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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 12 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

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

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

God of our destinies, keep our spirits attuned to the graciousness of Your loving providence. Deliver us from emotions and actions that thwart Your purposes for our lives.

Lord, guide our lawmakers and engender in them a spirit of unity, as they respect the integrity and patriotism of their colleagues.

Give us the wisdom to use this day to strive to do Your will on Earth even as it is done in Heaven. As You show us the way to advance Your Kingdom on Earth, provide us with goodness and mercy, wisdom and strength.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAWLEY). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask to speak for 2 minutes as in morning business.

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

### VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to tell my colleagues in the Senate about a project I worked on in Iowa on getting history from various veterans.

This morning, I delivered 20 stories from veterans to the Veterans History Project at our Library of Congress. These stories will be preserved in the permanent collection of the Library of Congress, making accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

I want to thank all of our veterans, including those who were interviewed, who have sacrificed for the defense of our freedoms. Their service ensures that all Americans will live in peace and prosperity for generations to come.

### NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, May is National Foster Care Month.

Due to the opioid crisis and other substance abuse issues plaguing communities in Iowa and all across America, the number of kids in foster care is rapidly rising. In 2017, there were 443,000 kids in care. Ninety-six thousand entered foster care because of parental substance abuse.

These families need help. That is why Congress passed the Family First Prevention Services Act, which will allow States to receive Federal reimbursement for services to help keep kids with their parents. These services include substance abuse treatment programs.

As we celebrate this month of May as National Foster Care Month, I hope we will think about the number of kids who are there and do what we can to help those kids have permanency and parents. As chairman of the Caucus on Foster Youth, those are the two things I hear from them when listening to them talk about going from foster home to foster home, sometimes two or three times a year. They tell me they would like to have parents and they would like to have a home. They want stability.

I yield the floor.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

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

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, this week marks National Police Week, which is dedicated to the brave men and women of law enforcement. Police officers prioritize the safety of their neighbors and fellow citizens above their own.

This week gives us an opportunity to reflect on the dedication and perseverance of law enforcement officers across the country. We should also honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our communities. It is because of the commitment and bravery of police officers, firefighters, first responders, and other public safety officers that we can feel safe in our homes, places of work, and our communities.

I am particularly grateful for the men and women in blue who serve my fellow Iowans.

I would also like to thank the officers who serve in Washington, DC. The Capitol Police work diligently every day to ensure that those of us who work here and everyone who visits this Capitol are safe. Each member of the Capitol Police works selflessly to protect us, and their dedication to service doesn't go unnoticed.

National Police Week serves as a reminder to thank specific members of law enforcement whom we know and care about; however, we can't forget to honor those who sacrificed their lives to protect ours. These individuals are heroes.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a total of 1,582 officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years. That is an average of one death every 55 hours.

In 2018, 158 officers were killed in the line of duty.

At the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, the names of some 200 Iowans are inscribed amongst those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Each name represents a unique individual who answered the call of duty. We are indebted to each and every one of those people.

To that end, I am pleased that the Senate Judiciary Committee recently approved three bills, two of which I cosponsored and one that I introduced.

My bill, the Protecting America's First Responder's Act, seeks to fix issues in the Federal Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. Officers whose lives have been transformed by injury in the line of duty deserve our support, and that bill lends to their support and makes sure that it is actually accomplished. Unfortunately, the Federal program that was created to assist them has fallen short in responding to claims efficiently. This important bill improves this program to ensure that disabled or fallen officers receive the benefits they deserve.

My bill enjoys the wide support of multiple groups, including the Fraternal Order of Police, Federal Law En-

forcement Officers Association, Sergeants Benevolent Association, National Association of Police Organizations, Peace Officers Research Association of California, Wounded Blue, How2LoveOurCops, Billings Montana Police Department, National Volunteer Fire Council, National Association of School Resource Officers, and the Violently Injured Police Officers Organization.

I look forward to passing this bill into law, and I thank all of the bill's cosponsors for helping to move this bill forward.

In addition to the Protecting America's First Responder's Act, we also moved two other bills out of the Judiciary Committee.

The first is the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program reauthorization. This bill allows State and local law enforcement officers to purchase lifesaving bulletproof vests for those officers working in the field. I am happy to cosponsor this legislation and support my colleague Senator LEAHY's tireless efforts to improve the availability of bulletproof vests to our police.

The other bill that passed out of committee last week is the Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis Act. Mental illness and suicide among police officers continue to grow. Senator HAWLEY introduced this bill, and I am proud to cosponsor it with him because it addresses a critical issue that far too many officers face. This bill seeks to provide necessary resources to law enforcement on mental health and suicide prevention.

I urge my colleagues to support all three of these bills. Passing them into law is one way to say thank you to the brave men and women who serve us so selflessly.

I would like to conclude my remarks by once again thanking all members of law enforcement for their dedication and sacrifice.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 230.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Mitch McConnell, John Hoeven, Roger F. Wicker, Chuck Grassley, James E. Risch, Johnny Isakson, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, David Perdue, Jerry Moran, John Cornyn, John Thune, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, Pat Roberts, Lindsey Graham, Shelley Moore Capito.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

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

#### NOMINATIONS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, this week the Senate will continue to promptly and reasonably consider a number of well-qualified nominees for important positions.

Several weeks ago we put an end to 2 years of unprecedented, systematic partisan obstruction that had kept abundantly qualified nominees on the sidelines for no substantive reason. The Senate took a modest but important step to turn back toward the institutional traditions that had shaped our work in nominations throughout our history. We put in place a reform to speed up the postcloture floor time that we spend debating on lower level nominations—or, in many cases, I should say, supposedly debating them.

Since then we have been able to fill several important posts in the executive branch, along with seats on the bench, at a more reasonable pace. In many cases, these unobjectionable candidates have received the overwhelming support they deserve—90 to 8, 90 to 8, 95 to 3.

Over the next few days, four more will receive consideration on the floor. We will begin by processing the first of two more well-qualified nominees to our Nation's district courts, such as Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to serve as U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Mr. Truncale is a graduate of Lamar University, the University of North Texas, and the Southern Methodist University School of Law. Over more than three decades of private practice, he has amassed a distinguished record in both litigation and appellate law. In addition, Mr. Truncale has served on the board of regents for the Texas State University System and the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board in the Texas Comptroller's Office.

His nomination has earned a well-qualified rating from the ABA and has twice been favorably reported by our colleagues on the Judiciary Committee. So I hope each of our colleagues will join me and add Mr. Truncale's nomination to the growing list of uncontroversial nominees passed in an orderly, bipartisan fashion.

Following consideration of the Truncale nomination, we will vote on Kenneth Lee's nomination to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Wendy Vitter's nomination to serve as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Then we will consider the nomination of Brian Bulatao, of Texas, to serve as Under Secretary of State for Management. This is, effectively, the COO job at the Department of State, responsible for such critical things as embassy security. His nomination was first submitted to the Senate in June of 2018, nearly a year ago.

Following those four individuals, the Senate will also consider this week the nomination of Jeffrey Rosen to serve as our next Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Rosen is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School. He built a strong record in private practice as a litigator before entering public service in 2003. Prior to his current position, he has served as the Deputy Secretary at the Department of Transportation and at the Office of Management and Budget and as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center.

The American people deserve that their Department of Justice be fully staffed, fully operational, and fully committed to upholding our Nation's laws. So I hope that each of my colleagues reviews this impressive nominee and then votes to confirm him this week.

#### DISASTER RELIEF

Mr. President, as we continue our efforts in the personnel business, work is also ongoing to reach an agreement for providing supplemental relief funding to communities hit hard by natural disasters.

Last year's deadly hurricane season swept away thousands of homes across the Southeast and left hundreds of thousands more without power. The recent spate of tornadoes killed 23 and injured dozens more in Alabama and Georgia, and the devastating floods created more than \$1 billion of damage to homes, businesses, and infrastructure all across the Midwest this spring.

Bipartisan efforts are ongoing to provide aid to cover those in need—from our Territories to those who suffered west coast wildfires and east coast hurricanes. Disaster assistance in the past has not been a partisan issue. It has been over a half-year since many of these disasters hit, and our country is in need.

I am grateful to Chairman SHELBY and our colleagues on the Appropriations Committee for continuing to push toward a bipartisan solution that addresses these most urgent needs. I would urge Democrats and Republicans, in the House as well as the Senate, to identify our common ground and produce an outcome for the American people. They have been waiting entirely too long.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### FOREIGN ELECTION INTERFERENCE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, Secretary of State Pompeo will meet with Vladimir Putin tomorrow, and there is something important he must do.

The Mueller report, for all its revelations about the President's conduct, also reminded us of things we know to be true and must resist at all costs. The Mueller report documented the "sweeping and systematic" disinformation campaign directed by President Putin to undermine our 2016 elections. Whatever you may think of the President's behavior, foreign interference in our elections cannot be ignored.

It was an attack on democracy itself, and in my view, America's response has not been adequate. What happened in the past has happened, as bad as it was, but the point of looking at this is to prevent it from ever happening again in the future. We don't know what country will try to change our elections and who it might support—Russia, China, Iran, North Korea. So we have to bolster ourselves, and until we get a full, full description of what happened and a plan to stop it from happening in 2020, America should not rest because it is an attack on democracy itself.

America's response, thus far, has not been adequate. Congress passed sanctions, but then President Trump failed to implement some and watered others down. Only a few months ago, the Treasury Department cut a sweetheart deal on sanctions relief for Russian oligarch and Putin crony Oleg Deripaska.

Even rhetorically, the President and members of his administration have

shown an unbelievable willingness to look past President Putin's actions of 2016. A little over a week ago, just after the Mueller report came out, President Trump held a phone call with President Putin in which he reportedly brought up the Russian hoax, and he did not warn Putin not to meddle in our elections. Of course, the press conference in Helsinki last year was the epitome of President Trump's inability to confront President Putin about his interference in our elections.

This matters a great deal because any softness on the administration's part will be read by Putin and other foreign powers as an invitation to try and interfere with our elections again. We know, thanks to the testimony from FBI Director Wray and our national intelligence chiefs, that foreign adversaries are gearing up right now to try again and interfere with our elections in 2020. Yet it may not be just Russia next time; it might be China, North Korea, or Iran. Who knows?

So it is long past time for the Trump administration to make it crystal clear that another interference campaign by Putin will not be tolerated. The Secretary of State, Michael Pompeo, has an obligation to warn President Putin that any action to interfere in our elections will be met with an immediate and robust response. Secretary of State Pompeo must make clear that the cost of trying to interfere with American elections will be dear. Secretary of State Pompeo must deliver a shot across the bow to Putin and any other foreign adversary who would dare think about trying to influence our elections. Anything else from Secretary Pompeo will be a failure of diplomacy.

Here in Congress, our response must also be strong. In the wake of multiple warnings about future election interference, we must do everything we can to harden our election infrastructure before 2020. There are multiple bills—bipartisan, sponsored by Democrats and Republicans—that are in committee right now that would do just that, but Leader MCCONNELL will not commit to bringing them to the floor, which is another example of his legislative graveyard. Instead, he just schedules nomination after nomination. This is now the third week in a row that the Senate will spend processing only nominations. Leader MCCONNELL is, slowly but surely, changing the Chamber into a legislative graveyard, where even the most urgently needed, bipartisan bills on election security and Russia sanctions get buried.

#### HEALTHCARE

Madam President, on healthcare, it is not just election security, of course, that finds itself in the McConnell graveyard. Bipartisan bills, like background checks, paycheck fairness, and the Violence Against Women Act, have all passed the House with Republican support but have languished in the Senate. I wouldn't be surprised if healthcare legislation will soon be

added to the list of tombstones in Leader MCCONNELL's graveyard.

At the end of last week, the House passed a crucial piece of legislation that would reverse the Trump administration's attempts to weaken protections for Americans with preexisting conditions—a policy supported by the vast majority of Americans and publicly supported by several State Senate Republicans who are up for reelection. This week, the House is poised to pass another great package of healthcare legislation to further protect preexisting conditions and help people sign up for quality healthcare coverage.

Compare that to the Trump administration's policies, which have only increased costs and lowered the number of Americans who have health insurance. The uninsured rate had been on a steady decline until President Trump took office. Now, for the first time since 2013, the number of Americans without insurance has been on the rise.

