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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 12 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

The Senate met at 2:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Lord of all, You loved us before we loved You. Accept our thanksgiving for the gifts of life, love, and laughter.

Come among our lawmakers and manifest Your unifying love. Strengthen them in their work, leading them with Your wisdom. Lord, empower them to do Your work on Earth, even as it is done in Heaven. May they labor with the confidence that they are kept by Your power. Guide them into the future inspired by the knowledge that their times are in Your hands.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 16, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 428, the appropriations bill at the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 428, H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of Senator MCCONNELL, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 p.m. this afternoon.

At 5:30 p.m. there will be three cloture votes on U.S. district court judges: Mendoza, from Washington, Yandle from Illinois, and Gayles from Florida.

2014 WORLD CUP

Mr. President, on the lower level of the Statue of Liberty, there is a poem. It says a lot. It was written by Emma Lazarus.

Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.

Those words encapsulate what is good about America. Those few lines represent the very makeup of this great country.

Over its history our Nation has welcomed the tired and poor of the world and made them strong. We have opened our doors to the best the world has to offer, and the United States has become better for it. Our country is a melting pot. Every aspect of our society reflects that, especially our athletes and soccer in particular.

I can remember when my middle son came home one night—he was just a boy; I assume he was maybe 10 years old—and he said, “I want to play soccer.”

I said, “What?”

“I want to play soccer.”

Soccer was not much of a sport in Nevada at that time. I thought, you know, if you are going to be an athlete, you have to play football, basketball, baseball, run track, high jump, long jump.

“I want to play soccer,” he said.

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OK. And play soccer he did. That began for me a great education, and it was so good for my son Leif, my middle boy. They had a great team. My wife and I started going to the games and learning about soccer. It was so much fun. When we moved back here, he was a freshman in high school and suffered a very badly broken leg playing soccer, so his career ended there.

My next boy was a baseball player.

My youngest boy was a gifted athlete. I boasted about him for many years. He was a soccer player, and he also played basketball. He played soccer on two national championship teams for the University of Virginia. By the time he went there, I had watched hundreds of soccer games. For him to play at this premier school with great athletes, playing soccer across the country, was really an experience and, again, an education.

For example, one of my son's teammates was the famous Claudio Reyna. Claudio was so good. It was a team of many great athletes. My son was a gifted athlete and everybody on the team was good, but Claudio Reyna was better than anyone.

Claudio's dad emigrated from Argentina. His mom was from a Portuguese family. They lived in New Jersey, where he was recruited to play for the University of Virginia. My son came from a different background. His grandfather was born in Russia, emigrated to the United States. His grandmother on my wife's side had Lithuanian blood. My grandmother emigrated from England.

So he and Claudio were on that team, and it would be hard to find two young men with more different backgrounds than they. They were teammates.

Their other teammates had backgrounds that were similarly unusual, different—a young man from Spain, one from Jamaica. An All-American named Damien Silvera was from Jamaica. These young men, 11 players—and some who didn't play all the time—came from different cities and different cultures, but they were one. They were a team. They were in rhythm, always united in purpose.

They were coached by the great Bruce Arena, a famous coach who coached the Olympic team—in fact, coached one of the first championships here, playing for the Washington professional team here. He is now coaching for L.A. They won the championship there many times. He was good with a diverse group of men and women playing in sync. It was really beautiful to watch. I guess that is why they call soccer the beautiful game.

Tonight our men's soccer team will play Ghana in its first game—since being twice knocked out by Ghana—in the 2014 World Cup.

The World Cup is special, watched by more people than the Olympics. It comes around every 4 years, and Americans from all walks of life and all backgrounds watch together in support of our Nation's soccer team. But our

support for Team USA comes from more than just athletics. It is more than just competition. I think we see a bit of ourselves in the team. Our unique connection to the U.S. men's soccer players stems from the team's composition. The roster is a reflection of America itself. It is diverse, yet it is united. It is a reflection of us.

Our head coach Jurgen Klinsmann was a legendary soccer player. I can remember his playing in the World Cup. He was from Germany and played for West Germany. He has lived in the United States for a number of years.

One of the team's defenders is a man by the name of Omar Gonzalez—Texas-born, Mexican American—who played professionally in Los Angeles for Bruce Arena.

Our striker, Aron Johannsson, is a 23-year-old Alabama-born Icelander who plays in the Netherlands.

DaMarcus Beasley is the team's 32-year-old veteran defender from Indiana, who plays professionally in Mexico.

Jermaine Jones, who plays midfield, is the German-born son of an American soldier and plays professionally in Turkey.

These are just a number of examples. There are so many more. The entire roster is an illustration of America's diversity. We are, after all, a nation of immigrants.

Under Klinsmann's direction, these players will bring their unique talents and experiences from across the world and coalesce under one flag—the American flag. I wish the team all the best tonight against Ghana. I will be watching and cheering on the team.

Another reason I love soccer: You don't have all those advertisements interrupting the game. It is a free-flowing athletic contest. There is the background of announcers talking about what just took place, and sometimes we don't fully understand it, but the game goes for 45 minutes and then another 45 minutes, for a total of 90 minutes, plus whatever penalty time they get—an extra 3 to 5 minutes after the 45 minutes is up—not interrupted by commercials.

So I admit I will be watching and cheering on the game. I hope our colleagues do the same, and I have confidence they will. When we do watch this team out there, watch what our team represents, what America stands for. See what makes this great country of ours so special. The United States really has given refuge to the tired, the poor, the huddled masses of the world, and they have become strong Americans, and we as a nation are better for it.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Mr. President, I would ask the Chair to announce the business of the day.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the

Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I hope the Presiding Officer and my colleagues had a great Father's Day this past Sunday. I had maybe the best Father's Day you can imagine because I got to spend part of it with my two sons and my father. We all went out to dinner with my wife, and it was a really special day.

I come to the floor with both a light and heavy heart, light because I got to experience Father's Day in a way I wish thousands of other people across the country could experience it. The statistics of the number of people who are killed by guns every year is pretty stunning. There are tens of thousands of people all across this country who are losing their fathers and sons, in part because the Senate doesn't do anything to try to stem the scourge of gun violence across the country.

As the Presiding Officer knows, I try to come to the floor every week for about 10 minutes or so to try and give voice to the victims of gun violence.

Today, 24 hours having passed Father's Day, maybe we can talk a little bit about those who have lost their fathers and their sons—little boys such as Logan Soldo.

Logan is about to turn 1. He certainly doesn't know what happened to his father Igor, but when he is old enough, unfortunately he will hear a pretty horrific story. His father—having fled war-torn Bosnia as a 13-year-old to settle in the United States—was killed in a shooting at a Walmart, which got a lot of attention about a week or so ago.

Jared and Amanda Miller—fairly well-known radicals in the Las Vegas area—walked into a Walmart and shot Igor Soldo, a police officer, while he was eating at a restaurant.

