P. ABSALON AND ENDING WITH G010445, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARK P. ADAMS AND ENDING WITH G010388, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH AMIR A. AZUAKEL AND ENDING WITH D013352, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH VANESSA R. ASMUS AND ENDING WITH D013007, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL C. FLYNN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF STEVE L. MARTINELLI, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KENNETH AIIORIO AND ENDING WITH PAUL W. ZIEGLER III, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TOLULOPE O. ADEYEMI AND ENDING WITH D013585, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PAUL J. E. AUCHINCLOSS AND ENDING WITH D012628, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RACHEL A. ACCIACCA AND ENDING WITH LAUREN E. WHITE, WHICH

NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER J. BROWN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANIEL B. KING AND ENDING WITH TODD E. WAINMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 27, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JOHN J. BOTTORFF, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF EUGENE L. THOMAS III, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JOHN T. BLEIGH, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JEFFREY D. BUCK, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL W. PRECZEWSKI, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CANDY BOPARAI AND ENDING WITH LINCOLN F. WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHARLES J. HASELBY AND ENDING WITH JASON T. RAMSPOTT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ALEXANDER M. WILLARD, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER K. BERTHOLD, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF PRESTON H. LEONARD, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF NICOLE E. USSERY, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL D. BAKER, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF BRIDGET V. KMETZ, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH VEDNER BELLOT AND ENDING WITH JAMES ROBINSON, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANGELA L. FUNARO AND ENDING WITH CHAD HACKLEY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF BRIAN R. HARKI, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JONATHAN L. BOURIAQUE AND ENDING WITH DAVID A. LANGER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TIMOTHY L. BAER AND ENDING WITH GERALD R. WHITE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JAMES V. CRAWFORD, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MOHAMMED S. AZIZ, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF SETH C. LYDEM, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER C. OSTBY, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CALVIN E. FISH, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF AARON E. LANE, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DAMIEN BOFFARDI, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF RANDY D. DORSEY, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BENJAMIN R. SMITH AND ENDING WITH STALIN R. SUBRAMANIAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MARK W. HOPKINS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THOMAS R. MATELSKI AND ENDING WITH JOSHUA H. WALKER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MARK B. HOWELL, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JULIO COLONGONZALEZ, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JASON N. BULLOCK AND ENDING WITH GERALD A. NUNZIATO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JENNIFER A. MCAFEE, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF NINA R. COPELAND, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CALVIN E. TOWNSEND, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF SCOTT A. MCDONALD, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF THOMAS P. LUKINS, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF SCOTT M. MCFARLAND, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JEFFREY A. MILLER, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JOSEPH M. KILONZO, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF BRANDI A. SCHUYLER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DAVID J. KACZMAREK, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JONATHAN A. JOHNSON, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES A. BENSON AND ENDING WITH WILLIAM M. YANEK II, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CRYSTAL J. SMITH, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DANA B. LOVE, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DOUGLAS A. MCKEWAN, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DAVID M. WALLACE, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF LISA M. PATTON, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF BASIL J. CATANZARO, TO BE COLONEL.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANIEL E. ALGER, JR. AND ENDING WITH JESSICA M. WALL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANIS A. ABUZEID AND ENDING WITH CRAIG A. ZOELLNER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANIEL W. ANNUNZIATA AND ENDING WITH LEAH R. PARROTT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JAMES R. REUSSE, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSE M. ACEVEDO AND ENDING WITH FRANCISCO X. ZAVALA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH HENRY CENTENO, JR. AND ENDING WITH JAMES L. SHELTON, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF RICHARD K. O'BRIEN, TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL J. ALLEN AND ENDING WITH CHRISTOPHER T. HAMBRICK, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JEREMY T. PLANNERY AND ENDING WITH MARK L. OLDROYD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JOSEPH W. HOCKETT, TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH FRANCISCO D. AMAYA AND ENDING WITH TYSON E. PETERS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE

AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL M. DODD AND ENDING WITH ROBERT J. SNODDY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF DAVID S. GERSEN, TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JOHN W. GLINSKY, TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF KEITH A. STEVENSON, TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH QUENTIN R. CARRITT AND ENDING WITH ERIC A. SHARPE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANTHONY P. GREEN AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL A. YOUNG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF STUART M. BARKER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RICHARD CANEDO AND ENDING WITH DAVID L. OGDEN, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JOHN E. SIMPSON III, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF SEAN T. HAYS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LUKE A. CROUSON AND ENDING WITH JASON C. FLORES, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ARLINGTON A. FINCH, JR. AND ENDING WITH KEVIN M. TSCHERCH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH STEPHEN J. ACOSTA AND ENDING WITH DONALD R. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSHUA P. BAHR AND ENDING WITH JANHENDRIK C. ZURLIPPE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOHN T. BROWN, JR. AND ENDING WITH JULIUS G. JONES, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ELI J. BRESSLER AND ENDING WITH JAMES R. STRAND, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHADWICK W. ARDIS AND ENDING WITH BRAD J. WILDE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF DUANE A. GUMBS, TO BE MAJOR.

#### IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATION OF AARON B. MAYER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JOHN J. KITT, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JORGE R. BALARES, JR. AND ENDING WITH BRANDON M. ZOSS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

NAVY NOMINATION OF MARY E. LINNELL, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH SPENCER M. BURK AND ENDING WITH BRIANNA S. WHITTEMORE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KIRK J. HIPPENSTEEL AND ENDING WITH JOHN M. RUGGERO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2017.

NAVY NOMINATION OF EVITA M. SALLES, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JOHN P. H. RUE, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL W. AMECHE AND ENDING WITH JOSHUA J. WHITLOW, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RACHEL E. CARTER AND ENDING WITH KEVIN D. KEITH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MAUER BISCOTTI III AND ENDING WITH ADAM J. SUSMARSKI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

NAVY NOMINATION OF DONALD V. WILSON, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL A. WINSLOW, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH HORACIO G. TAN AND ENDING WITH DERRICK A. THOMAS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 6, 2017.

NAVY NOMINATION OF NATALIE C. O. GILLIVER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JOHN F. SHARPE, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF REANN S. MOMMSEN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.