As the leader of the majority in the Senate, Senator MCCONNELL has a responsibility to use our time here to help the American people. As insurance rates fall, protections for preexisting conditions are under attack, and prices go up for middle-class Americans. I believe the Senate must act to improve the Nation's healthcare system, and we have multiple House-passed bills awaiting action. Leader MCCONNELL need only call them up for debate. Instead, the legislative graveyard—where good legislation doesn't even get debated or amended, let alone passed—is upon us.

#### PUERTO RICO

Madam President, finally, on disaster relief, last week, our colleagues in the House passed yet another bill that would provide crucial aid for disaster-stricken communities, including for our fellow citizens in Puerto Rico who are still suffering. Importantly, the bill passed with 34 Republicans voting in favor.

Negotiations on a disaster package continue, but I believe the House vote is a sign that the Republicans in both Chambers are beginning to realize the people of Puerto Rico cannot be left behind—and rightly so. There will not be any bill if it doesn't treat all of America fairly.

Don't complain just about your State. Go to those in the Republican leadership, if you are a Republican Senator, and tell them we must pass a bill that protects everybody.

The President's animus for the people of Puerto Rico is antithetical to our values as Americans. Americans help each other in times of need. We wouldn't shortchange the farmers in Iowa or the people of Texas or California or Florida. So why should we ask 3 million fellow citizens—the people of Puerto Rico, I remind my colleagues, who are U.S. citizens—to keep waiting for help to rebuild from a storm that made landfall over a year and a half ago? The bottom line is very simple: We have to help everybody.

Our Republican colleagues are beginning to realize their constituents are complaining and asking, what is the holdup? We all know the story. It wasn't the original idea of the Republicans in the Senate to treat Puerto Rico unfairly. President Trump came to a lunch and demanded that aid for Puerto Rico be eliminated or greatly diminished, and our Republican friends went along. They thought we would just bow down as they did, and we have not neither in the House nor in the Senate.

Now let's get moving. It is encouraging that the Republicans are beginning to realize that Puerto Rico needs help or that it at least has to be a part of the aid package. I hope these green shoots soon bear fruit, and we can send something to the President's desk and give relief to all of those who need it in California, Texas, Iowa, Nebraska, Alabama, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### TRIBUTE TO DEAN LEWIS

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam President, we are called upon many times to do many things in this Chamber, and in 21 years I have been called to do a lot of different things, but today may be the most different of all.

In a way, it is something that is a joy to do. It is about a place in Bartow County, GA, in White, GA, a small rural town that is being caught by the urban growth of the city of Atlanta, one of the biggest cities in the United States of America. White, GA, is a great town. The first Sunday of every month, there is a breakfast at 7 a.m. for the guys in town, where we all go and talk politics, talk about the future of the county, talk about what is happening, share good and bad ideas, tell jokes for the week, and come back a month later to see how things are going. It is something I relish doing. It is something I started doing because I am a politician. You go where two or more are gathered, and you go to talk to them and to try to get them to know you and to make sure they know you are on the ballot the next time.

I have been in politics a long time—41 years. I have learned a lot of things. I have learned that in politics the best thing to know is your next-door neighbor and people. The best thing for them to know is to know you.

But I also learned some interesting things about our economy and about business. The No. 2 producer of revenue to our governments around the country is revenue off of tourism. Tourism is the No. 2 industry in the country in terms of revenue at the local level—for sales and use taxes, for bed taxes, for

hotel-motel taxes, for entertainment taxes, and for all kinds of taxes. They generate money to help our cities and counties buy and build facilities that attract tourism to come in the future, whether it is convocation centers, educational centers, or whatever.

I am always paying close attention everywhere I go to see what somebody new is doing around the country that we might not have done in Georgia before. But I have been sitting on a ham sandwich, starving to death, because every first Sunday of every month, when I go to the breakfast in White County, GA, I am going to something that is exactly that, unique to the country. So I thought I would bring it to the floor of the Senate today and tell you a little bit about it.

It is about a guy named Dean Lewis and Dean's family's home place.

Dean's family's home place is in Bartow County, GA. Dean grew up on a piece of property that in 2009 was a junkyard. It was just a junkyard of old cars—in fact, 40 years' worth of old cars. There was kudzu. I don't know if the Presiding Officer knows what kudzu is. The South is full of it. It was a great idea to stop erosion, but it was a horrible idea because you can't kill it. It just gets bigger and bigger. We have 40 years' worth of kudzu that has grown through these cars, wrecked tractors, buses, and everything. They are almost canopy hidden by the kudzu.

Dean Lewis was sitting on the front porch of his house, looking across the street at what he has now named Old Car City, and said: You know, that would be an interesting place for people to come and visit, because people are always looking for parts on old cars that they might get to help restore the old cars they have.

It started out as just a place where people who wanted to come and tear some old parts off of an old car to fix their jalopy or their old car would come and get them from Dean.

One day Dean had somebody come from the Atlanta Ballet and said: You know, this would be a big, great background for our ballerinas in a photo contest to talk about how agile they are.

So the Atlanta Ballet used the backdrop of Old Car City for photos for their calendar a few years ago. The Atlanta Falcons have used it. All kinds of businesses have used it. Businesses from around the world have used it. It has become a famous place. It is not a famous place because it is handsome or beautiful. It is not famous because it is famous but because it is unique.

Dean Lewis and his family took something of theirs that was unique to them and molded it into something people would come and see. It is one of those "if you build it, they will come" deals.

You saw the end of that movie, where all the taillights and headlights were weaving through the town to go see the field that was finally built. That was

the same thing with Old Car City. They took a useless, rusted-out old junkyard and turned it into something people would want to come to see, someplace where they would want to come to get old parts for cars or come to get their pictures taken with the cars. International companies want to come to do business there, to where it is now one of the most attractive places we have in North Georgia.

I thought I would come to the well for no other reason but to pay tribute to Dean Lewis in White, GA, because he has taken an old car in a junkyard—a jalopy—and turned it into something that raises money for the community, that memorializes our heritage and our past, that takes the use of something everybody thought was wasted and turns it into something good. If we can always try to do that, as well as make something new good, then we would all be doing well as business people, as tourist promoters, and as builders of local government.

I rise tonight to commend Dean Lewis on what he and his family have done, to commend Old Car City on what has turned into a great money-making project for the State and for our local property—the tourist attraction they have created there—and to tell them to keep on doing the work and making chicken salad out of good fried chicken. Georgia chicken is the best that you can have, and there is no better chicken than a junkyard in Georgia called Old Car City.

God bless you.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

### CLOTURE MOTION

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Mitch McConnell, Johnny Isakson, Roger F. Wicker, John Boozman, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Shelley Moore Capito, Pat Roberts, Roy Blunt, Deb Fischer, David Perdue, Todd Young, John Thune, Mike Rounds, Steve Daines, John Hoeven, Thom Tillis.

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 Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, 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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 49, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 107 Ex.]

#### YEAS—49

Alexander	Fischer	Paul
Barrasso	Gardner	Perdue
Blackburn	Graham	Portman
Blunt	Grassley	Risch
Boozman	Hawley	Roberts
Braun	Hoeven	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Cassidy	Inhofe	Sasse
Collins	Isakson	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Johnson	Shelby
Cotton	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Wicker
Daines	McSally	Young
Enzi	Moran	
Ernst	Murkowski	

#### NAYS—43

Baldwin	Jones	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
Carper	Manchin	Smith
Casey	Markey	Stabenow
Coons	Menendez	Tester
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Udall
Duckworth	Murphy	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murray	Warner
Feinstein	Peters	Whitehouse
Harris	Reed	Wyden
Hassan	Romney	
Heinrich	Rosen	

#### NOT VOTING—8

Booker	Gillibrand	Toomey
Brown	Hirono	Warren
Burr	Scott (FL)	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 49, the nays are 43.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARLY HEAD START

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I rise to celebrate the 54th anniversary of Head Start and the 25th anniversary of Early Head Start on May 18.

We know that in January of 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson declared the War on Poverty in his State of the Union Address. Sargent Shriver, who was the then-Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, assembled a panel of experts to develop a comprehensive child development program to help communities meet the needs of disadvantaged preschool children. It resulted in Project Head Start's launching in the summer of 1965.

Over 50 years later, Head Start and Early Head Start have served hundreds of thousands of children with high-quality, comprehensive early learning and wraparound services. Just to give the Senate a reminder of what Head Start is in terms of the ages, Head Start serves children who are ages 3 to 5. Early Head Start serves children who are up to the age of 3—so under the age of 3.

We know that these early learning experiences provide children with the tools they need to develop and succeed in school. When children learn more earlier in life, they earn more later in life. It is not just a rhyme. All the evidence and research show that there is a direct connection between early learning and later earning. A study of Head Start children in Harrisburg, PA, found that they had higher scores in the fifth grade than a control group on all academic and executive functioning outcomes.

These benefits stay with children through adulthood. Research shows Head Start children have a higher likelihood of graduating from high school and receiving postsecondary degrees. These benefits even flow to the next generation. The children of Head Start graduates are significantly more likely to finish high school and enroll in college, and they are significantly less likely to become teen parents or to be involved in the criminal justice system.

One of the core tenets of Head Start that has made it so successful is its responsiveness to local community needs. In Pennsylvania, for example, as in many other States, the opioid epidemic has hit far too many communities, and Head Start has responded to that crisis with innovative programming.

For example, the SafeStart Program in Allentown, which is an Early Head Start program, provides early intervention to assist the development of infants and toddlers who have suffered abuse or neglect. After having completed SafeStart—the new program in Allentown—68 percent of 3-year-olds were on age developmentally, and 100 percent of the children showed significant improvement in their drug-impaired symptoms, with 53 percent having shown resolution. Of the women who became pregnant while their substance-impaired children were enrolled in SafeStart, 88 percent gave birth to full-term, drug-free, and healthy second children.

The whole family approach and integration with local community partners

have created not just better outcomes for families but have resulted in significant savings. Through this program, 91 percent of the children achieved stable, permanent homes and caregivers, and it is estimated that the SafeStart Program has resulted in nearly \$1.5 million in foster care savings and in over \$9.5 million in child welfare involvement by stabilizing 106 families. So we are grateful for those results from the SafeStart Program in Allentown.

Head Start is a critical program for lifting families out of poverty, obviously, and providing children with the early learning experiences they need to start kindergarten and to be ready to learn. Unfortunately, only about a third of eligible children still have access to Head Start, and less than 10 percent—these are national numbers—have access to Early Head Start. Again, Early Head Start serves those who are up to 3 years old, and Head Start serves those who are 3 to 5 years old. So funding for these programs is critical.

To give you an example of those numbers in Pennsylvania—and the numbers are even a little lower—just 27 percent of eligible 3- to 5-year-olds have access to Head Start, and only 7 percent of eligible children under 3 years old have access to Early Head Start. Even with a lot of children being eligible but not being served, this is purely a question of funding.

As we celebrate over 50 years of Head Start on May 18, we must work to ensure these programs receive robust funding and continue to serve low-income children and families across the Nation.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

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

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

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all postcloture time on the Truncate nomination expire at 10:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 14. I further ask unanimous consent that, if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted yes on rollcall vote 99, the confirmation of Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted yes on rollcall vote 100, the confirmation of Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted yes on rollcall vote 101, the confirmation of Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2023.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted yes on rollcall vote 102, the confirmation of Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 103, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 104, the confirmation of Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 105, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael H. Park, of New York, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote 106, the confirmation of Michael H. Park, of New York, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

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

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

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

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 19-14 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$3.0 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

GREGORY M. KAUSNER,  
(For Charles W. Hooper, Lieutenant  
General, USA, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-14

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Qatar.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$1.90 billion.

Other \$1.10 billion.

Total \$3.00 billion.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Twenty-four (24) AH-64E Apache Attack Helicopters.

Fifty-two (52) T700-GE-701D Engines (2 per aircraft, 4 spares).

Twenty-six (26) AN/ASQ-170 Modernized Target Acquisition and Designation Sight (MTADS) (1 per aircraft, 2 spares).

Twenty-six (26) AN/AAQ-11 Modernized Pilot Night Vision Sensors (1 per aircraft, 2 spares).