People talked about Igor and his journey. As I mentioned, he came here from the Balkans when he was 13 years old and graduated from Southeast High School in Lincoln, NE. Following high school, he studied criminal justice at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and worked part time as a corrections officer for 3 years in Lincoln where he met his wife Andrea. The couple were married in 2009. They were planning on celebrating their son's first birthday. His birthday will be on July 7. They

were going to return from Las Vegas to Lincoln to celebrate it with friends and family, but instead Igor's family ventured and journeyed from Lincoln to Las Vegas to bid farewell to their son, who was a police officer killed in this episode of horrific violence which killed two others and eventually also led to the death of the two shooters.

One of his fellow officers, who was one of Igor's close buddies, told the story at his funeral about how close Igor was to his son. He said, through tears, to the crowd:

I started getting pictures of Igor and Logan. I would see him with Logan over at the house and it was clear . . . our once epic romance was being replaced.

Logan Soldo will never know his dad, but there are thousands who lose their sons every year.

Over the weekend some of my colleagues might have had a chance to read an op-ed in the Washington Post written by Mark Barden and David Wheeler. Mark and David lost their sons, Daniel and Ben, in Sandy Hook. They talked about what Father's Day has become. They said:

We know Father's Day is meant to be a day when fathers sit back on their couches, watch sports and take it easy. But this Father's Day, we ask you to do one thing differently. Look at your children, your beautiful, growing, pesky children who bring you so much joy and sometimes cause you so much heartache, and ask yourself—really ask yourself—this: Am I doing everything I can to keep them safe? Because the answer to that question, if we all answer honestly, clearly is no.

Of course, that is the answer here in the Senate because we have witnessed over 70 school shootings since Sandy Hook. There were 35 school shootings this year alone, and we are not even halfway through the year. There are 31,000 people a year—2,600 people a month, 86 people a day—who are killed by guns, and we do nothing.

We tried to pass a pretty simple bill that would expand the number of sales that would be subjected to a background check—supported by 80 percent of the American public—on the floor of this Senate, but because of a Republican filibuster, we could not get it to a final vote. The numbers are clearly not moving people, so hopefully the stories will, stories such as that of one particular father who has become the face, in many ways, of the Sandy Hook tragedy, Neil Heslin.

Many people have heard Mr. Heslin talk because he probably talks in the most poignant, open, soul-baring terms of any of the parents.

Twenty-four hours removed from Father's Day—which many of us got to spend with our dads and our kids—I will leave you with the words from Neil Heslin's testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee:

On December 14, Jesse got up and got ready for school. He was always excited to go to school. I remember on that day we stopped by Misty Vale Deli. It's funny the things you remember. I remember the hug he gave me when I dropped him off. He just held me, and he rubbed my back. I can still feel that hug.

And Jesse said, "It's going to be alright. Everything's going to be okay, Dad." Looking back it makes me wonder. What did he know? Did he have some idea about what was going to happen? But at the time I didn't think much of it. He was just being sweet.

He was always being sweet like that. He was the kind of kid who used to leave me voice messages where he'd sing me happy birthday even if it wasn't my birthday. I'd ask him about it, and he'd say, "I just wanted to make you feel happy." Half the time I felt like he was the parent and I was his son.

Taking a break from Neil's testimony for a second, this was Neil's only family. He was separated from his wife. Neil has been unemployed, bopping between different housing situations. His entire family—his entire life—was his son Jesse.

Neil went on to say:

Jesse just had this idea that you never leave people hurt. If you can help somebody, you do it. If you can make somebody feel better, you do it. If you can leave somebody a little better off, you do it.

They tell me that's how he died.

When he heard the shooting—at Sandy Hook Elementary School that day—he didn't run and hide. He started yelling. People disagree on the last thing he said. One person who was there said he yelled "run." Another person said he told everybody to "run now."

What I know is that Jesse wasn't shot in the back. He took two bullets. The first one grazed off the side of his head, but that didn't stop him from yelling. The other hit him in the forehead. Both bullets were fired from the front.

I hate to say it but even when you know your community has been hit, you hope and pray it wasn't your boy. They had us all to go to a fire station to wait and see if our kids would make it out of the school. By 3:30, maybe 4 o'clock, they told us there were no more survivors. I should have realized. They'd basically told me my son was dead, but I waited. I told the people what to look for, what he'd been wearing that day. He had this striped shirt and Carhartt jacket, and these pants that fit him in September, but then he hit a growth spurt. I gave the description and I waited some more. I waited and I hoped, until 1:30 in the morning. That's when they told me he wasn't coming.

Breaking away from his testimony again for a second, I was at that fire house, and I will never forget the scene of Neil Heslin sitting by himself hour after hour.

Returning to his testimony, he concludes by saying:

Before he died, Jesse and I used to talk about maybe coming to Washington some day. He wanted to go to the Washington Monument. When he talked about it last year, Jesse asked if we could come and meet the President.

I said earlier that I can be a little cynical about politicians. But Jesse believed in you.

This is Neil talking to us.

He learned about you in school and he believed in you. I want to believe in you, too. I know you can't give me Jesse back. Believe me, if I thought you could I'd be asking you for that. But I want to believe that you will think about what I told you here today. I want to believe you'll think about it and then you'll do something about it, whatever you can do to make sure no other father has to see what I've seen.

Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask to be recognized in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

DEFENSE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTING

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, when I first exercised congressional oversight of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program in 2010—at that time I was the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee—I saw a program in turmoil. Perhaps the most significant indication of that was that while the program had exploded from its original overly optimistic development cost estimates by more than \$15 billion and was delayed by 5 years, without the prospect of delivering needed warfighting capability anywhere on the horizon, the program's prime contractor consistently received most of those award fees that were available to it under its contracts with the government. Let me repeat. The contractor continued to receive award fees that were supposed to be given in case of the program meeting certain milestones. In fact, it exceeded the cost estimates by \$15 billion and was delayed by 5 years.

Since 2010 major challenges have continued to arise. Just days ago the Department of Defense grounded the entire F-35 fleet because of an in-flight emergency involving a leak of engine oil. This is the second grounding of the F-35 fleet due to engine problems in the last 16 months.

Much work remains to be done in the program, including validating design and operational performance; installing state-of-the-art flight and combat software programs—those programs are still being written—and making the F-35 affordable, with life-cycle costs estimated at more than \$1 trillion—the first weapons system in the history of this country that is estimated to cost \$1 trillion. While the Government Accountability Office has said the program is "moving in the right direction," this is clearly a program that has had and continues to have major problems.

With this in mind, I was greatly concerned when I read an article last week entitled "Carter: JSF Program Manager Based F-35 Award Fees on Desire to Protect Lockheed Exec." It was on InsideDefense.com. The article describes comments made by former Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Ashton Carter—a man I admire a great deal—in a speech at Harvard University on May 16, 2014. He revealed that while the Joint Strike Fighter Program was suffering from massive cost growth and

scheduling delays, the government's program manager for JSF consistently awarded prime contractor Lockheed Martin most of its available award fees due to concern about the job security of his Lockheed Martin counterpart.

