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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal God, You alone are our God, our sure defense and safe haven. Give us the wisdom to refuse to trust in our strength but to depend totally on You. Continue to illuminate the minds of our lawmakers as You lead them with Your truth.

Lord, purify their mistakes and remove their disappointments as they strive to live for Your glory. Arise up and help them. Ransom them with Your unfailing love. Lord of Heaven's armies, stay among us as You continue to be our fortress for life's journey.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will pro-

ceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Paloma Adams-Allen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Alaska.

CORONAVIRUS

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I have come to the floor this afternoon, unexpectedly. I had anticipated that I was going to be taking the long trek home, for even a short weekend, going back to Alaska. That is not the case this weekend, unfortunately.

Our COVID numbers are at alltime highs, and most of the events and meetings that I would have had back home canceled. They are on Zoom. So life is just a little bit different. You roll with it. And it means that I am here in Washington, DC, on this Friday afternoon.

But I opened up the paper this morning, the Anchorage Daily News, our largest statewide newspaper, to, again, headlines that have just kind of unfolded over these past weeks with more just grim and difficult news. The headline today is: "Alaska infection rate remains high with over 1,200 new COVID cases."

We are leading—we are leading the Nation right now in our COVID rates, and it is interesting. Alaska has—we are separated enough geographically, but through the advantages of air travel and road travel, we mix, we mingle, we get around, and the virus knows no bounds, as we all know. But as we are seeing, thankfully, the case counts beginning to decline here in the lower 48, Alaska is doing just the opposite.

I am quoting here from our paper:

On average, the U.S. saw a 26% decrease in cases over the last two weeks while Alaska recorded an 84% increase.

They go on to say:

If Alaska were a country, it would be the nation with the world's highest per capita case rate, according to data from the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

The article proceeds to state that:

Alaska's 171 average daily cases per 100,000 over the last seven days is nearly double the rate seen in West Virginia, which . . . [is currently] second in the [Nation]. Bermuda and Serbia, at the top of the global list, have a case rate of 99.

So we are at 171 average daily cases per 100,000. It has been challenging. We are a State that has limited capacity. We have got a smaller population, obviously. But that also means that we have fewer hospitals. We have more limited means, in terms of our ability to care for those who have become very, very sick, and it is straining—it is really maxing out our hospitals to levels that we really just could not have even anticipated could happen.

As our hospitals are maxed out, it is not just the capacity, the number of people that you can put into your ICU; it is those who are daily doing the work of caring for those who are coming into our hospitals, coming in sicker and staying longer. We have maxed out our hospitals, and when I say "maxing out," in the Alaska vernacular, basically that means there is no room at the hospital. Our largest hospital is Providence, Alaska Regional, Mat-Su, Alaska Native Medical Center, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Bartlett—they are at capacity within their ICUs, and let me share with you what it means to be at capacity in your ICU.

I will share. I was at Alaska Regional just a weekend ago—actually, now two weekends ago—and I was told that their ICU, which is a 16-bed ICU, had been expanded to 20; and 100 percent of the beds, when I was there on that Saturday, were occupied by COVID patients with no room for anyone else to come to that particular medical facility.

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I had been at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital—actually there on an emergency, not myself but with another individual. We go to the emergency room, and as we were waiting for the doctors to come and address this non-COVID-related medical emergency, I was advised by the evening supervisor that Fairbanks Memorial Hospital was at capacity within their ICU. And what that meant was that Fairbanks Memorial was at capacity and, as of that evening, all of the other hospitals in Alaska that could care in an ICU capacity were filled. So I was told that my loved one may be in a situation, if he needed to be in the ICU, that I needed to prepare myself and others that he may be sent to Seattle or Portland that night. For those of you that don't know your geography there, that is a 3, 3½-hour flight by jet. It would have been a medevac. It is thousands of miles away.

That is what is happening in Alaska right now. When your hospitals are full, you just can't put them in an ambulance and take them to another town. We are taking these folks to another State. And, again, keep in mind, the reason that I was there that evening with this individual was not COVID-related, but that is the squeeze. That is the pressure that it puts on the rest of your system.

Just this week, the State is dealing with crisis standards of care guidelines as it relates to how individuals may receive monoclonal antibody treatments because the supplies are scarce out there.