Eight (8) AN/APG-78 Fire Control Radars (FCR) with Radar Electronics Unit (LONGBOW component).

Eight (8) AN/APR-48 Modernized-Radar Frequency Interferometers (MRFI).

Twenty-nine (29) AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) (1 per aircraft, 5 spares).

Fifty-eight (58) Embedded Global Positioning Systems with Inertial Navigation (EGI) (2 per aircraft, 10 spares).

Two thousand five hundred (2,500) AGM-114R Hellfire Missiles.

Twenty-five (25) Hellfire Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM) (1 per aircraft, 1 spare).

Non-MDE: Also included are twenty-eight (28) M230 30mm automatic chain guns (1 per aircraft, 4 spares), AN/AVR-2B laser detecting sets, AN/APR-39 Radar Signal Detecting Sets, AN/AVS-6 Night Vision Goggles, M299 Hellfire missile launchers, 2.75 inch Hydra Rockets, 30mm cartridges, CCU-44 impulse cartridges, M206 and 211 countermeasure flares, M230 automatic guns and associated components, 2.75 inch rocket launcher tubes, AN/ARC-231 and AN/ARC-201D radios with



associated components, AN/APX-123 transponders, image intensifiers, MUMT2i systems, AN/ARN-153 tactical airborne navigation systems, chaff, spare and repair parts, support equipment, training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (QA-B-WAG).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: QA-B-WYX, QA-B-OAM, QA-B-HAA.

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

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

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 9, 2019.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

##### Oatâr—AH-64E Apache Helicopters with Spare Parts and Related Equipment

The Government of Qatar has requested to buy twenty-four (24) AH-64E Apache Attack helicopters; fifty-two (52) T700-GE-701D engines (2 per aircraft, 4 spares); twenty-six (26) AN/ASQ-170 Modernized Target Acquisition and Designation Sight (MTADS) (1 per aircraft, 2 spares); twenty-six (26) AN/AAQ-11 Modernized Pilot Night Vision Sensors (1 per aircraft, 2 spares); eight (8) AN/APG-78 Fire Control Radars (FCR) with Radar Electronics Unit (LONGBOW component); eight (8) AN/APR-48 Modernized-Radar Frequency Interferometers (MRFI); twenty-nine (29) AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) (1 per aircraft, 5 spares); fifty-eight (58) Embedded Global Positioning Systems with Inertial Navigation (EGI) (2 per aircraft, 10 spares); two thousand five hundred (2,500) AGM-114R Hellfire missiles; and twenty-five (25) Hellfire Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM) (1 per aircraft, 1 spare). Also included are twenty-eight (28) 30mm automatic chain guns (1 per aircraft, 4 spares), AN/AVR-2B laser detecting sets, AN/APR-39 Radar Signal Detecting Sets, AN/AVS-6 Night Vision Goggles, M299 Hellfire missile launchers, 2.75 inch Hydra Rockets, 30mm cartridges, CCU-44 impulse cartridges, M206 and 211 countermeasure flares, M230 automatic guns and associated components, 2.75 inch rocket launcher tubes, AN/ARC-231 and AN/ARC-201D radios with associated components, AN/APX-123 transponders, image intensifiers, MUMT2i systems, AN/ARN-153 tactical airborne navigation systems, chaff, spare and repair parts, support equipment, training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$3.0 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be an important force for political and economic progress in the Middle East. Qatar is host to the U.S. Central Command forces and serves as a critical forward-deployed location in the region. The acquisition of these helicopters will allow for integration with U.S. forces for training exercises, which contributes to regional security and interoperability.

The proposed sale of the AH-64E Apache helicopters will supplement the Qatar Emiri Air Force's previous procurement of twenty-four (24) AH-64Es, which are capable of meeting its requirements for close air support, armed reconnaissance, and anti-tank warfare missions. The helicopters will provide a long-term defensive and offensive capability

to the Qatar peninsula as well as enhance the protection of key oil and gas infrastructure and platforms. Qatar will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractors will be The Boeing Company, Mesa, Arizona; Lockheed Martin Corporation, Orlando, Florida; General Electric, Cincinnati, Ohio; Lockheed Martin Mission Systems and Sensors, Owego, New York; Longbow Limited Liability Corporation, Orlando, Florida; Thales Corporation, Paris, France; and Raytheon Corporation. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of three (3) U.S. Government and five (5) contractor representatives to Qatar to support delivery of the Apache helicopters and provide support and equipment familiarization. In addition, Qatar has expressed an interest in expanding their planned Technical Assistance Fielding Team for additional in-country pilot and maintenance training to support this additional quantity of aircraft. To support the requirement a team of twenty (20) personnel (up to three military team members and 17 contractors) would be deployed to Qatar for approximately three years.

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

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#### Annex Item No. vii

##### (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AH-64E Apache Attack Helicopter weapon system contains communications and target identification equipment, navigation equipment, aircraft survivability equipment, displays, and sensors. The airframe itself does not contain sensitive technology; however, the equipment listed below will be either installed on the aircraft or included in the sale and carries technology transfer significance. The highest level of information that could be disclosed through the sale of the Apache in the configuration proposed for sale to Qatar is SECRET.

2. The AN/APG-78 Fire Control Radar (FCR) is an active, low probability of intercept, millimeter-wave radar, combined with the AN/APR-48, a passive Radar Frequency Interferometer (RFI) mounted on top of the helicopter mast. The FCR Targeting Mode detects, locates, classifies and prioritizes stationary or moving armored vehicles, tanks and mobile air defense systems as well as hovering and moving helicopters and fixed wing aircraft in normal flight. The highest level of information associated with the FCR and RFI is classified SECRET.

3. The AN/ASQ-170, Modernized Target Acquisition and Designation Sight (AN/AAQ-11), Modernized Pilot Night Vision Sensor (M-TADS/M-PNVS) is an enhanced version of its predecessor. It provides second generation day, night, and limited adverse weather target information, as well as night navigation capabilities. The M-PNVS provides second generation thermal imaging that permits safer nap-of-the-earth flight to, from, and within the battle area. The M-TADS provides the co-pilot gunner with improved search, deletion, recognition, and designation by means of Direct View Optics (DVO), television, and second generation Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) sighting systems that may be used singularly or in combinations. M-TAD/M-PNVS hardware is UNCLASSIFIED. The technical manuals for au-

thorized maintenance levels are UNCLASSIFIED. Specific information related to effective system performance parameters (e.g. range, accuracy, etc.) is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

4. The AN/AAR-57(V)7, Common Missile Warning System detects threat missiles in flight, evaluates potential false alarms, declares validity of threat, and selects appropriate Infrared Countermeasures (IRCM). It includes Electro Optical Missile Sensors, Electronic Control Unit (ECU), Sequencer, and the Improved Countermeasures Dispenser (ICMD) that consists of the Dispenser Assembly and the Payload Module. The ICMD dispenses decoy expendable objects (chaff, flares, etc.) to confuse threat radar devices. In-country repair capability will not be provided. Reverse engineering is not a major concern. The hardware is UNCLASSIFIED when the software is not loaded. The software is classified SECRET.

5. The AN/APR-39, Radar Signal Detecting Set is designed to operate on rotary wing and slow moving fixed wing aircraft to detect, categorize, and prioritize pulse radio frequency emitter illuminating the host platform to allow appropriate countermeasures. This is the 1553 data bus compatible configuration. In-country repair capability will not be provided. Hardware is UNCLASSIFIED when the software is not loaded. The software is CONFIDENTIAL. The system can be programmed with threat data provided by the purchasing country.

6. The AN/AVR-2B Laser Detecting Set is a passive laser warning system that receives processes, and displays threat information resulting from aircraft illumination by laser designators, rangefinders, and beamrider missile guidance systems. The AN/AVR-2B uses the existing AN/APR-39A/D interface for control status and crew warning. The threat information is processed by the AN/APR-39 RSDS, displayed on the aircraft multi-function display and announced by the AN/APR-39 RSDS via the aircraft Inter Communication System. In-country repair capability will not be provided. Reverse engineering is not a major concern. The hardware is classified CONFIDENTIAL; releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified SECRET.

7. Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation System (INS). GPS/INS utilize GPS satellite signals to correct or calibrate a solution from an INS. Inertial navigation systems usually can provide an accurate solution only for short duration. The INS accelerometers produce an unknown bias signal that appears as a genuine specific force. The EGI is Selective Available Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) based on navigation platform that combines an inertia sensor for position information and is UNCLASSIFIED. The GPS crypto variables need the highest GPS accuracy and are classified up to SECRET.

8. The AGM-114R Hellfire missile is precision strike, Semi-Active Laser (SAL) guided missile and is the principle air to ground weapon for the AH-64 Apache. The SAL Hellfire missile is guided by laser energy reflected off the target. It has three warhead variants: a dual warhead, shape-charge, high explosive anti-tank capability for armored targets, a blast fragmentation warhead for urban patrol boat and other soft targets and metal augmented charge warhead for urban structures. AGM-114R allows selection of warhead effects corresponding to a specific target type. Hardware for the AGM-114R is UNCLASSIFIED.

9. The highest level for release of the AGM-114R Hellfire III missile is Secret, based upon the software. The highest level of classified information that could be disclosed by a proposed sale or by testing of the

end item is SECRET; the highest level that must be disclosed for production, maintenance, or training is CONFIDENTIAL. Reverse engineering could reveal confidential information. Vulnerability data, countermeasures, vulnerability/susceptibility analyses, and threat definitions are classified SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL.

10. The M211-flare is a countermeasure decoy in a 1" x 1" x 8" form factor in an aluminum case cartridge. It consists of case, piston, special material payload foils, and end cap. The special material is a pyrophoric metal (iron) foil that reacts with oxygen to generate infrared energy. The M211 decoys are dispersed from an aircraft to be used as a decoy in combination with the currently fielded M206 and M212 countermeasure flares to protect against advanced air-to-air and surface-to-air missile threats. The hardware is Unclassified and releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified SECRET.

11. The M36E9 Captive Air Training Missile (CATM) is a Hellfire training missile (Non-NATO) that consists of a functional guidance section coupled to an inert missile bus. The missile has an operational semi-active laser seeker that can search for and lock-on to laser designated targets for pilot training, but it does not have a warhead or propulsion section and cannot be launched.

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

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

14. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Qatar.

#### COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION VETERANS REVIEW ACT

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, due to a clerical error, the senior Senator from Alaska, Ms. MURKOWSKI, was not added as an original cosponsor and co-lead of the Compact of Free Association Veterans Review Act when we introduced the bill together on April 29, 2019. Senator MURKOWSKI has been a tireless advocate of veterans from the Compact States and a strong partner in our effort to expand Department of Veterans Affairs care to those veterans still living in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau. I thank her for her partnership to fulfill our commitment to provide veterans everywhere with the access to high-quality care they have earned and deserve. Thank you.

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHIGAN'S VETERANS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay special tribute to Michigan residents who have given their lives while serving in our Nation's Armed Forces and their families.

As long as Michigan has been a State—and even before—our people have been willing to put their lives on the line in defense of this Nation. From the War of 1812, to the Civil War, the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, and the fight against terrorism, the people of Michigan have raised their hand when called upon and stood to the very end.

That was never more true than on December 7, 1941.

That morning, 2,341 American servicemembers lost their lives when Pearl Harbor was attacked. More than 30 of those who died were from Michigan.

This spring, I had the opportunity to honor their sacrifice in person when I visited Pearl Harbor with Senate colleagues.

It is difficult to explain just how moving it is to see Battleship Row and to gaze down at the USS *Arizona*, so quiet and still in those clear blue waters. I thought about what it must have been like that Sunday morning, a day that began like any other, but which would live in infamy.

Imagine being barely out of high school, far from home, and on the threshold of war. Imagine being aboard a ship that is coming under attack. Imagine the fearful realization that this might be where your story ends.

These veterans gave everything for us. It is our solemn duty to keep the promises we have made to them.

My own father served in the Navy during World War II. Being there at Pearl Harbor reminded me of his sacrifice and the sacrifices made by all of our veterans, especially those we have lost. On Memorial Day and every day, let's give them our heartfelt thanks, surround their families with love, and honor their sacrifice.

Thank you.