Appropriately, the Department of Defense fired its program manager, a Marine Corps two-star general, in February 2010. While that official had been giving away millions of taxpayers' dollars to his friend in the industry, regardless of how exceedingly poor the Joint Strike Fighter Program was performing, independent cost estimates were briefing the Pentagon that the Joint Strike Fighter Program might exceed its original budget estimates by as much as \$60 billion.

To understand why the cost to procure these fighters exploded, then-Deputy Secretary of Defense Carter requested a breakdown of F-35 costs and challenged the program manager as to why he had been giving Lockheed Martin upward of 85 percent of the maximum award fee it could have earned. As Secretary Carter recounted, that official said:

I like the program manager on the Lockheed Martin side that I work with. And he tells me that if he gets less than an 85-percent award fee, he is going to get fired.

This is totally unacceptable. It is the kind of cronyism that should make us all vigilant against, as President Eisenhower warned us over 50 years ago, the "military industrial complex." In this case, it appears taxpayers paid a massive premium for the friendship between the government's and the contractor's program managers. As disturbing as these recent revelations are, this incident also raises a few other questions. For example, why were award fee criteria that exposed those Joint Strike Fighter Program contracts to the risk of being abused in exactly this way originally negotiated into that contract? Why would the contract allow such a thing?

Where was this program manager's superiors, the Service Acquisition Executive, and particularly on the Joint Strike Fighter Program the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Technology and Logistics? What about his superiors. Were they not supposed to be overseeing how and why he was awarding Lockheed Martin fees throughout the relevant period?

This whole episode underscores the importance of ethics in government contracting. If the program manager or the program executive officers, senior officials in the acquisition chain of command do not recognize the fiduciary responsibility they have to the taxpayer in their stewardship of defense dollars, any attempt to reform the defense procurement process or otherwise exercise vigilance vis-a-vis the military industrial complex will fail.

This episode also emphasizes the importance of the trade craft of government procurement contracting. Those skills and judgment that comprise the

trade craft of government procurement contracting provide government acquisition managers with the tools he or she needs to keep the "unwarranted influence" of the military industrial complex at bay and make sure the product or service to be delivered into his or her watch will be delivered on time, with the required capability, and at a reasonable cost.

That starts with structuring government procurement contracts properly so that given the nature of the work and the deliverables being placed on contract, one, exactly the kind of performance that is important to the government in a given program is being incentivized, and, two, the government is incentivizing its industry partner to render that performance effectively. If in a given program the performance that is important to us is cost control, as it should have been in the case of the Joint Strike Fighter Program development contracts, why were we even using an award fee as opposed to an incentive fee contract?

By their very nature, incentive fee contracts provide that the cost of overruns be shared between industry and government and therefore incentivizes prime contractors to minimize them. This, of course, has not been a problem that has been limited to the Joint Strike Fighter Program. For years we have seen a widespread use of award fee contracts, including those that support major defense acquisition programs with subjective measures of award fees not clearly tied to cost control.

Any internal Department of Defense guidance that simply prescribes the use of "appropriate" contract types that are not accompanied by effective guidance and training on exactly how contract types should be tailored to a given product or service should be viewed with skepticism.

This matter, and indeed the broader possibility that the episode that Dr. Carter alluded to in his speech may be more pervasive throughout the whole of government than we realize and should concern all congressional committees of jurisdiction, inspectors general, and Americans who value how their taxpayer dollars are being used.

I repeat: As a proud supporter of our Nation's defense, as an outspoken opponent of sequestration and the damage it is doing to our Nation and our ability to defend it, when we look at a program such as this, where it exceeded its original cost estimates by more than \$15 billion and more than 5 years of delay and there are still problems with the most expensive weapons system in history, and the first time \$1 trillion is being spent on one weapons system, we need to do a lot better.

One of the actions that has to be taken, which has not been taken, is holding people accountable. I remember talking at a hearing and asking the Chief of Naval Operations about the USS *Gerald R. Ford*, their brandnew aircraft carrier. It had a \$3 billion cost overrun. I asked the Chief of Naval Op-

erations who was responsible. The Chief of Naval operations said he did not know. That is absolutely unacceptable.

So what we are doing by these terrible cost overruns—and the list goes on and on. I will come to the floor one of these days with a long list of programs that did not even reach fruition, that were canceled, such as the Future Combat System Program that the Army was touting for many years, for which we got zero return at a cost, as I recall, of over \$3 billion.

Unless we fix this cost overrun problem, the American people will stop supporting spending money on defense. That is just a fact. It is time we in Congress exercised much greater oversight, much greater scrutiny, much greater questioning, both before, during, and after the acquisition process. I strongly recommend the work of inspectors general. I strongly recommend using the Government Accountability Office, which is one of our most important tools. I strongly recommend using committee staffs and sending them to the places where these weapons systems are being assembled to get detailed briefings because this has to stop. I am getting a little bit repetitious over the years saying it has to stop, but when we look at the strains and the challenges around this globe that are taking place now, from the China Sea to Iraq, we are going to have to have a strong national defense. We cannot have that with these outrageous and unacceptable cost overruns.

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

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the cloture vote on Calendar No. 778, Gayles, the Senate proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 78, Wells, and the Senate proceed to vote on the confirmation of the nomination; further, that if confirmed the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. We hope this will be a voice vote, but we still expect to have three rollcall votes starting in 15 minutes.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

The assistant 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher Murphy, Al Franken, Jon Tester, Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Richard J. Durbin, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Benjamin L. Cardin, Bill Nelson, Dianne Feinstein, Elizabeth Warren, Tom Harkin, Mazie Hirono.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 55, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 192 Ex.]

YEAS—55

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| Baldwin | Heitkamp | Pryor |
| Bennet | Hirono | Reed |
| Blumenthal | Johnson (SD) | Reid |
| Booker | Kaine | Rockefeller |
| Boxer | King | Sanders |
| Brown | Klobuchar | Schatz |
| Cantwell | Landrieu | Schumer |
| Cardin | Leahy | Shaheen |
| Carper | Levin | Stabenow |
| Casey | Manchin | Tester |
| Collins | Markey | Udall (CO) |
| Coons | McCaskill | Udall (NM) |
| Donnelly | Menendez | Walsh |
| Durbin | Merkley | Warner |
| Feinstein | Mikulski | Warren |
| Franken | Murkowski | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Murphy | Wyden |
| Hagan | Murray | |
| Heinrich | Nelson | |

NAYS—37

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| Alexander | Fischer | McConnell |
| Ayotte | Flake | Moran |
| Barrasso | Grassley | Paul |
| Boozman | Hatch | Portman |
| Burr | Heller | Risch |
| Chambliss | Hoeven | Scott |
| Coats | Inhofe | Sessions |
| Coburn | Isakson | Shelby |
| Corker | Johanns | Thune |
| Cornyn | Johnson (WI) | Toomey |
| Crapo | Kirk | Wicker |
| Cruz | Lee | |
| Enzi | McCain | |

NOT VOTING—8

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| Begich | Graham | Rubio |
| Blunt | Harkin | Vitter |
| Cochran | Roberts | |

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 55, the nays are 37. The motion is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF SALVADOR MENDOZA, JR., TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The bill 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Staci Michelle Yandle, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Richard J. Durbin, Elizabeth Warren, Tim Kaine, Richard Blumenthal, Robert P. Menendez, Barbara A. Mikulski, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher Murphy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Patty Murray, Tom Harkin, Tom Udall, Christopher A. Coons, Robert P. Casey, Jr.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Staci Michelle Yandle, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 55, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 193 Ex.]