So it is tough right now. It is tough. Beds are hard to find, and the extraordinary men and women who every day are going in and doing as best they can to provide for the level of care that is needed are doing so, but they are tired. They are tired. They can't get enough help. You have those who are exposed. You have to quarantine. It puts pressure on everybody else. People are running themselves to the ground.

But we have good news that is happening. Our Governor has been working to bring additional health workers in, and we are starting to see, just this week, as many as—we were hoping 500 but maybe a little bit less than that—nurses, respiratory therapists are starting to come to the State as part of a Federal contract. So you have got State-contracted healthcare workers. The Alaska Native Medical Center is going to be receiving additional support from a disaster medical assistance team. Again, we are at a point where you just can't take it on anymore. And our numbers have not yet peaked.

I don't share these statistics and I don't share the front page of the Daily News just to bring people up to speed as to what is happening in Alaska. That wasn't necessarily my purpose here.

My purpose this afternoon is, in the midst of this, in the midst of this real crisis in my State, when it comes to the availability of healthcare and re-

sponding to this virus that is killing—killing—Alaskans, killing Americans, killing people around the world, that we show a little kindness because right now that seems to be in as limited capacity as some of the hospitals that we have in Alaska. It is kindness and respect for where people are.

Your healthcare workers are giving every ounce of what they have to be there, to leave their families. They are worried about everybody. But they are there for us, and they are doing the best job possible. And some of what we see in return is not the best of America. It is not the best that Alaskans have to offer.

We have had some just horrible, horrible confrontations in our public meetings in Anchorage. The top of the fold in the Anchorage paper is about an assembly meeting where individuals wore yellow Stars of David to protest the mask ordinance that the Anchorage assembly was taking up, comparing the mask mandate to the Holocaust. It is shocking. At some of the assembly meetings—and it is not just in Anchorage, we are seeing it in other communities as well—it is neighbor against neighbor.

We have had providers go to provide testimony before in these public meetings, and not only have they been ridiculed and mocked, but we hear the stories, we read the stories that they have been spit upon. This is not how we show appreciation for those who are trying their absolute best to be there for us. And they will literally turn the other cheek and make sure that the care that they are providing in that ICU, in that ER, is without discrimination as to whether or not you have been vaccinated or not. They are going to be there to take care of you. So, please, can we please show some kindness to one another at these times of stress and of anxiety to families?

We in Alaska are pretty hardy. We are independent. We can handle things on our own, but we are better because we are also good neighbors to one another, more often than not.

When somebody's car breaks down by the side of the road, and it is cold and it is dark, we stop. We help them. We are there for them. When somebody is sick, we deliver the food. We are good neighbors. So we, in Alaska, need to remember to be that good neighbor to one another. We can have disagreements. We can have differing points of view. We can express them without degrading one another, without denigrating one another, without humiliating, and mocking one another.

So I know that we will be beyond COVID. It is not coming soon enough for any of us. But I just ask that as we go through this, in this State and around this country and around the world, that we remember that we are all better when we care for one another and we show a little kindness.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant 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 PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:50 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 8:05 p.m. when called to order by the President pro tempore.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 376, 386, 387, and 391; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be general

Gen. Jacqueline D. Van Ovost

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

Vice Adm. Colin J. Kilrain

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be brigadier general

Col. James D. Brantingham

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy under section 905 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Jeffrey S. Scheidt

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 8:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 848. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the service obligation verification process for TEACH Grant recipients, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 405. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Shawn Musgrave v. Mark Warner* and the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 406. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Shawn Musgrave v. J. Thomas Manger, et al.*; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1544

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1544, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 405—TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF SHAWN MUSGRAVE V. MARK WARNER AND THE U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 405

Whereas, the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and Senator Mark

Warner, Chairman of the Committee, have been named as defendants in the case of *Shawn Musgrave v. Mark Warner* and the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02198, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend Committees and Members of the Senate in civil actions relating to their official responsibilities; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent the Select Committee on Intelligence and Senator Warner in the case of *Shawn Musgrave v. Mark Warner* and the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

SENATE RESOLUTION 406—TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF SHAWN MUSGRAVE V. J. THOMAS MANGER, ET AL

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 406

Whereas, in the case of *Shawn Musgrave v. J. Thomas Manger, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02199, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, plaintiff has named Secretary of the Senate Sonceria Ann Berry and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate as defendants;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend officers of the Senate in civil actions relating to their official responsibilities; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Secretary of the Senate Sonceria Ann Berry and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate in the case of *Shawn Musgrave v. J. Thomas Manger, et al.*

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3841. Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2792, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3841. Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2792, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . LOCALITY PAY EQUITY.