#### REMEMBERING JACQUELINE L. FALK

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Jacqueline "Jackie" Louise Falk. Jackie was an incredible force in Democratic politics for decades. She left behind a tightknit family of relatives and a political family that stretches around the world.

Jackie is best known for holding a key role in nearly every Democratic National Convention from 1972 through 2004. She also was on staff at the Democratic National Committee (DNC), as an aide to then-treasurer Robert Strauss, during the time of the Watergate break-in; she served as assistant to the counselor to the President during the Carter Administration; and served as administrative assistant and chief of staff to U.S. Representative Leo Zeferetti in the early 1980s.

Jackie suffered a stroke last week and passed away on Wednesday, May 8, surrounded by her loving, extended family. Jackie never sought the spotlight, but left her mark on our party and our country by bringing a sem-

blance of order to the sometimes-chaotic world of nominating the President of the United States.

Today, I would like to honor Jackie's memory by sharing some of her remarkable story. To tell the story of Jackie Falk is more than politics, although it is weaved throughout her life. As one friend, Yolanda Caraway, described her: "Jackie was one of the sweetest, kindest and funniest people I've ever known and I'm really going to miss her, especially her wonderful laugh."

Jackie was born in Trenton, NJ, to Minnie and Arlo Falk. She grew up with her brother Albert and sister Lisa. Jackie got hooked on politics and public service at a young age thanks to her Aunt Violet (Williams Biglane), who, after service in the Navy WAVES, went on to work as the personal secretary to former Senator and former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

Jackie would tell stories of interacting with Hubert Humphrey and passing out flyers for his campaign. In 1964, Jackie accompanied Aunt Violet to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, NJ, to see Humphrey nominated as Vice President. Aunt Violet helped Jackie make her way to the Democratic National Committee, where she started working in 1972 for then-DNC Treasurer Robert Strauss. Jackie went on to work closely with every Democratic Party chairman from Strauss through Terry McAuliffe.

When Terry McAuliffe, former Governor of Virginia and former chairman of the DNC, heard of Jackie's death, he had this to say: "We lost a legend. The Democratic Party and Democratic National Conventions will never be the same. Jackie's convention credentialing was a labor of love and truly a work of art. She conducted her credential operation like Mozart conducted his symphonies. She never ceased to amaze. I and so many others will forever be in her debt and will miss her deeply."

In 1975, Jackie moved to Atlanta to work on the Presidential campaign of Jimmy Carter. She returned to Washington to work on his White House staff in the Office of the Counselor to the President. The Washington region would remain her home, even as she would take up temporary residence every 4 years in whatever city was the latest to host the Democratic nominating convention. Oftentimes, she was one of the first people working on a convention and one of the last to wrap things up.

After President Carter lost reelection, Jackie worked on Capitol Hill, where she served as chief of staff, administrative assistant, to Congressman Leo Zeferetti from January 1981 to January 1983. She then was hired early for the Democratic Convention in San Francisco, which was the start of her run overseeing credentials and a larger swath of the conventions.

From 1984 on, she was responsible for credentials—who gets the precious access passes and where they could go—



either as credentials director or as deputy convention manager. This made her one of the most sought after and powerful women in Democratic politics.

In the 1990s, between conventions and DNC work, Jackie started an interior decorating business. Clients came from among her political contacts, including Mary Matalin and James Carville.

Jackie loved her family; she cheered on their milestones and loved celebrating holidays together. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Albert and Debbie Enourato; sister Lisa Enourato; nieces Whitney and Hannah McNees; nephews Will, Luke, and Eli McNees and Wyatt and Gunnar Enourato. Her great love also was for her Great Pyrenees; the latest was Bree, who we know misses her dearly.

Jackie also built an immensely loyal political family that came together every 4 years for conventions and as often as possible for happy hour or dinner at Jackie's house. She was an incredible mentor and role model. She demonstrated how a woman in politics could be both strong and gentle, funny and serious.

Let me close by saying that May is National Stroke Awareness Month. Everyone is encouraged to know the signs and understand how important it is to get help quickly. The minutes and hours right after stroke occurs are crucial. According to the Centers for Disease Control—CDC—stroke, while preventable, is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of severe disability. Jackie Falk died of a stroke, and the CDC says that approximately 60 percent of individuals who die from strokes are women. I urge the women and the men out there not to ignore the signs, such as sudden numbness, confusion, trouble seeing, trouble walking, and severe headache.

The political world will never again see someone the likes of Jackie Falk. Her memory will be a blessing to her family, all those who knew her, and all those who benefited from her hard work, dedication, and love of the Democratic Party and the good it can accomplish.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO LARRY GAMMON

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the retirement of Mr. Larry Gammon of Bedford, NH, after 47 years of service to Easterseals. Larry started his career with Easterseals New Hampshire in 1971, serving as the facilities director and helping out with everything from teaching to driving the bus.

In 1985, Larry was named president and CEO of Easterseals New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine and, for the past 33 years, has overseen the programs and services offered to individuals who experience disabilities in these states.

Under Larry's leadership, Easterseals has grown to offer 13 core programs, including child development centers, a family resource center, child and family services, early supports and services, autism services, residential and educational services, special transit, camps and recreation, community-based services, workforce development, military and veterans services, senior services, substance misuse treatments, and oral health services. The organization serves more than 32,000 clients annually with a staff of 1,800.

Larry has also done incredible work lending his expertise and extraordinary kindness and energy as an active member of the Queen City Rotary Club, the mayor's task force on human services, the NH State Rehabilitation Advisory Council, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Assembly of Overseers, and YMCA task force on accessibility.

Whether on one of the boards that he serves or in his professional life, Larry has made a real difference in the lives of so many and his work has strengthened our families, communities, and State, and he has done so with humility and humor.

I hope you will join me in honoring a dedicated Granite Stater, Larry Gammon.●

##### RECOGNIZING PEET SHOE DRYER, INC.

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my privilege to recognize an Idaho small business that exemplifies creativity, hard work, and dedication to improving their community. The small business I am honoring today is a shining example of the many Idaho businesses that are led by innovative individuals who are not afraid to harness creativity to bring new and inventive ideas to market. In honor of the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week, it is my pleasure to name PEET Shoe Dryer, Inc., of St. Maries, ID, as the Senate Small Business of the Day.

Founded in 1968 in the heart of one of the most beautiful locales in the United States, PEET Shoe Dryer has been a supporter of American outdoor enthusiasts for the last 50 years. Searching for a quicker way to dry his boots after hiking, founder Gene Peet designed the original shoe dryer for his own personal use. Soon, however, his friends and family began requesting shoe dryers for themselves. Realizing the demand for his new invention, Gene opened PEET Shoe Dryer.

Starting from humble beginnings, Gene and his son Blair began building their shoe dryers in the kitchen of their family home. Gene's first customers were loggers and hunters in the local St. Maries area, who depend on having dry and comfortable shoes for their workday. Not having enough money for advertising, Gene simply relied on the quality of his product and

satisfaction of his customers to help spread the word for his new invention; and as word spread, Gene's enterprise quickly grew into a thriving business.

Today, PEET Shoe Dryer, now run by Gene's son Blair Peet, continues to succeed. They have improved the manufacturing of their boot and shoe dryers, as well as expanded their offerings. Serving millions of customers over the years, PEET Shoe Dryer has never compromised on its commitment to quality and service.

Having grown from a small, word-of-mouth business to a successful international exporter, PEET Shoe Dryer is an outstanding example of the American dream. It is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations to the Peet family and all of the employees at PEET Shoe Dryer, Incorporated, for being named the Senate Small Business of the Day. I wish them well as they continue serving the people of Idaho and look forward to watching their continued growth and success.●

##### TRIBUTE TO LINDSAY BEAM

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Lindsay Beam, the Calhoun County Teacher of the Year from Blountstown Middle School in Blountstown, FL.

Lindsay considers her highest priority as an educator is to serve the needs of her students. She will arrange meetings with them before school and during her planning time to provide extra tutoring and support to build up their confidence in math. Her students note she is the kind of teacher that makes a difference in their lives long after they have completed her class.

Lindsay began her teaching career in 2010 as a first grade teacher at Blountstown Elementary School and moved to teaching fifth grade in 2012. Since 2015, she has taught sixth grade math, as well as a portion of eighth graders at Blountstown Middle School.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Lindsay for her work to teach her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

##### TRIBUTE TO HOLLY DANIELLE DOHERTY-KOCH

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Danielle Doherty-Koch, the Citrus County Teacher of the Year from Crystal River High School in Crystal River, FL.

Danielle was humbled to receive this award as she believes teaching is a highly rewarding profession. She focuses on motivating her students to learn and promotes a good work ethic in her classroom. She considers this to be an important attribute for a student's success in school and in life.

Danielle develops a lesson plan and goals for her students, but customizes these plans depending on a student's individual needs. This ensures each student has an opportunity to grow in

a classroom environment that best fits their academic strengths.

Danielle is a biomedical and marine science teacher at Crystal River High School, where she has taught for her entire 8-year teaching career. She is also the link crew coordinator at the school, focusing on building senior and junior level students into leaders who mentor each year's incoming freshmen class.

I extend my best wishes to Danielle for her work as a teacher and look forward to learning of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TUCKER DUCLOS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Tucker Duclos, the Dixie County Teacher of the Year from Dixie County High School in Cross City, FL.

Tucker first developed his passion for teaching when he moved to Prague and worked as a full-time English teacher at a private school. Upon his return to the United States, he enrolled in a 1-year teacher certification program at Providence College.

While at the college, Tucker assumed full responsibilities as the cooperating teacher for four English classes across the 9th and 11th grades, as well as 20 hours of student teaching in a high-poverty and urban school. Afterwards, the Interstate Reciprocity Agreement between Florida and Rhode Island enabled him to receive his Florida Professional Educator's Certificate to teach in the State of Florida.

Since 2016, Tucker has taught 11th grade English and AP literature at Dixie County High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in English writing and literature from Emmanuel College in Boston, MA.

I extend my best wishes to Tucker for his dedication to his students and look forward to hearing of his continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DANNY ERB

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Danny Erb, the St. Johns County Teacher of the Year from Pedro Menendez High School in St. Augustine, FL.

Danny enjoys teaching math, where he works hard to ensure that his students develop confidence in their problem-solving ability. He attempts to make math fun and empowers his students to view math in a different light.

Danny has taught at Pedro Menendez High School since 2015. He earned his master's degree in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He taught at Green Run High School for 14 years after moving back to his hometown of Virginia Beach in 2001. He moved to Florida in pursuit of a career as an engineer with NASA, knowing he would never regret taking the opportunity. The experience is used as a reminder for his students to pursue their dreams.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Danny for his tireless work

to help his students. I look forward to hearing of his continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAKEYAN GRAHAM

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Dakeyan Graham, the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year from C. Leon King High School in Tampa, FL.

Dakeyan teaches his students more than just academic skills; he teaches patience and kindness. He considers this to be incredibly beneficial to his student's success in life and in school. Dakeyan first began his musical career as a saxophonist at King High School and views his return as its band director the full circle to his musical career. In addition to teaching, he serves as president of the Hillsborough County Secondary Music Council and authored a high school African-American heritage curriculum for secondary music.

Dakeyan received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida, where he was part of an honors music fraternity and the Fighting Gators marching band. He returned to his hometown of Tampa to begin his teaching career and earned his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of South Florida.

As a proud Gator myself, I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Dakeyan for his dedication to music and his students. I look forward to hearing of his continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ANDREA GREEN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Andrea Green, the Charlotte County Teacher of the Year from Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, FL.

Andrea credits her success in education to collaboration with her past and present colleagues and from the support of her husband, family, and friends. Her professional goal is to help all students find success in science and cultivate an appreciation for knowledge learned throughout their educational career.

Outside of her classroom, Andrea sponsors the school's environmental club, where interested students gather to discuss environmental issues affecting Florida. She is also a member of the Lemon Bay Literacy Council and an active participant in the school's science professional learning community.

Andrea has taught in Charlotte County Public Schools since 1999. She teaches Advanced Placement environmental science, honors anatomy and physiology, and environmental science. She received her master of arts degree in global sustainability from the University of South Florida.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Andrea for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SARA HALL

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to honor Sara Hall, the Hardee County Teacher of the Year from Hardee Junior High School in Wauchula, FL.