YEAS—55

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| Baldwin | Heitkamp | Pryor |
| Bennet | Hirono | Reed |
| Blumenthal | Johnson (SD) | Reid |
| Booker | Kaine | Rockefeller |
| Boxer | King | Sanders |
| Brown | Klobuchar | Schatz |
| Cantwell | Landrieu | Schumer |
| Cardin | Leahy | Shaheen |
| Carper | Levin | Stabenow |
| Casey | Manchin | Tester |
| Collins | Markey | Udall (CO) |
| Coons | McCaskill | Udall (NM) |
| Donnelly | Menendez | Walsh |
| Durbin | Merkley | Warner |
| Feinstein | Mikulski | Warren |
| Franken | Murkowski | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Murphy | Wyden |
| Hagan | Murray | |
| Heinrich | Nelson | |

NAYS—37

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| Alexander | Fischer | McConnell |
| Ayotte | Flake | Moran |
| Barrasso | Grassley | Paul |
| Boozman | Hatch | Portman |
| Burr | Heller | Risch |
| Chambliss | Hoeven | Scott |
| Coats | Inhofe | Sessions |
| Coburn | Isakson | Shelby |
| Corker | Johanns | Thune |
| Cornyn | Johnson (WI) | Toomey |
| Crapo | Kirk | Wicker |
| Cruz | Lee | |
| Enzi | McCain | |

NOT VOTING—8

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| Begich | Graham | Rubio |
| Blunt | Harkin | Vitter |
| Cochran | Roberts | |

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 55, the nays are 37. The motion is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF STACI MICHELLE YANDLE TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Staci Michelle Yandle, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I yield back the time.

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

Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The bill 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Richard J. Durbin, Elizabeth Warren, Tim Kaine, Richard Blumenthal, Robert P. Menendez, Barbara A. Mikulski, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher Murphy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Patty Murray, Tom Harkin, Tom Udall, Christopher A. Coons, Robert P. Casey, Jr.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 55, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 194 Ex.]

YEAS—55

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| Baldwin | Franken | McCas skill |
| Bennet | Gillibrand | Menendez |
| Blumenthal | Hagan | Merkley |
| Booker | Heinrich | Mikulski |
| Boxer | Heitkamp | Murkowski |
| Brown | Hirono | Murphy |
| Cantwell | Johnson (SD) | Murray |
| Cardin | Kaine | Nelson |
| Carper | King | Pryor |
| Casey | Klobuchar | Reed |
| Collins | Landrieu | Reid |
| Coons | Leahy | Rockefeller |
| Donnelly | Levin | Sanders |
| Durbin | Manchin | Schatz |
| Feinstein | Markey | Schumer |

Shaheen
Stabenow
Tester
Udall (CO)

Udall (NM)
Walsh
Warner
Warren

Whitehouse
Wyden

NAYS—37

Alexander
Ayotte
Barrasso
Boozman
Burr
Chambliss
Coats
Coburn
Corker
Cornyn
Crapo
Cruz
Enzi

Fischer
Flake
Grassley
Hatch
Heller
Hoeven
Inhofe
Isakson
Johanns
Johnson (WI)
Kirk
Lee
McCain

McConnell
Moran
Paul
Portman
Risch
Scott
Sessions
Shelby
Thune
Toomey
Wicker

NOT VOTING—8

Begich
Blunt
Cochran

Graham
Harkin
Roberts

Rubio
Vitter

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 55, the nays are 37. The motion to invoke cloture is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF DARRIN P. GAYLES TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk reported the nomination of Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

NOMINATION OF ALICE G. WELLS TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the Wells nomination.

The bill clerk reported the nomination of Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of nomination of Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan?

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.

The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to 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

BUDGETARY REVISIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I previously filed budgetary aggregates and committee allocations for budget year 2015 pursuant to section 116 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. Today, I am adjusting those levels.

Section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 establishes statutory limits on discretionary spending and allows for various adjustments to those limits, while sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act allows the Chairman of the Budget Committee to establish and make revisions to allocations, aggregates, and levels consistent with those adjustments. On May 22, the Committee on Appropriations reported one bill that is eligible for an adjustment under the Congressional Budget Act: the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which includes \$100 million in budget authority and \$43 million in outlays that is designated as disaster funding.

Consequently, I am revising the budgetary aggregates for 2015 by a total of \$100 million in budget authority and \$43 million in outlays. I am also revising the budget authority and outlay allocations to the appropriations committee for 2015 by \$100 million in nonsecurity budget authority and \$43 million in total outlays.

I ask unanimous consent that the following tables detailing the changes to the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations and the budgetary aggregates be printed in the RECORD.

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

BUDGETARY AGGREGATES—PURSUANT TO SECTION 116 OF THE BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2013 AND SECTION 311 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

| | [\$s in millions] | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | 2014 | 2015 |
| Current Spending Aggregates: | | |
| Budget Authority | 2,842,558 | 2,939,993 |
| Outlays | 2,819,514 | 3,004,163 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Budget Authority | 0 | 100 |
| Outlays | 0 | 43 |
| Revised Spending Aggregates: | | |
| Budget Authority | 2,842,558 | 2,940,093 |
| Outlays | 2,819,514 | 3,004,206 |

REVISIONS TO THE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 302 AND 314(a) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

[In millions of dollars]

| | Current allocation/ limit | Adjustments* | Adjusted allocation/ limit |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Fiscal Year 2015: | | | |
| Revised Security Category Discretionary Budget Authority | 521,272 | 0 | 521,272 |
| Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority | 492,356 | 100 | 492,456 |
| General Purpose Discretionary Outlays | 1,160,500 | 43 | 1,160,543 |
| Memorandum: Total Discretionary Budget Authority | 1,013,628 | 100 | 1,013,728 |

* Pursuant to section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations will be adjusted following the reporting of bills, offering of amendments, or submission of conference reports that qualify for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits as outlined in section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DETAIL ON ADJUSTMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2015 ALLOCATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 302 AND 314(a) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT
(\$s in billions)

| | Program integrity | Disaster relief | Emergency | Overseas contingency operations | Total |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Agriculture: | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | 0.000 | 0.100 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.100 |
| Outlays | 0.000 | 0.043 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.043 |
| Total: | | | | | |
| Budget Authority | 0.000 | 0.100 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.100 |
| Outlays | 0.000 | 0.043 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.043 |
| Breakdown of Above Adjustments by Category: | | | | | |
| Revised Security Category Budget Authority | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Revised Nonsecurity Category Budget Authority | 0.000 | 0.100 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.100 |
| General Purpose Discretionary Outlays | 0.000 | 0.043 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.043 |

VETERANS HEALTH CARE—H.R.
3230

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, last week the Senate passed H.R. 3230, Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act. Today, I rise to address some concerns my colleagues raised about whether veterans will be able to choose their own providers. Some may read section 301 of this bill to mean that VA is still in the driver seat. Specifically, that VA will be able to pick and choose which provider to contract with under this section and not offer veterans a true choice of where and from whom they receive their care. However, that is not our intent.