(a) LIMITING THE NUMBER OF LOCAL WAGE AREAS DEFINED WITHIN A GENERAL SCHEDULE PAY LOCALITY.—

(1) LOCAL WAGE AREA LIMITATION.—Section 5343(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by striking “(but such” and all that follows through “are employed”;

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(C) in paragraph (5), by striking the period after “Islands” and inserting “; and”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) the Office of Personnel Management shall define not more than 1 local wage area within a pay locality, except that this paragraph shall not apply to the pay locality designated as ‘Rest of United States’.”

(2) GENERAL SCHEDULE PAY LOCALITY DEFINED.—Section 5342(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period after “employee” and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) ‘pay locality’ has the meaning given that term under section 5302.”

(b) REGULATIONS.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe any regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this section, including regulations to ensure that the enactment of this section shall not have the effect of reducing any rate of basic pay payable to any individual who is serving as a prevailing rate employee (as defined under section 5342(a)(2) of title 5, United States Code).

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply on and after the first day of the first full pay period beginning at least 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

DESIGNATING THE SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRAIL ROUTE

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2278, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2278) to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail Route, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. WYDEN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2278) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF SHAWN MUSGRAVE V. MARK WARNER AND THE U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

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

proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 405, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 405) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Shawn Musgrave v. Mark Warner and the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a lawsuit filed in Federal court in the District of Columbia against the Select Committee on Intelligence and Chairman WARNER, that attempts to force the committee to release to the plaintiff the full report of the Committee's in-depth study of the CIA's terrorist detention and interrogation program. Plaintiff claims that he has a common law right, never before applied to Senate records, to review this committee document despite the report being classified and despite the committee having not chosen to release the report publicly and having submitted it to the Senate confidentially.

It is important to note that the committee has already released the lengthy executive summary and the findings and conclusions from the report, after a declassification review; so the public has been informed of the committee's work and the findings and conclusions of its study.

Plaintiff's attempt to force the Senate to release to him the full report not only contravenes the Senate's constitutional prerogative to decide which documents to keep confidential, but also interferes with the independence of the Senate in conducting its legislative and oversight duties. This resolution would authorize the Senate legal counsel to represent the Select Committee on Intelligence and Chairman WARNER in order to seek dismissal of this suit.

Mr. WYDEN. I further ask 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 PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 405) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF SHAWN MUSGRAVE V. J. THOMAS MANGER, ET AL.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consider-

ation of S. Res. 406, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 406) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Shawn Musgrave v. J. Thomas Manger, et al.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a lawsuit filed in Federal court in the District of Columbia against the Secretary of the Senate and her office and that seeks to force the Secretary to provide the plaintiff with a copy of the Senate security manual. That manual, which is for internal Senate use and is not publicly available, sets forth the procedures for handling classified national security information within the Senate. Plaintiff claims that he has a common law right, never before applied to Senate records, to review this Senate document despite the security manual being restricted to internal Senate distribution given the sensitivity of the procedures for protecting classified information maintained by the Senate.

Plaintiff's suit seeking to compel the production of this Senate document encroaches upon the Senate's constitutional prerogative to decide which documents to keep confidential and interferes with the independence of the Senate in establishing its own internal rules and guidelines for handling information necessary to carrying out its legislative and oversight responsibilities. This resolution would authorize the Senate legal counsel to represent the Secretary and her office in this case in order to seek dismissal of this suit.

Mr. WYDEN. I further ask 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 PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 406) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 117th Congress: The Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY of Vermont.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, it is my understanding that the House is going to send the Senate a 30-day extension of the Surface Transportation Authorization Act. The Republicans cannot clear it tonight; therefore, we will come back tomorrow and try to pass it then.

ORDERS FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 2; 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; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Adams-Allen nomination.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1:30 P.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WYDEN. 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.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:09 p.m., adjourned until Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 1, 2021:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

GEN. JACQUELINE D. VAN OVOST

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

VICE ADM. COLIN J. KILRAIN

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. JAMES D. BRANTINGHAM

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER SECTION 905 OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) JEFFREY S. SCHEIDT