Sara's colleagues and students describe her as an inspiring teacher dedicated to ensuring her students have the opportunity to learn. She loves teaching her students English and being a part of their excitement when they realize how much they learned throughout the year.

Sara Hall is a sixth grade English language arts teacher at Hardee Junior High School. In addition to her writing, she helped to start the Just Us Girls, an extracurricular group for young women that targets areas where junior high girls struggle.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Sara for her dedication to her students. I look forward to learning of her continued success in the coming years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAWN HENDERSON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Dawn Henderson, the Highlands County Teacher of the Year from Avon Park High School in Avon Park, FL.

Dawn received this award at the Summit Awards ceremony held at her school. Her colleagues note that she dedicates herself to teaching her students, believing that education is the key to changing their mindset, and opens doors for their future success. Parents of her students say she is willing to meet with them at any time, before or after school, to discuss any concerns they may have.

Dawn has worked at Avon Park High School since the beginning of her teaching career in 2004. She currently serves as an advancement via individual determination coordinator.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Dawn for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the coming years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JADE OSCEOLA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jade Osceola, the Glades County Teacher of the Year from Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School in Okeechobee, FL. Pemayetv Emahakv means "Our Way" in Creek, the native tongue of Florida's Seminole Indian Tribe.

Jade strives to teach her students about their identities as Native Americans and encourages them to practice communicating with each other in the Muscogee "Creek" language. She knows her students want to understand their heritage, and she believes learning about their ancestors' native language is a key to their identity. She works each day to help preserve the Seminole Tribe of Florida's cultures and traditions.

As a student at Seminole Elementary School in the 1990's, Jade participated in a weekly culture class on the Brighton Reservation to learn about Seminole history. This was her favorite class and served as an inspiration for her continued learning of Native American affairs.

Like her students, Jade is a second language learner of Creek. She believes teaching the language to her students is very important, as there are only 33 speakers of the language left in the region. She is dedicated to doing everything she can to keep the language alive for future generations.

Jade teaches Creek 1 and 2 at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School to seventh and eighth grade students. She graduated from Edison College in 2004 and was offered a job teaching Seminole history. The weekly program helped the creation of the charter school in 2007, where Jade taught Seminole history until 2015.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Jade for her dedication to her students and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BECKY PELTONEN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Becky Peltonen, the Bay County Teacher of the year from Deane Bozeman School in Panama City, Florida, FL.

Becky received this award months after Hurricane Michael devastated Bay County, which caused several hurricane-related delays throughout the school district. She was honored and humbled to represent all who have worked to repair homes and begin rebuilding the Bay County community.

Becky is an agriculture biotechnology teacher who has taught for 29 years. She has teamed up with parents and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to develop a scientific exploration of animal and plant ecosystems, which has allowed for students to construct their own freshwater habitats.

Becky focuses on teaching students how to raise and grow their own food, which provides them meaningful tools and allows them to save money at the grocery. Becky takes pride when former students return to tell her that she better-equipped them to navigate life after their class together.

I thank Becky for her hard work in educating students, especially while facing the aftermath of Hurricane Michael's life-changing effects. I wish her the very best in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN PIGOTT

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to honor Justin Pigott, the Martin County Teacher of the Year from Jensen Beach High School in Jensen Beach, FL.

Justin works to ensure his classroom is a positive environment for his stu-

dents. He wants each student to feel they are accepted, heard, and supported while in school. Justin memorializes the names of each student prior to their first day of class to ensure they know they matter to him.

Justin is an Advanced Placement calculus teacher at Jensen Beach High School and has taught for 16 years, the last in the Martin County School District. He also works as a student mentor at Indian River State College's Take Stock in Children scholarship program, assists students with SAT and ACT test preparation, and served as a sponsor for his school's math honor society.

I would like to thank Justin for the good work he has done for his students over the years. I wish all the best to him, and look forward to learning of his continued success in coming years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SHANE SWEZEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Shane Swezey, the Sarasota County Teacher of the Year from Oak Park School in Sarasota, FL.

Shane received this award at the Education Foundation of Sarasota County's Ignite Education Awards Celebration in front of a crowd of more than 300 people. Shane provides music education and therapy services to students at Oak Park School, the district's center school for special needs. He is a staunch advocate for students with special needs, preferring to focus on the abilities of his students, rather than dwell on their disabilities. He views music as an engaging, motivating, and accessible medium to support his students' academic goals.

Shane's colleagues note he uses creative teaching methods to engage his students and build trust with them. He plays songs and sings with his students to cue certain words from them. When a student says the word in question, his attempt is successful, and this is part of what makes his job so worthwhile to him.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Shane for his tireless work to help teach his students. I look forward to hearing of his continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JESSICA WOOD

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jessica Wood, the Monroe County Teacher of the Year from Key West High School in Key West, FL.

Jessica teaches Advanced Placement biology and biology and is the science department chair. Her work has an impact on the entire school as she leads the school's recycling club efforts and serves as a sponsor for Keys to Be the Change, a school club focused on developing student character through service.

Jessica also works with members of outside agencies to read to younger students and promote substance abuse prevention outreach throughout the

community. The main thing that inspires Jessica as an educator is the ability to effect positive change on her students by serving as a role model and to continue learning herself.

Jessica is active in her field, working on her pedagogy and assisting others. She has held numerous professional development trainings at her school and throughout the school district. She has been a part of the STEM fair and is also a member of the building level planning team.

I extend my best wishes to Jessica for her work as a teacher and look forward to learning of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. ALTENKIRCH

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I wish to commend Dr. Robert Altenkirch for his leadership at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Dr. Altenkirch led the university as president from 2011 to 2019. While serving in this capacity, he implemented many strategic growth initiatives and promoted economic development throughout the campus and the city of Huntsville, AL.

Under Dr. Altenkirch's leadership, UAH provided assistance in recruiting numerous corporations to north Alabama. Those corporations include Blue Origin, Aerojet, Rocketdyne, GE Aviation, and Polaris. He also spearheaded the purchase of a 58-acre business park that is adjacent to the campus and serves as a town center for the students and faculty.

Continuing to add to his legacy, Dr. Altenkirch established the D.S. Davidson Invention to Innovation business incubator. This regional initiative fosters, promotes, and accelerates the commercialization of technology-based ventures through incubation, co-working, mentorship, funding, and strategic support.

Not only did Dr. Altenkirch expand the university physically and economically, but he also contributed to the university's growth in total enrollment over the past 5 years. By the fall of 2019, the enrollment at UAH skyrocketed by more than 10,000 students. The average ACT score for incoming freshman reached an alltime record high at the university under Dr. Altenkirch. By fall 2018, the average score was 28.5, which is the highest among the State of Alabama's public universities.

Studying mechanical engineering, Dr. Altenkirch earned a B.S. from Purdue University, an M.S. from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. from Purdue. He was recognized as one of the 101 Most Influential People in the State of New Jersey in 2009, as Dr. Altenkirch served as the president of New Jersey Institute of Technology for 9 years prior to his tenure at UAH.

Dr. Altenkirch deserves the highest recognition for his outstanding leadership at the University of Alabama in

Huntsville. He helped shape a more prosperous future for the university, the city of Huntsville, and the State of Alabama. The impact he has made on UAH and the entire north Alabama community will not be forgotten.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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.)

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO YEMEN THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13611 OF MAY 16, 2012—PM 16

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2019.

The actions and policies of certain former members of the Government of Yemen and others continue to threaten Yemen's peace, security, and stability, including by obstructing the political process in Yemen and the implementation of the agreement of November 23, 2011, between the Government of Yemen and those in opposition to it, which provided for a peaceful transition of power that meets the legitimate demands and aspirations of the Yemeni people. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Ex-

ecutive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 13, 2019.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 383, a bill to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-38).

Report to accompany S. 747, a bill to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-39).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 211. A bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-40).

By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1208. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1419. A bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1420. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1421. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company in recognition of their unique and distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1422. A bill to transfer revenues from the net investment income tax to the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1423. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care

under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1424. A bill to promote affordable access to evidence-based opioid treatments under the Medicare program and require coverage of medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, opioid overdose reversal medications, and recovery support services by health plans without cost-sharing requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for interest on education loans, to extend and expand the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate the limitation on contributions to Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1426. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1427. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to improve the Network for Manufacturing Innovation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1428. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit treatment of student loan payments as elective deferrals for purposes of employer matching contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1430. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1431. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform retirement provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 1432. A bill to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish an interagency working group to study Federal efforts to collect data on sexual violence and to make recommendations on the harmonization of those efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1433. A bill to limit funding for any extension of the New START Treaty or any successor agreement unless the agreement includes the People's Republic of China and

covers all strategic and non-strategic nuclear forces of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1434. A bill to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1435. A bill to establish a commission for the purpose of studying the issue of retirement security; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUNT)):

S. 1436. A bill to make technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110-279; considered and passed.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KING, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1437. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require that direct-to-consumer advertisements for prescription drugs and biological products include truthful and non-misleading pricing information; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the proposed sale to the Government of Bahrain of certain defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. Res. 201. A resolution honoring the 65th anniversary on May 17, 2019, of the landmark decision of the Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 202. A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held on May 12 through May 18, 2019; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 203. A resolution recognizing the 80th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Res. 204. An executive resolution to return to the President of the United States the Arms Trade Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 133

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 151, a bill to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

S. 227

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 227, a bill to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 286

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 286, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to prohibit the use of amounts appropriated for military construction or the Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of barriers, land acquisition, or any other associated activities on the southern border without specific statutory authorization from Congress.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. 362, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 386,

a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to provide that certain guidance related to waivers for State innovation under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act shall have no force or effect.

S. 497

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to improve diversity and inclusion in the workforce of national security agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 504

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize The American Legion to determine the requirements for membership in The American Legion, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. JONES, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 668

At the request of Mr. CARPER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 668, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 679

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 679, a bill to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefit paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

S. 726

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California

(Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics.

S. 737

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood.

S. 760

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 820

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to strengthen programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 846, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to limit certain rolling stock procurements, and for other purposes.

S. 851

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

S. 858

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 858, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to provide blood testing for firefighters of the Department of Defense to determine potential exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.

S. 867

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 867, a bill to protect students of institutions of higher education and the taxpayer investment in institutions of higher education by improving oversight and accountability of institutions of higher education, particularly for-profit colleges, improving protections for students and borrowers, and ensuring the integrity of postsecondary education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to authorize the Sergeant at Arms to protect the personal technology devices and accounts of Senators and covered employees from cyber attacks and hostile information collection activities, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of "family farmer".

S. 921

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos on food, to prohibit the registration of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos, and for other purposes.

S. 944

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 944, a bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and the stability of the transportation security workforce by applying a unified personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who are responsible for screening passengers and property, and for other purposes.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, *supra*.

S. 1025

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1025, a bill to provide humanitarian relief to the Venezuelan people and Venezuelan migrants, to advance a constitutional and democratic solution to Venezuela's political crisis, to address Venezuela's economic reconstruction, to combat public corruption, narcotics trafficking, and money laundering, and for other purposes.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri

(Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1032, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of income for purposes of determining the tax-exempt status of certain corporations.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to limit the use of funds for kinetic military operations in or against Iran.

S. 1049

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1091

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1123, a bill to transfer and limit Executive Branch authority to suspend or restrict the entry of a class of aliens.

S. 1126

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1126, a bill to provide better care for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers, while accelerating progress toward prevention strategies, disease modifying treatments, and, ultimately, a cure.

S. 1186

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1186, a bill to promote democracy and human rights in Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.



S. 1201

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1201, a bill to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, and for other purposes.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1208, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1218

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1218, a bill to require the review of the service of certain members of the Armed Forces during World War I to determine if such members should be awarded the Medal of Honor, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor based on the results of the review, and for other purposes.

S. 1222

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1222, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide hospital care and medical services to veterans in the Freely Associated States of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia, and to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of establishing regional offices, suboffices, contact units, or other subordinate offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Freely Associated States to provide such care and services, and for other purposes.

S. 1223

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 1235

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to require

the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving women in the United States the right to vote.