Our intent is to give veterans the choice of where and from whom they receive their care without interference from VA. Beyond that, H.R. 3230 provides that if a doctor or hospital approaches VA and states they want to help alleviate the current access problems, VA would be directed to contract with that doctor provided they participate in Medicare. Because this legislation requires VA to pay these providers at the Medicare rate, VA would be able to implement a standard contract for the care and services veterans receive and would allow VA to expeditiously implement a contract with that doctor and get veterans the care they need as soon as possible.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I wish to state for the record my strong support for S. 2450, the Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014. I also wish to state for the record that, though I was unfortunately already traveling to my son's high school graduation in Oregon at the time the vote was called, I would have voted aye on this legislation had I been present.

I was among the original cosponsors of this bill because I believe strongly that the VA system must do right by our veterans. Our veterans have stood up for us, and we must stand up for them.

Recent reports highlight the urgent need both for greatly increased accountability within the VA health system and for greater resources to meet the needs of increasing numbers of veterans who are turning to the VA for health care. The current situation of extremely long wait times—and in some cases, secret waiting lists—is 100 percent unacceptable and must be fixed. Those who are responsible for these failings or any efforts to cover them up should swiftly lose their jobs. If they broke the law, then they should be prosecuted as well. Going forward, we must ensure that the VA system has the doctors and the resources it needs to give our vets the timely, top-notch care they deserve.

This bill gives the VA the power both to fire the administrators who need to be held accountable and to hire the additional doctors and nurses needed to improve the system. In addition, it contains a bipartisan provision I have worked on with Senator HELLER to expand education benefits for spouses of servicemembers who die in the line of duty. These are important improvements for our veterans and their families, and I am proud to support them.

I am very pleased to see this legislation move forward. I wish to once again state again my strong support, and I urge the House to take up and pass this bill without delay.

2014 WORLD CUP

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, today the United States men's soccer team begins its quest for World Cup glory in Brazil. The 23 players selected by head coach Jürgen Klinsmann in-

clude native New Jerseyans Tim Howard, Michael Bradley, Jozy Altidore, and Alejandro Bedoya. They have dedicated themselves to being the best at their craft, and now have an opportunity to represent the United States of America at the world's premier soccer event.

The World Cup is an extraordinary tournament whose reach extends well beyond the pitch. It has the incredible ability to unify peoples in celebration and even halt civil conflict, as was seen temporarily in Côte d'Ivoire in 2006. I sincerely hope that moving into the future, the institution of the World Cup can be a symbol of increased international cooperation.

While many consider the U.S. a relatively recent addition to the global soccer community compared to our friends in Europe and South America, we actually finished third at the first ever World Cup held in Uruguay in 1930. I hope that this U.S. team will build upon our rich soccer history and represent our great Nation well in our seventh consecutive World Cup appearance. As our supporters say, "onward U.S.A.!"

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CLINTON COUNTY, IOWA

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State. And it has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.

I have always believed in accountability for public officials, and this, my final year in the Senate, is an appropriate time to give an accounting of my work across four decades representing Iowa in Congress. I take pride in accomplishments that have been national in scope—for instance, passing the Americans with Disabilities Act and spearheading successful farm bills. But I take a very special pride in projects that have made a big difference in local communities across my State.

Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and residents of Clinton County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to secure funding in Clinton County worth over \$25 million and has successfully acquired financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$26.5 million to the local economy.

Of course, my favorite memories of working together include working tirelessly with local law enforcement, particularly with regard to funding to combat the scourge of drugs in the community, as well as numerous major projects to improve infrastructure and transportation in the community.

Among the highlights:

Investing in Iowa's economic development through targeted community projects: In Eastern Iowa, we have worked together to grow the economy by making targeted investments in important economic development projects including improved roads and bridges, modernized sewer and water systems, and better housing options for residents of Clinton County. In many cases, I have secured Federal funding that has leveraged local investments and served as a catalyst for a whole ripple effect of positive, creative changes. For example, working with mayors, city council members, and local economic development officials in Clinton County, I have fought for more than \$13.3 million to redevelop Liberty Square, more than \$2.6 million for the 19th Avenue Connector, \$2.1 million for trails between Clinton and Comanche, and more than \$4 million for sewer infrastructure, helping to create jobs and expand economic opportunities.

School grants: Every child in Iowa deserves to be educated in a classroom that is safe, accessible, and modern. That is why, for the past decade and a half, I have secured funding for the innovative Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program—better known among educators in Iowa as Harkin grants for public schools construction and renovation. Across 15 years, Harkin grants worth more than \$132 million have helped school districts to fund a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updat-

ing fire safety systems to building new schools. In many cases, these Federal dollars have served as the needed incentive to leverage local public and private dollars, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect within a school district. Over the years, Clinton County has received more than \$1.6 million in Harkin grants. Similarly, schools in Clinton County have received funds that I designated for Iowa Star Schools for technology totaling \$145,000.

Disaster mitigation and prevention: In 1993, when historic floods ripped through Iowa, it became clear to me that the national emergency-response infrastructure was woefully inadequate to meet the needs of Iowans in flood-ravaged communities. I went to work dramatically expanding the Federal Emergency Management Agency's hazard mitigation program, which helps communities reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and enables mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery period. Disaster relief means more than helping people and businesses get back on their feet after a disaster, it means doing our best to prevent the same predictable flood or other catastrophe from recurring in the future. The hazard mitigation program that I helped create in 1993 provided critical support to Iowa communities impacted by the devastating floods of 2008. Clinton County has received over \$2.5 million to prevent tragedy associated with natural disasters.

Agricultural and rural development: Because I grew up in a small town in rural Iowa, I have always been a loyal friend and fierce advocate for family farmers and rural communities. I have been a member of the House or Senate Agriculture Committee for 40 years—including more than 10 years as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Across the decades, I have championed farm policies for Iowans that include effective farm income protection and commodity programs; strong, progressive conservation assistance for agricultural producers; renewable energy opportunities; and robust economic development in our rural communities. Since 1991, through various programs authorized through the farm bill, Clinton County has received more than \$1.5 million from a variety of farm bill programs.