S. 1246

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to extend the protections of the Fair Housing Act to persons suffering discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and for other purposes.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1263, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an interagency task force on the use of public lands to provide medical treatment and therapy to veterans through outdoor recreation.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1338, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Education to issue guidance and recommendations for institutions of higher education on removing criminal and juvenile justice questions from their application for admissions processes.

S. 1370

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1370, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain military survivor benefits as earned income for purposes of the kiddie tax.

S. 1381

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1381, a bill to modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

S. 1395

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to amend title

18, United States Code, to prohibit the purchase of certain firearms by individuals under 21 years of age, and for other purposes.

S. 1404

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to address the increased burden that maintaining the health and hygiene of infants and toddlers places on families in need, the resultant adverse health effects on children and families, and the limited child care options available for infants and toddlers who lack sufficient diapers, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 80

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 80, a resolution establishing the John S. McCain III Human Rights Commission.

S. RES. 99

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 99, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

S. RES. 150

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 150, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that it is the policy of the United States to commemorate the Armenian Genocide through official recognition and remembrance.

S. RES. 188

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 188, a resolution encouraging a swift transfer of power by the military to a civilian-led political authority in the Republic of the Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 198

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 198, a resolution condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding.

# STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1428. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit treatment of student loan payments as elective deferrals for purposes of employer matching contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I have introduced the Retirement Parity for Student Loans Act. This legislation would permit employers to make matching contributions to workers under 401(k) and similar types of retirement plans as if worker student loan payments were salary reduction contributions to the retirement plan. This legislation will help workers who cannot afford to both save for retirement and pay off their student loan debt by providing them with employer contributions to build their retirement savings. This legislation is a common sense fix to our nation's laws that govern employer-sponsored retirement plans and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

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

S. 1428

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

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Retirement Parity for Student Loans Act".

## SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS AS ELECTIVE DEFERRALS FOR PURPOSES OF MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section 401(m)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "and" at the end of clause (i), by striking the period at the end of clause (ii) and inserting ", and", and by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(iii) subject to the requirements of paragraph (13), any employer contribution made to a defined contribution plan on behalf of an employee on account of a qualified student loan payment."

(b) QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT.—Paragraph (4) of section 401(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(D) QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT.—The term 'qualified student loan payment' means a payment made by an employee in repayment of a qualified education loan (as defined in section 221(d)(1)) incurred to pay qualified higher education expenses of the employee, but only—

"(i) to the extent such payments in the aggregate for the year do not exceed an amount equal to—

"(I) the limitation applicable under section 402(g) for the year (or, if lesser, the employee's compensation (as defined in section 415(c)(3)) for the year), reduced by

"(II) the elective deferrals made by the employee for such year, and

"(ii) if the employee certifies to the employer making the matching contribution under this paragraph that such payment has been made on such loan.

For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'qualified higher education expenses' means the cost of attendance (as defined in section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997) at an eligible educational institution (as defined in section 221(d)(2))."

(c) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—Subsection (m) of section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph (14), and by inserting after paragraph (12) the following new paragraph:

"(13) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (4)(A)(iii), an employer contribution made to a defined contribution plan on account of a qualified student loan payment shall be treated as a matching contribution for purposes of this title if—

"(i) the plan provides matching contributions on account of elective deferrals at the same rate as contributions on account of qualified student loan payments,

"(ii) the plan provides matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments only on behalf of employees otherwise eligible to make elective deferrals, and

"(iii) under the plan, all employees eligible to receive matching contributions on account of elective deferrals are eligible to receive matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments.

"(B) TREATMENT FOR PURPOSES OF NONDISCRIMINATION RULES, ETC.—

"(i) NONDISCRIMINATION RULES.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii), subsection (a)(4), and section 410(b), matching contributions described in paragraph (4)(A)(iii) shall not fail to be treated as available to an employee solely because such employee does not have debt incurred under a qualified education loan (as defined in section 221(d)(1)).

"(ii) STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS NOT TREATED AS PLAN CONTRIBUTION.—Except as provided in clause (iii), a qualified student loan payment shall not be treated as a contribution to a plan under this title.

"(iii) MATCHING CONTRIBUTION RULES.—Solely for purposes of meeting the requirements of paragraph (11)(B) or (12) of this subsection, or paragraph (11)(B)(i)(II), (12)(B), or (13)(D) of subsection (k), a plan may treat a qualified student loan payment as an elective deferral or an elective contribution, whichever is applicable."

(d) SIMPLE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.—Paragraph (2) of section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(F) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the rules of clause (iii), an arrangement shall not fail to be treated as meeting the requirements of subparagraph (A)(iii) solely because under the arrangement, solely for purposes of such subparagraph, qualified student loan payments are treated as amounts elected by the employee under subparagraph (A)(i)(I) to the extent such payments do not exceed—

"(I) the applicable dollar amount under subparagraph (E) (after application of section 414(v)) for the year (or, if lesser, the employee's compensation (as defined in section 415(c)(3)) for the year), reduced by

"(II) any other amounts elected by the employee under subparagraph (A)(i)(I) for the year.

"(ii) QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT.—For purposes of this subparagraph—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified student loan payment' means a payment made by an employee in repayment of a qualified education loan (as defined in section 221(d)(1)) incurred to pay qualified higher education expenses of the employee, but only if the employee certifies to the employer making the matching contribution that such payment has been made on such a loan.

"(II) QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES.—The term 'qualified higher education expenses' has the same meaning as when used in section 401(m)(4)(D).

"(iii) APPLICABLE RULES.—Clause (i) shall apply to an arrangement only if, under the arrangement—

"(I) matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments are provided only on behalf of employees otherwise eligible to elect contributions under subparagraph (A)(i)(I), and

"(II) all employees otherwise eligible to participate in the arrangement are eligible to receive matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments."

(e) 403(b) PLANS.—Subparagraph (A) of section 403(b)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following: "The fact that the employer offers matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments as described in section 401(m)(13) shall not be taken into account in determining whether the arrangement satisfies the requirements of clause (ii) (and any regulation thereunder)."

(f) 457(B) PLANS.—Subsection (b) of section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following: "A plan which is established and maintained by an employer which is described in subsection (e)(1)(A) shall not be treated as failing to meet the requirements of this subsection solely because the plan, or another plan maintained by the employer which meets the requirements of section 401(a), provides for matching contributions on account of qualified student loan payments as described in section 401(m)(13)."

(g) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for purposes of implementing the amendments made by this section, including regulations—

(1) permitting a plan to make matching contributions for qualified student loan payments, as defined in sections 401(m)(4)(D) and 408(p)(2)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, at a different frequency than matching contributions are otherwise made under the plan, provided that the frequency is not less than annually,

(2) permitting employers to establish reasonable procedures to claim matching contributions for such qualified student loan payments under the plan, including an annual deadline (not earlier than 3 months after the close of each plan year) by which a claim must be made, and

(3) promulgating model amendments which plans may adopt to implement matching contributions on such qualified student loan payments for purposes of sections 401(m), 408(p), 403(b), and 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to contributions made for years beginning after December 31, 2019.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUNT)):

S. 1436. A bill to make technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110-279; considered and passed.

S. 1436

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

**SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO COM-  
PUTATION OF AVERAGE PAY UNDER  
PUBLIC LAW 110-279.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(c)(2)(A) of Public Law 110-279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking “For purposes of” and all that follows through “(i) any period” and inserting the following:

“(i) TREATMENT OF SERVICE.—For purposes of chapters 83, 84, and 87 of title 5, United States Code, any period”;

(2) in clause (i), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(3) in clause (ii)—

(A) by inserting “TREATMENT OF PAY.—For purposes of chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code,” before “the rate of basic pay”; and

(B) by striking “the covered” and inserting “a covered”.

(b) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulations promulgated under paragraph (1) shall take effect not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms “contractor”, “covered individual”, and “food services contract” have the meanings given those terms in section 1(a) of Public Law 110-279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(a)).

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to—

(A) a covered individual who separates from service as an employee of a contractor performing services under the food services contract before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) each payment to a covered individual under chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, made on or after the effective date of the regulations promulgated under subsection (b).

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KING, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1437. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require that direct-to-consumer advertisements for prescription drugs and biological products include truthful and non-misleading pricing information; to the Committee on Finance.

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

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

S. 1437

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Drug-price Transparency in Communications (DTC) Act”.

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

(1) Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription pharmaceuticals is legally permitted in only 2 developed countries, the United States and New Zealand.

(2) In 2018, pharmaceutical ad spending exceeded \$6,046,000,000, a 4.8-percent increase over 2017, resulting in the average American seeing 9 drug advertisements per day.

(3) In 2015, pharmaceutical companies spent more than \$100,000,000 on advertising with respect to each of the 16 most advertised brand-name drugs and biological products, primarily new and relatively high-cost medications.

(4) The 10 most commonly advertised drugs have list prices ranging from \$535 to \$11,000 per 30-day supply or usual course of therapy.

(5) According to a 2011 Congressional Budget Office report, direct-to-consumer advertising is used to promote only a small set of specific drugs, typically the expensive, brand-name medications. And the top-selling drugs in any given year are frequently among the drugs with the largest expenditures for direct-to-consumer advertising.

(6) According to a 2011 Congressional Budget Office report, pharmaceutical manufacturers advertise their products directly to consumers in an attempt to boost demand for their products and thereby raise the price that consumers are willing to pay, increase the quantity of drugs sold, or achieve some combination of the two.

(7) Studies show that patients are more likely to ask their doctor for a specific medication and for the doctor to write a prescription for it, if a patient has seen an advertisement for such medication, regardless of whether the medication is clinically appropriate for the patient or whether a lower-cost generic may be available.

(8) According to a 2011 Congressional Budget Office report, the average number of prescriptions written for newly approved brand-name drugs with direct-to-consumer advertising was 9 times greater than the average number of prescriptions written for newly approved brand-name drugs without direct-to-consumer advertising.

(9) Approximately half of Americans have high-deductible health plans, under which they often pay the list price of a drug until their insurance deductible is met. All of the top Medicare prescription drug plans use co-insurance rather than fixed-dollar copayments for medications on nonpreferred drug tiers.

(10) The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is the single largest drug payer in the Nation. Drug price inflation accounts for a significant portion of the 22-percent, 32-percent, and 42-percent growth in Medicare parts D and B and Medicaid expenditures, respectively, on a per beneficiary basis between 2013 and 2016.

(11) The 20 most advertised drugs on television cost Medicare and Medicaid a combined \$24,000,000,000 in 2017.

(12) Price shopping is the mark of rational economic behavior, and markets operate more efficiently when consumers have relevant information about a product, including its price, before making an informed decision about whether to buy that product.

(13) The American Medical Association has passed resolutions supporting the requirement for price transparency in any direct-to-consumer advertising.

(14) The Kaiser Family Foundation found that 88 percent of the public favors the Federal Government requiring prescription drug advertisements to include a statement on how much the drug costs.

(15) Pursuant to its existing authority under sections 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act, on May 10, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services published regulations (subpart L of part 403 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations) to require direct-to-consumer television advertisements of prescription drugs and biological products for which payment is available through or under Medicare or Medicaid to include the wholesale acquisition cost of that drug or biological product.

(16) To support the permanence and clarity of this policy, and to facilitate future planning, Congress finds a benefit to codifying such regulation.

**SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT THAT DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS INCLUDE TRUTHFUL AND NON-MISLEADING PRICING INFORMATION.**

Part A of title XI of the Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“REQUIREMENT THAT DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS INCLUDE TRUTHFUL AND NON-MISLEADING PRICING INFORMATION

“SEC. 1150C. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require that each direct-to-consumer advertisement for a prescription drug or biological product for which payment is available under title XVIII or XIX includes an appropriate disclosure of truthful and non-misleading pricing information with respect to the drug or product.

“(b) DETERMINATION BY CMS.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall determine the components of the requirement under subsection (a), such as the forms of advertising, the manner of disclosure, the price point listing, and the price information for disclosure.”.

**SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS**

**SENATE RESOLUTION 201—HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 17, 2019, OF THE LAND-MARK DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT IN BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION, 347 U.S. 483 (1954)**

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 201

Whereas in 1950, 9-year-old Linda Brown, the daughter of Oliver L. Brown, was denied entry into the all-white Sumner Elementary School in Topeka, Kansas, and forced to attend the all-black Monroe Elementary School in Topeka, Kansas;

Whereas on February 28, 1951, the complaint in Brown v. Board of Education was filed with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, with Oliver L. Brown as the lead plaintiff;

Whereas the plaintiffs in Brown v. Board of Education appealed the ruling of the district court to the Supreme Court;

Whereas, at the Supreme Court, the case of Brown v. Board of Education was combined with other cases from South Carolina, Delaware, Virginia, and the District of Columbia regarding segregation in public schools;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall argued the case of Brown v. Board of Education before the Supreme Court as lead counsel for the appellants;

Whereas on May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court delivered a unanimous opinion holding that—

(1) separate educational facilities are inherently unequal; and

(2) the “separate but equal” doctrine violated the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which states that no citizen may be denied equal protection under the law;

Whereas Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 (1954)—

(1) overruled the 1896 decision in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 163 U.S. 537 (1896);  
 (2) ended discriminatory Jim Crow laws; and

(3) invalidated the “separate but equal” doctrine, ending segregated classrooms in Kansas and across the United States;

Whereas, in a second opinion issued on May 31, 1955, the Supreme Court decreed that schools should be desegregated with all deliberate speed;

Whereas, because of the role that Linda Brown played in ending racial segregation in the United States, Linda Brown became a civil rights icon and continued to be a voice for school desegregation in Topeka, Kansas;

Whereas Linda Brown passed away on March 27, 2018, at the age of 75 in Topeka, Kansas; and

Whereas Congress established the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, which is located at Monroe Elementary School in Topeka, Kansas, the school that Linda Brown attended; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and celebrates—

(1) the 65th anniversary on May 17, 2019, of the landmark decision of the Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954); and

(2) the contribution the decision has made to—

(A) equal education; and

(B) equal justice under the law, which is recognized in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 202—CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR MAKING ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, AND SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE 20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK, TO BE HELD ON MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2019

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

##### S. RES. 202

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, as of the 2017–2018 school year, more than 7,000 public charter schools served approximately 3,200,000 children;

Whereas enrollment in public charter schools grew from approximately 400,000 students in 2001 to approximately 3,200,000 students in 2019, an eightfold increase in 18 years;

Whereas, in the United States—

(1) in 214 school districts, more than 10 percent of public school students are enrolled in public charter schools; and

(2) in 21 school districts, more than 30 percent of public school students are enrolled in public charter schools;

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

Whereas public charter schools—

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

(2) routinely measure parental satisfaction levels; and

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

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

Whereas parental demand for charter schools is high, and there was an estimated 5 percent growth in charter school enrollment between the 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 school years; and

Whereas the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week is scheduled to be celebrated the week of May 12 through May 18, 2019; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

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

(A) making ongoing contributions to public education;

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

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

(2) supports the ideals and goals of the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week, a week-long celebration to be held May 12 through May 18, 2019, in communities throughout the United States; and

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

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 203—RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

##### S. RES. 203

Whereas on May 15, 2019, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (referred to in this preamble as “AOPA”), will celebrate 80 years of successfully representing the interests of general aviation pilots and private aircraft ownership across the United States;

Whereas AOPA was formed on May 15, 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the years leading up to the entry of the United States into World War II;

Whereas AOPA has grown into the largest aviation association in the world;

Whereas AOPA has an ongoing legacy of successfully representing the interests of general aviation pilots and private aircraft owners across the United States;

Whereas general aviation plays an important role in the economic vitality of communities across the United States, creating jobs and opportunities for growth throughout the United States;

Whereas approximately 5,000 public-use airports and 15,000 other landing facilities support the United States general aviation fleet of nearly 200,000 aircraft and approximately 600,000 pilots;

Whereas AOPA tirelessly advocates for and contributes to improving the safety of aviation;

Whereas AOPA is committed to growing the pilot population by introducing young people to career opportunities and welcoming more women and minorities into aviation;

Whereas in the 80 years since AOPA was formed the organization has been led by only 5 presidents: Joseph B. “Doc” Hartranft, John L. Baker, Philip B. Boyer, Craig L. Fuller, and Mark R. Baker; and

Whereas AOPA remains committed to protecting and promoting aviation in the United States; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, recognizes the efforts of the association in—

(1) helping to ensure the freedom to fly; and

(2) leaving a lasting legacy for future generations of aviators.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 204—TO RETURN TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE ARMS TRADE TREATY

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

## S. RES. 204

Whereas, on April 29, 2019, President Donald J. Trump transmitted the following to the United States Senate: "I have concluded that it is not in the interest of the United States to become a party to the Arms Trade Treaty (Senate Treaty Doc. 114-14, transmitted December 9, 2016). I have, therefore, decided to withdraw the aforementioned treaty from the Senate and accordingly request that it be returned to me." Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate shall return to the President of the United States the Arms Trade Treaty, Done at New York on April 2, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114-14).

## APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 116th Congress: DIANNE FEINSTEIN of California (Democratic Administrative Co-Chairman); JACK REED of Rhode Island (Democratic Co-Chairman); ROBERT MENENDEZ of New Jersey (Democratic Co-Chair); RICHARD J. DURBIN of Illinois; BENJAMIN L. CARDIN of Maryland; ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr. of Pennsylvania; TAMMY DUCKWORTH of Illinois; MARGARET WOOD HASSAN of New Hampshire; and KYRSTEN SINEMA of Arizona.

## CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 202, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read, as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 202) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 12 through May 18, 2019.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 202) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

## RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 203, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read, as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 203) recognizing the 80th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 203) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

## MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE PAY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 110-279

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1436, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1436) to make technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110-279.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (S. 1436) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1436

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

## SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE PAY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 110-279.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(c)(2)(A) of Public Law 110-279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking "For purposes of" and all that follows through "(i) any period" and inserting the following:

"(i) TREATMENT OF SERVICE.—For purposes of chapters 83, 84, and 87 of title 5, United States Code, any period";

(2) in clause (i), by striking "; and" and inserting a period; and

(3) in clause (ii)—

(A) by inserting "TREATMENT OF PAY.—For purposes of chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code," before "the rate of basic pay"; and

(B) by striking "the covered" and inserting "a covered".

(b) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulations promulgated under paragraph (1) shall take effect not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms "contractor", "covered individual", and "food services contract" have the meanings given those terms in section 1(a) of Public Law 110-279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(a)).

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to—

(A) a covered individual who separates from service as an employee of a contractor performing services under the food services contract before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) each payment to a covered individual under chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, made on or after the effective date of the regulations promulgated under subsection (b).

## ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 14; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and that the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Truncate nomination; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

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

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:29 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 10 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ROBERT WALLACE, OF WYOMING, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE, VICE THOMAS L. STRICKLAND, RESIGNED.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JEFFREY BYARD, OF ALABAMA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE BROCK LONG, RESIGNED.

## THE JUDICIARY

DOUGLAS RUSSELL COLE, OF OHIO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, VICE SUSAN J. DLOTT, RETIRED.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

VINCENT F. DEMARCO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE CHARLES GILLEN DUNNE, TERM EXPIRED.

## THE JUDICIARY

CHARLES R. ESKRIDGE III, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, VICE GRAY HAMPTON MILLER, RETIRED.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WILLIAM D. HYSLOP, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MICHAEL C. ORMSBY, RESIGNED.

WILMER OCASIO, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ESTEBAN SOTO III, TERM EXPIRED.

## THE JUDICIARY

PETER JOSEPH PHIPPS, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT, VICE THOMAS I. VANASKIE, RETIRED.

KEA WHETZAL RIGGS, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO, VICE M. CHRISTINA ARMIJO, RETIRED.

WILLIAM SHAW STICKMAN IV, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE JOY FLOWERS CONTI, RETIRED.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PETER M. VITO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE CHARLES F. SALINA, TERM EXPIRED.

## THE JUDICIARY

JENNIFER PHILPOTT WILSON, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE YVETTE KANE, RETIRED.

## IN THE NAVY

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

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

CAPT. PHILIP W. YU

## IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be major*

CATHERINE M. TOLVO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

CHRISTIAN F. COOPER

*To be major*

RYAN E. SNYDER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 716:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

KEITH A. BERRY  
KJERSTI A. KOSKINEN  
JOHN D. PERKINS

*To be major*

ROBERT G. HATCHLEY, JR.  
KARL E. T. IGLER  
BRENDAN A. JOHNSTON  
CHRISTOPHER R. MILLER  
CANDACE F. RODRIGUEZ  
STEVEN P. ROGERS

## IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

GLENN N. JUMAN

*To be major*

NICOLE G. KERLE  
RUSSELL T. MCNEAR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

JAMES E. MATISKO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

*To be major*

CARMEN Y. SALCEDO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

RUSSELL F. DUBOSE  
TIMOTHY D. FORREST

## IN THE NAVY

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

*To be captain*

MICHAEL R. BRUNEAU  
HANS L. HOLKON

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

*To be captain*

MICHAEL C. CABASSA  
CHRISTOPHER W. GLASS  
REBECCA A. NEILL  
RITESH D. RADADIA  
ALLAN J. SANDOR

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

*To be captain*

ERIN G. ADAMS  
PETER K. BAUER  
BRADLEY S. BUTLER  
GERALD T. DELK  
MILL ETIENNE  
ALAN T. FLANIGAN  
JEREMY C. FRANCIS  
KEVIN M. GROSZKOWSKI  
CAMILLE A. HENNINGER  
STEVEN J. POSNICK  
DARIAN C. RICE  
ARNALDO L. RIVERA  
BRIAN C. SCULL  
IAN L. VALERIO

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 captain*

MICHAEL E. HALL  
JOHN R. LOGAN  
STEVEN D. MILLS  
BENNETT C. STENFORD  
DARREN L. STENNETT

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 captain*

LILLIAN A. ABUAN  
CIELO I. ALMANZA  
AARON K. AYERS  
WILLIAM J. BARICH  
TIMOTHY G. BELLOTT  
MATTHEW L. BOLLS  
PETER M. BRAENDEHOLM  
MATTHEW J. BRICKHAUS  
MICHAEL S. CARL  
DOYNE D. CLEM  
ROBERT M. CORLEY  
JAYSON L. CRAMER  
MARTIN L. EDMONDS  
MATTHEW J. FAHNER  
TARA L. HODGE  
KELLY W. HOUSE, JR.  
THOMAS R. JENKINS  
CHRISTOPHER T. KOVACK  
JOHN G. MONTINOLA  
DANIEL L. NORTON  
JOEL P. PITTEL  
CAMERON W. ROGERS  
PAIGE A. SHERMAN  
CHARLES M. TELLIS

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 captain*

VIRGINIA S. BLACKMAN  
JOHN G. BROOM  
JENNIFER J. BUECHEL  
KEVIN J. BURNS  
DANIEL A. DAURORA  
JOSE D. FLORES  
CARL W. GOFORTH  
JAMESSETTA W. GOGGINS  
STEPHANIE M. HIGGINS

CHRISTOPHER M. JACK  
CHARLENE R. OHLIGER  
MARY E. PHILLIPS  
HEATHER B. RAY  
MARK A. THOMAS  
KELLY E. K. VEGA  
ABIGAIL M. YABLONSKY

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 captain*

BRIAN J. ELLIS, JR.  
CLIFTON H. HUTCHINSON II  
JASON L. JONES  
ROBERT T. KLINE  
JOHN M. MONTGOMERY  
GREGORY W. SAYBOLT  
HOLLIS N. SIMODYNES  
MATTHEW J. SKLEROV  
SARAH A. STANCATI  
JEFFREY G. TRANSTROM  
SYLVAIN W. WONG