Keeping Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as, for instance, the methamphetamine epidemic. Since 2001, Clinton County's fire departments have received over \$3.1 million for firefighter safety and operations equipment, and the law enforcement community has received more than \$77,000 in Byrne Justice Assistance grants, \$75,000 for drug free communities, \$185,000 in funds dedicated to methamphetamine hot spots, and \$15,000 to assist drug endangered children.

Disability rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank, who was deaf. I was deeply disturbed by the discrimination and obstacles he faced every day. That is why I have always been a passionate advocate for full equality for people with disabilities. As the primary author of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the ADA Amendments Act, I have had four guiding goals for our fellow citizens with disabilities: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency. Nearly a quarter century since passage of the ADA, I see remarkable changes in communities everywhere I go in Iowa—not just in curb cuts or closed captioned television, but in the full participation of people with disabilities in our society and economy, folks who at long last have the opportunity to contribute their talents and to be fully included. These changes have increased economic opportunities for all citizens of Clinton County, both those with and without disabilities. They make us proud to be a part of a community and country that respects the worth and civil rights of all of our citizens.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Clinton County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, cooperation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Clinton County, to fulfill their own dreams and initiatives. And, of course, this work is never complete. Even after I retire from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.●

WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State. And it has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.

I have always believed in accountability for public officials, and this, my final year in the Senate, is an appropriate time to give an accounting of my work across four decades representing Iowa in Congress. I take pride in accomplishments that have been national in scope—for instance, passing the Americans with Disabilities Act and spearheading successful farm bills. But I take a very special pride in projects that have made a big difference in local communities across my State.

Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and

residents of Worth County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to successfully acquire financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$95 million to the local economy.

Of course my favorite memory of working together has to be the community's success in obtaining more than \$93 million from funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to build the Barton Wind Power Project.

Among the highlights:

School grants: Every child in Iowa deserves to be educated in a classroom that is safe, accessible, and modern. That is why, for the past decade and a half, I have secured funding for the innovative Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program—better known among educators in Iowa as Harkin grants for public schools construction and renovation. Across 15 years, Harkin grants worth more than \$132 million have helped school districts to fund a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updating fire safety systems to building new schools. In many cases, these Federal dollars have served as the needed incentive to leverage local public and private dollars, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect within a school district. Over the years, Worth County has received \$234,876 in Harkin grants. Similarly, schools in Worth County have received funds that I designated for Iowa Star Schools for technology totaling \$10,000.

Agricultural and rural development: Because I grew up in a small town in rural Iowa, I have always been a loyal friend and fierce advocate for family farmers and rural communities. I have been a member of the House or Senate Agriculture Committee for 40 years—including more than 10 years as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Across the decades, I have championed farm policies for Iowans that include effective farm income protection and commodity programs; strong, progressive conservation assistance for agricultural producers; renewable energy opportunities; and robust economic development in our rural communities. Since 1991, through various programs authorized through the farm bill, Worth County has received more than \$740,000 from a variety of farm bill programs.

Keeping Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as the methamphetamine epidemic. During the mid-to-late 1990's, cities in Worth County received \$186,512 in Community Oriented Policing Services grants.

Also, since 2001, Worth County's fire departments have received over \$764,000 for firefighter safety and operations equipment.

Disability rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank, who was deaf. But I was deeply disturbed by the discrimination and obstacles he faced every day. That is why I have always been a passionate advocate for full equality for people with disabilities. As the primary author of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the ADA Amendments Act, I have had four guiding goals for our fellow citizens with disabilities: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency. Nearly a quarter century since passage of the ADA, I see remarkable changes in communities everywhere I go in Iowa—not just in curb cuts or closed captioned television, but in the full participation of people with disabilities in our society and economy, folks who at long last have the opportunity to contribute their talents and to be fully included. These changes have increased economic opportunities for all citizens of Worth County, both those with and without disabilities. And they make us proud to be a part of a community and country that respects the worth and civil rights of all of our citizens.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Worth County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, co-operation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Worth County, to fulfill their own dreams and initiatives. And, of course, this work is never complete. Even after I retire from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.●

CONGRATULATING KARTHIK ROHATGI

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, Today I recognize one of Nevada's brightest students—Karthik Rohatgi—for earning the prestigious title of Presidential Scholar from the U.S. Department of Education. Presidential Scholars are chosen for outstanding test scores, essays, grades, and community service commitments.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars named only 141 scholars throughout the United States this year, and Karthik Rohatgi, who attends the Davidson Institute for Talent Development at the University of Nevada, Reno is among them. Each Presidential Scholar will receive a medallion at a ceremony on June 22 in Washington, DC.

This young man's academic accomplishments serve to reinforce the important role of education in our State. As the father of four and husband to a lifelong teacher, ensuring that all of

Nevada's students have access to a high-quality education is important to me. I strongly believe higher education opens the door to more job opportunities and professional fulfillment, as well as increased earning power. For this reason, I will continue working to support educators and students to ensure that Nevadans are well prepared to enter the workforce and begin successful careers.

On behalf of the residents of the Silver State, I am proud to recognize Karthik for his accomplishments and contributions to our State. He undoubtedly represents Nevada's best and brightest. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this exceptional young Nevadan.

EDEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Eden, SD, on reaching its centennial anniversary. Since its beginning, this small town in Marshall County has embodied the values that South Dakota was founded upon. The residents of Eden will be celebrating this joyous occasion over the weekend of June 27–29, 2014.

Originally known as Eden Park, homesteaders settling the area chose its name because of the area's beautiful scenery and numerous surrounding lakes. Eden itself was founded after residents of Eden Park decided to relocate near the new railroad in 1914. Known for its fertile soil, Eden is surrounded by vibrant farmland and is home to several successful businesses.

Eden exemplifies the hometown community spirit of South Dakota. After 100 years Eden is still thriving, and it is my honor to publicly congratulate its residents on reaching this commendable milestone.●

REMEMBERING EPIFANIA "EPPIE" ARCHULETA

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I wish to honor the lifetime contributions of Dr. Epifania "Eppie" Archuleta to the cultural heritage of the San Luis Valley of Colorado and Northern New Mexico. An internationally recognized weaver of the Rio Grande, Navajo, and Chimayo weaving traditions, Dr. Archuleta passed away on April 11 at age 92.

Born in Santa Cruz, NM, in 1922 to Agueda and Eusebio Martinez, Dr. Archuleta came from a long line of Northern New Mexico weavers. In 1940, she married Francisco Archuleta and moved north to the small town of Capulin in Colorado's San Luis Valley, where she and Francisco farmed, ranched and raised eight children.

After the age of 60, Dr. Archuleta was able to focus on her weaving full time. Her passion for her craft extended to teaching the art of wool spinning, dying, and weaving to family, friends, community members, and eager students from distant States. She held classes in the small San Luis Valley

towns of Capulin, Alamosa, and Center, at the San Luis Valley Area Vocational School, and 5 hours away in Denver. Through the years, she taught hundreds of eager students. Many of her students went on to establish their own weaving classes and schools throughout the Southwestern United States.

By passing on the weaving tradition, Eppie empowered people—especially women—through teaching a valuable trade they could practice at home and remain with their children while making a decent living. When she was nearly 70, she opened a wool mill in Capulin, employing local citizens who could work close to home. Unfortunately, when her husband passed, Eppie closed the mill.

In 1985, Dr. Archuleta received the National Heritage Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Arts. She was the first Hispanic woman to receive this prestigious national award. A year later, she spent a 2-week residency at the Smithsonian Institute Festival of American Folklife in Washington DC, during which four generations participated: Eppie, her mother Agueda Martinez, her daughter Norma Medina and her granddaughter Delores Archuleta. In 1991, she was featured in National Geographic Magazine, and in 1995, was awarded an honorary doctorate in art from Adams State University. Her weavings are on permanent display at the Smithsonian Institute.

A devout Catholic, Eppie donated pieces to churches including a weaving of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the church in Medanales, NM, and a woven cape depicting Mt. Blanca to the statue of the Virgin Conquistadora in Santa Fe, NM.

Eppie's passing leaves a great loss to all who knew her. Whether picking up a lone traveler walking along the highway and taking them home, providing shelter, meals, and money in exchange for domestic chores and errands, volunteering at local fairs, festivals, and classrooms, or starting a wool mill or weaving school to employ a community, Eppie gave of her time and resources to assist many. She will not be replaced.

RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

• Mr. WALSH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Richland County in eastern Montana as a testament to the strength of the American Dream.

This year, Richland County celebrates its 100th year anniversary. 100 years of ingenuity, 100 years of prosperity, and 100 years of history.

Throughout the years, Richland County has undergone many changes. The past century has seen booms in agriculture, the discovery of oil, the arrival of fracking, and a nation in peacetime and wartime. Through it all, the people who call the county home share the core values of service, honesty, and the willingness to help a neighbor in need.

When pioneers first settled in eastern Montana they were not guaranteed

prosperity, but they brought with them a strong work ethic. That resilience was instrumental in the construction of the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project canal that brought water to the area and allowed the pioneers to irrigate crops and develop the plains. The farmers were taming an area of the country many thought could not be tamed.

Today, agriculture producers from Richland County continue to grow the crops and raise the cattle that feed the world—working the land the same way those before them did.

In the 1970s, in a world hungry for oil, Richland County was eager to help supply the country with its resources. Through the decade to follow, the county boomed with energy through an age of prosperity. Now, hydraulic fracking and the development of the Bakken Formation bring Richland once again to the center of an energy boom unmatched anywhere in the United States.

Perhaps the greatest quality of the county is its kind citizens who are always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor. Despite their fast-paced lives, they still exhibit the same generosity, diligence, and spirit the pioneers brought to Richland County 100 years ago.

I congratulate Richland County for its contributions to our State, our Nation, and the world. We look forward to the next century being as exciting as the last. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4453. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations.

H.R. 4457. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the

House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending on May 14, 2016: Ms. Hannah Rosenthal of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 4453. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations.

H.R. 4457. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6128. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN), Bert Mooney Airport (BTM), Glacier Park International Airport (GPI) and Yellowstone Airport (WYS); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6129. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support" (RIN3060-AF85) (DA 14-534) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6130. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report to Congress on the Disclosure of Financial Interest and Recusal Requirements for Regional Fishery Management Councils and Scientific and Statistical Committees"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6131. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Specifications for the 2014-2016 Atlantic Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery" (RIN0648-XD069) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6132. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List Five Species of Sturgeons as Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XC101) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6133. A communication from the Program Analyst, Financial Operations Office of

Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth In Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 14-24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6134. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; M7 Aerospace LLC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2014-0023)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6135. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Concept Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2014-0130)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6136. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors" (RIN1219-AB64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6137. A communication from the Executive Director, United States Access Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6138. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rules Authorizing the Operation of Lower Power Auxiliary Stations in the 698-806 MHz Band; Public Interest Spectrum Coalition, Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Low Power Auxiliary Stations, Including Wireless Microphones, and the Digital Television; Amendment of Parts 15, 74, and 90 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Low Power Auxiliary Stations, Including Wireless Microphones" (FCC 14-62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6139. A communication from the Chief of the Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" ((GN Docket No. 12-268) (FCC 14-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6140. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-256. A House joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado urging and requesting members of Congress to increase the federal minimum wage and thereafter tie it to inflation to help ensure that hard-working Americans can earn a fair wage and afford to care for their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-1012

Whereas, The federal minimum wage was established through the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938", in response to the Great Depression, to ensure that workers earned enough to pay for necessities and minimum monthly expenses; and

Whereas, Since then, the cost of living has steadily increased while the federal minimum wage has generally remained stagnant; and

Whereas, Congress has only raised the minimum wage twice in the past 20 years; and

Whereas, The federal minimum wage, adjusted for inflation, has declined from its peak of \$10.72 in 1968 to \$7.25 today, a 33% decrease in purchasing power; and

Whereas, Under the current minimum wage, it is possible to work full time and still be under the minimum federal poverty line; and

Whereas, It is virtually impossible for a minimum-wage worker to afford a two-bedroom apartment in any state while working a 40-hour week; and

Whereas, Raising the federal minimum wage would decrease American dependency on public assistance programs, such as Section 8 housing vouchers and food stamps, in order to pay for living expenses and raising families; and

Whereas, The majority of those who would benefit from a minimum wage increase are full-time workers who are supporting their families in moderate- to low-income households; and

Whereas, For the vast majority of low-skilled or unskilled workers, the minimum wage should be simply a starting salary that gets them employed and gives them a chance to advance; and

Whereas, Increasing the minimum wage would immediately boost the wages of about 15 million low-income workers; and

Whereas, Raising the federal minimum wage is projected to significantly boost the economy at large by increasing purchasing power of workers, thereby increasing the United States' gross domestic product; and

Whereas, In 2006, Colorado voters decisively voted to approve Initiative 42, which raised the state minimum wage and tied it to inflation in order to preserve the purchasing power of Colorado workers and help ensure that they can support themselves and their families; and

Whereas, Colorado raised the minimum wage in 2011 and 2012 over the federal minimum, which contributed to a decrease in the unemployment rate from 8.73% to 7.2% during that two-year period; and

Whereas, Several other states have notably raised their minimum wages during times of high unemployment, including Washington, Oregon, Ohio, and Arizona, and those states all experienced decreases of at least 1.5% in unemployment during the same two-year period; and

Whereas, Raising the minimum wage not only will stimulate the economy but will also lift millions of Americans out of poverty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein, That we, the Colorado General Assembly, urge and request members of Congress to increase the federal minimum wage and thereafter tie it to inflation to help ensure that hard-working Americans can earn a fair wage and afford to care for their families; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives and Senate, and the Majority and Minority Whips of the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

POM-257. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois urging Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1124