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 captain*

ZIAD T. ABOONA  
ERIC H. BARNES  
JOSEPH L. BONVIE  
RAYMOND M. BRISTOL  
DAVID M. BURKE  
GERALD F. BURKE  
JOHN H. CALLAHAN  
BRIDGETTE M. FABER  
GREGORY R. FAIRCHILD  
DAWN M. FREEMAN  
LEAH Y. GEISLINGER  
JOHN S. GRIESENBECK  
LESLIE C. HAIR  
DANIELLE V. HICKS  
JOSEPH S. JENKINS  
ANGELICA A. KLINSKI  
JUSTIN C. LOGAN  
KELLIE L. MCMULLEN  
JOHN L. MELTON  
ROBERT C. MORRISON  
OLAITAN F. OJO  
EDWARD H. OWENS  
RANDY L. PANKE  
LESLIE E. RIGGS, JR.  
DUNELEY A. ROCHINO  
BENJAMIN J. SCHWARTZ  
HAZELANN K. TEAMER  
DENNIS C. TOLENTINO  
MATTHEW A. WEINER  
LISA A. WHITE

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 captain*

RUBEN D. ACOSTA  
PHILLIP M. ADRIANO  
AFSHIN K. AFAFIN  
JOEL A. AHLGRIM  
MICHELLE G. ARNOLD  
MELISSA C. AUSTIN  
ANGELA M. BACHMANN  
RHETT A. BARRETT  
MARGARET A. BAYARD  
BRENT R. BECKER  
WILLIAM E. BENNETT  
CATHERINE A. BORJA  
KIMBERLY L. BROOM  
COLEMAN J. BRYANT, JR.  
CYNTHIA M. BRYANT  
NATALIE J. BURMAN  
PAULETTE R. T. CAZARES  
CHONG H. CHOE  
MATTHEW S. CHRISTMAN  
THOMAS L. CHUNG  
JENNIFER A. CURRY  
ANJA DABELIC  
JUAN C. DAPENA  
ERIC C. DEUSSING  
MICHAEL L. DEVAN  
ERIN E. DUFFY  
KELLY O. ELMORE  
MARILISA G. ELROD  
CHRISTIN M. B. FOSTER  
STEVEN J. GAUERKE  
HAROLD J. GELFAND  
JUSTIN S. GREEN  
MIGUEL A. GUTIERREZ  
DAVID D. HESSERT  
HASAN A. HOBBS  
JOHN A. HODGSON  
CHRISTOPHER J. HOGAN  
ELLIOT M. JESSIE  
MICHAEL G. JOHNSTON  
MICHAEL R. KAPLAN  
BRYAN J. KEENAN  
KATHY L. KYSEN  
MATTHEW W. LAWRENCE  
NELLE A. LINZ  
JEFFREY S. MARTENS  
MICHAEL P. MCDOWELL  
JEFFREY H. MILLEGAN  
RICHARD S. MONTGOMERY  
JOHN MOREE  
JAMES C. NEDEROSTEK  
MATTHEW NEEDLEMAN  
BRIAN G. NORWOOD



CORMAC J. OCONNOR  
JAMES K. PALMA  
THOMAS A. PLUIM  
OBIE M. POWELL  
BRYAN D. PROPEL  
SHERRI L. RUDINSKY  
REBECCA M. SMULLEN  
SCOTT A. SPARKS  
ROBERT A. STATEN  
GEORGIA A. G. STOKER  
THEOPHIL A. STOKES  
MATTHEW D. TADLOCK  
CHRISTOPHER R. TATRO  
MICHAEL S. TERMINI  
MICHAEL S. TRIPP  
DANIEL J. TRUEBA, JR.  
SCOTT C. WALLACE  
WILLIAM C. WALLACE  
BENJAMIN D. WALRATH  
DIRK A. WARREN  
BRUCE A. WATERMAN  
DYLAN E. WESSMAN  
LUKE A. ZABROCKI

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 captain*

DAVID L. BELL, JR.  
WILLIAM J. BURKE, JR.  
THOMAS P. CARROLL  
JAMES T. CORBETT  
MICHAEL D. FERREIRA  
BRIAN M. GILLEN  
CHRISTOPHER N. HANHILA  
SUSAN E. HINMAN  
CHRISTOPHER S. KAPLAFKA  
KHON H. LIEN  
JEFFREY D. NEAL  
JEROME N. RAGADIO  
CHERI R. SMILEY  
CALVIN B. SUFFRIDGE  
JOSE A. SURIS  
ROGER S. THOMPSON  
NATHAN J. WONDER  
HAROLD S. ZALD

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 captain*

WILLIAM R. BUTLER  
JEFFREY D. JASINSKI  
DAVID M. JAYNE  
JASON G. KRANZ  
WARREN R. LEBEAU  
BENJAMIN D. LEPPARD  
MICHAEL W. MENO, JR.  
OMARR E. TOBIAS

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

*To be captain*

BRIAN J. HALL  
JONATHAN J. JETTPARMER  
BENJAMIN P. MICHAEL  
CHARLA W. SCHREIBER  
PHILLIP E. SMITH

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

*To be captain*

ESTHER A. BOPP  
KAREN J. MUNTEAN  
ROBERTA S. TAYLOR

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

*To be captain*

FRECHELL I. LEACHMAN  
JANICE L. RICE  
LEE V. K. STUART

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

*To be captain*

JEREMY T. CASELLA  
PAUL J. DEE  
JOSEPH M. DROLL  
TONREY M. FORD  
THOMAS H. HEALY  
GEOFFREY D. HUGHES  
JOSEPH KOVACOCY  
JAMES P. MACDONALD  
CARINA E. MALONEY  
CHRISTOPHER D. PEPPER  
DANIEL J. PUGH  
JON P. RIGBY  
ROBERT A. STANLEY  
ROBERT L. UNDERHILL, JR.  
JOSEPH M. ZACK

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

*To be captain*

FREDERICK G. ALEGRE  
ALAN G. BACA

ADAM V. BELLIN  
MARY G. BOOKEY  
JEFFREY L. BOSCHERT  
BENNETT W. BOYER  
JASON B. BROOKHAM  
MATTHEW A. BUCKLEY  
JOHN R. BURKE  
CHRISTOPHER T. BURNS  
ROBERT T. BURNS  
JEREMY L. BUTLER  
JONATHAN M. BUTZKE  
DEREK J. CEDARS  
MICHAEL N. CLAVERO  
ELIZABETH A. CLIFTON  
MARK C. CRAVEN  
JUSTIN S. CROSS  
JESSE CURRIER  
BRIAN A. EISENHUTH  
CARLOS FIGUEROA, JR.  
ROBERT M. FIRNSTEIN  
ERIC C. FLAGG  
MICHAEL J. FREUDENTHAL  
VICENTE C. GARCIA  
BRETT M. GARLAND  
JOHN C. GILLON  
TARA S. GOLDEN  
BLAIR R. GREENLAW  
SUZANNE M. HARKER  
JOSHUA R. HEPOLA  
CHRISTOPHER G. HILL  
YERO B. A. HILTS  
ETHAN D. HOAG, JR.  
ANDREW A. HOEKSTRA  
GREGORY K. HOLMES  
RICHARD T. HORNBUCKLE  
JOHN L. HUNT  
MICHAEL C. HUSBAND  
SIMON HWANG  
BRIAN R. IBER  
JONATHAN A. JECK  
MICHAEL B. JORDAN  
JAN E. KETCHUM  
STEVEN B. KILLION  
AARON J. KLEIN  
HARRY D. KNIGHT, JR.  
RAYOMAND J. KUMANA  
JUDSON W. LANTZ  
MATTHEW E. LAPOINTE  
NEIL B. LAPOINTE  
MARCUS J. LOCKARD, JR.  
JEFFERY D. LOPES  
CHRISTOPHER W. LUEHE  
NORMAN G. MACGREGOR  
STEPHEN R. MCJESSY  
JAMES C. MEADOWS  
MATTHEW G. MORRIS  
MATTHEW H. MORTON  
CONSTANTIN C. MOWRY  
WILLIAM P. MOYNAHAN  
MICHAEL C. MURPHY  
ANDREW R. NEEDLES  
CLARENCE C. NESLEN III  
PATRICK J. NEWBROUGH  
MATTHEW V. OLSON  
DAVID OSTWIND  
BRIAN T. PARKER  
BRENDAN S. PICCOLO  
RIGEL D. PIRRONE  
DAVID W. REYNOLDS  
JAMES T. ROSENBAACH  
MARK C. ROWLAND  
DAVID C. SCHOPLER  
KATIE F. SHELDON  
DERRIN R. SHRINER  
BRETT C. SIWECK  
THADDEUS O. SMITH  
JEFFREY D. SNYDER  
BRADLEY A. SPARKS  
EDWIN D. SPRADLEY  
GREGORY L. STANDRE  
JASON H. STEWART  
ADAM C. STIEVE  
JOHN P. THOMAS  
JASON G. TROUPE  
BRIAN A. TUIN  
MICHAEL E. TURNER  
CASEY R. VAIN  
PHILBERT V. VENTURA  
ANNETTE P. WASHBURN  
BEAUREGARD M. WHITE  
GARY W. WHITE  
KENNETH B. WOOSTER

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

*To be captain*

MIGUEL A. CASTELLANOS  
TULLIO S. HOFSTAD  
JOHN W. OLVEY  
KEVIN A. SCHNITTKER

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

*To be captain*

CHARLOTTE A. BROWNING  
RACHEL H. WADEBROWN

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

*To be captain*

JULIE M. BARR  
VALERIE J. DIAZ

JACQUELINE F. HETH  
PHILLIP R. HURD  
FELICIANO D. JAVIER  
PAMELA E. KILMARTIN  
PATRICIA A. KLIMKEWICZ  
BETHEL L. KRUEGER  
MARY C. MARLEY  
GWENDOLYN A. MCALPINE  
KEITH L. MICHON  
JOHANNA M. MILLS  
KAREN J. MOORE  
SUSAN A. PASSALACQUA  
JOHNNY J. SACCO  
JACOB S. WIEMANN

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

*To be captain*

LIAM M. APOSTOL  
AUBREY I. BOBBSEMPLE, JR.  
WESLEY L. MARTIN  
KATHARINE K. MCCORMICK  
DANIEL MCCOY  
JONATHAN A. MITCHELL  
MARVIN E. J. RICHARDS  
ANN M. VALLANDINGHAM

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

*To be captain*

ANTHONY L. LACOURSE  
EFSTRATIOS D. LAGOUTARIS  
LUIS A. NUNEZ, JR.  
WILLIAM B. SPEIRS  
SHANNON C. ZAHUMENSKY

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

*To be captain*

SCOTT A. HIGGINS  
PEIHUA KU

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

*To be captain*

NATHANIEL A. BAILEY  
BRIAN D. BENASSAI  
KIRK M. CLARK  
THOMAS D. CROCI  
JEFFREY F. GORELL  
KURT R. JEBITSCH  
ARIYAPONG LEWIS  
MICHAEL A. MONTES  
BRIAN V. POWERS  
REBECCA M. PRICE  
MARK A. FUGH  
DANIEL J. SCHAAN  
MARIE J. SIMONPIETRI  
MACON S. SNOWDEN III  
JEFFREY A. SPARKS  
THOMAS J. VIDONI  
LEONARD N. WALKER IV

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

*To be captain*

DAVID K. BOYLAN  
CHARLES M. DAYBALL  
ANDREW K. DUESSEL  
JAMES M. GRIMES  
STEPHEN P. HOLBROOK  
BRUCE E. LAIBLE  
JOHN F. STUART  
NED L. SWANSON

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

*To be captain*

ONOFRIO P. MARGIONI  
KURT D. WILLIAMS

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

*To be captain*

DAVID L. BACHELOR  
JAMES T. MUCHA  
RONALD PETTIGREW  
THOMAS J. TAYLOR

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

*To be captain*

ANDREW M. COOK  
KEVIN M. COYNE  
DENIZ M. PISKIN

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

*To be captain*

CHRISTINA M. ALLEE

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

*To be captain*  
DAVID A. SCHUBKEGEL  
THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be captain*  
JON B. VOIGTLANDER  
THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be captain*  
REBEKAH R. JOHNSON  
ANNE E. LEANOS  
THOMAS H. PORTER  
ROBERT S. THOMS  
THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be captain*  
MATTHEW A. BUCH

SETH D. BURMASTER  
CHRISTOPHER M. CASSANO  
DANIEL R. N. CORKERY  
ZOE A. GOSS  
BRYAN M. HOFFMANN  
RUSSELL W. HORTON  
DONALD R. MOORE  
DAVID J. RALL  
JAY R. SENTERFITT  
TROY J. SHERRILL