Whereas, Insurance protects the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic growth and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption, and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, The terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, produced insured losses larger than any natural or man-made event in history; claims paid by insurers to their policyholders eventually totaled some \$32.5 billion, making this the second-most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, The sheer enormity of the terrorist-induced loss, combined with the possibility of future attacks, produced financial shockwaves that shook insurance markets, causing insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, The lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in construction, tourism, business travel, and real estate finance; and

Whereas, The United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-297 (TRIA), in which the federal government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-144, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-160 (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, Under TRIPRA, the federal government provides such reinsurance after industrywide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceed \$100 million; and

Whereas, Coverage under TRIPRA is provided to an individual insurer after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to 20% of the insurer's previous year earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, After an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays 15% of residual losses and the federal government pays the remaining 85%; and

Whereas, The Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of \$100 billion of aggregate insured losses, beyond which the federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the federal government to recoup 100% of the benefits provided under the program via policy holder surcharges to the extent the aggregate insured losses are less than \$27.5 billion and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, Without question, TRIA and its successors are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, The presence of a robust private/public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, Without a program such as TRIPRA, many citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to get insurance or unable to afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, Without federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers will face less availability of terrorism reinsurance and will therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage for acts of terrorism to support our economy; and

Whereas, Unfortunately, despite the hard work and dedication of this nation's counterterrorism agencies and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fought and continue to fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat from terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain as such for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 1346

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1346, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize

subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2204

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2204, a bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee.

S. 2291

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2291, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2440

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2440, a bill to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

S. 2445

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2445, a bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2450

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2450, a bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 32

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 32, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for investigation and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, whether committed by officials of the Government of Syria, or members of other groups involved in civil war in Syria, and calling on the President to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to immediately promote the establishment of a Syrian war crimes tribunal, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 469

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 469, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the May 31, 2014, transfer of five detainees from the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

S. RES. 474

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 474, a resolution designating June 19, 2014, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in recognition of June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 3243

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3243 intended to be proposed to S. 2410, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 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.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing

will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The title of this hearing is: how to harness a game-changing resource for export, domestic consumption, and transportation fuel.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to John_Assini@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact, Jan Brunner at (202) 224-9201, or John Assini (202) 224-9313.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 4453, H.R. 4457

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there are two bills at the desk due for a first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4453) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations.

A bill (H.R. 4457) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask for a second reading on both of these measures but would object to both requests.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will receive their second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; and that at 11 a.m. the Senate proceed to executive session as provided under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be four rollcall votes at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:36 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERICA J. BARKS RUGGLES, OF MINNESOTA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA.

BRENT ROBERT HARTLEY, OF OREGON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA.

DONALD L. HEFLIN, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE.

EARL ROBERT MILLER, OF MICHIGAN, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA.

DAVID PRESSMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

DAVID PRESSMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE JUDICIARY

WENDY BEETLESTONE, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE MICHAEL M. BAYLSON, RETIRED.

VICTOR ALLEN BOLDEN, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT, VICE JANET BOND ARTERTON, RETIRING.

MARK A. KEARNEY, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE J. CURTIS JOYNER, RETIRED.

JOSEPH F. LEESON, JR., OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, RETIRED.

GERALD J. PAPPERT, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE STEWART R. DALZELL, RETIRED.

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 general

LT. GEN. JOSEPH L. VOTEL

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

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL BRADLEY A. BECKER
BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL A. BILLS
BRIGADIER GENERAL PEGGY C. COMBS
BRIGADIER GENERAL BRUCE T. CRAWFORD
BRIGADIER GENERAL SUSAN A. DAVIDSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES H. DICKINSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL DUANE A. GAMBLE
BRIGADIER GENERAL RYAN F. GONSALVES
BRIGADIER GENERAL WAYNE W. GRIGSBY, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN R. GROVE
BRIGADIER GENERAL THEODORE C. HARRISON
BRIGADIER GENERAL DANIEL P. HUGHES
BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL C. HURLEY, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL CLARK W. LEMASTERS, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL RONALD F. LEWIS
BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES B. LINDER
BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL D. LUNDY
BRIGADIER GENERAL TODD B. MCCAFFREY
BRIGADIER GENERAL BRIAN J. MCKIERNAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN B. MORRISON, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL A. OSTROWSKI
BRIGADIER GENERAL WALTER E. PIATT
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK R. QUANTOCK
BRIGADIER GENERAL LAURA J. RICHARDSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL C. WEHR
BRIGADIER GENERAL ERIC P. WENDT

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT P. WHITE
BRIGADIER GENERAL CEDRIC T. WINS

IN THE NAVY

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

To be commander

ROBERT ARIAS
KELLY E. BISHOP
CHRISTOPHER P. BOBB
MICHAEL L. BORNSTEIN
KEVIN D. CHISOM
MANUEL A. CORTES
PAUL A. DISE
JEFFERY N. DUGARD
TOMMY L. EDGEWORTH
RICARDO G. ENRIQUEZ
ERIC B. FINNEY
WILLIAM HENDERSHOT
ROY L. HENKLE
JOSEPH KLAPISZEWSKI
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 BENJAMIN F. COTE
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CASEY T. ROSKELLY
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SEVERN B. STEVENS III
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ZANE M. STICKEL
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MAUREEN A. STUDNIARZ
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COURTNEY P. TAFT
JEFFREY S. TAMULEVICH
ZACHARY S. TATE
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MICHAEL C. TOMON
CLIFFORD W. TORAASON
MIKA B. TORNIKOSKI
GEOFFREY W. TOWNSEND
CARL S. TRASK
CRAIG M. TRENT
ROBERT C. TRYON
STEVEN J. TUCK
KYLE H. TURNER III
MICHAEL J. UYBOCO
MICHAEL R. VAAS
IGNACIO R. VALADEZ
JASON G. VALDESPINO
CHAD C. VENETTE
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BENJAMIN R. VENTRESCA
BLANDINO A. VILLANUEVA
JAMES J. VONSTPAUL
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ROBERT J. WHEAT
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SHAWN T. WILLIAM
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JOHN F. WILSON
ROY L. WILSON, JR.
JOHN C. WITTE
KIRT J. WLASCHIN
MATTHEW J. WOLFE
SCOTT D. WORTHINGTON
DAVID P. WROE
DOUGLAS D. WYMAN
STEPHEN M. YARGOSZ
SAMUEL E. YOUNG
BRANDON G. YOUNGSTROM
CHIMI I. ZACOT
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CHARLES B. ZUHOSKI

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ANTHONY C. GROW
JIMMY L. HAHM
CHARLES KIROL
FRANCIS M. KRALL
PETER LAWLESS
AMY L. LYONS
CARA G. NEGRETTE
JOSEPH O. QUINTANA
JAMES L. SHELTON
DANNY C. SMITH
JON C. WATSON

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MICHAEL S. GILES
MARTY E. GRIFFIN

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SCOTT J. DUNFEE
JOURDEN T. MOGER
JOSEPH V. SHELDON III

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DANIEL R. HAUBNER
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CONFIRMATION

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