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

#### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in Your wisdom has so ordered our earthly lives that we must walk by faith and not by sight, increase our trust in Your sovereign care. Remind our lawmakers that no problem is too difficult for You to solve. Lord, give our Senators a faith that triumphs over despair, love that triumphs over hate, and courage that triumphs over faintheartedness. Empower them to be bold participants, rather than timid spectators in meeting the daunting challenges of these times.

We pray in Your powerful 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 unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute in morning business.

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

# NATIONAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY PARDONING CEREMONY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, like many Iowans, for the first time in my life, I wasn't able to share a meal with my family this Thanksgiving. That doesn't keep me from being thankful for the essential workers of our country who have also missed many

Thanksgiving meals. Still, these essential workers provide and continue to provide for and keep our country safe.

An essential job that often gets overlooked is that of the 86,000 Iowa farm families who produce the food that we consume on Thanksgiving and the 364 days out of the rest of the year. That is why I am proud to see Ron and Susie Kardel from Walcott, IA, get well-deserved recognition this past week. You see, Ron and Susie, along with their two turkeys, Corn and Cob, participated in a time-honored White House tradition. That tradition is the National Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning Ceremony at the White House. This ceremony helps connect the dots for many Americans, showing them that the food they put on the Thanksgiving table isn't grown in a grocery store.

So I want to thank Ron, Susie, and President Trump for highlighting Iowa agriculture this Thanksgiving. In a year that has been so very difficult for most Americans, it is nice to see traditions like this carried on.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. 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.

# SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, first, as the Senate reconvenes this afternoon, I am especially happy to welcome back our President pro tempore. Senator GRASSLEY quarantined

and worked from home following his positive COVID test 2 weeks ago. We all predicted that if any Member of this body had the stamina and spirit to kick the virus to the curb, it would certainly be him, and, sure enough, our colleague reports that he experienced no symptoms. His doctors have cleared him to come back to work, and we are sure glad to have him back.

Chairman GRASSLEY had to put his epic streak of consecutive votes temporarily on hold for the sake of other people. Of course, leadership and example-setting are nothing new for the senior Senator from Iowa. I am confident our colleague will pick up exactly where he left off, resuming both his perfect attendance record and the tireless work for Iowans that it represents. We all benefit so very much from his leadership.

## BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, the Senate is back in session to finish up 2020. The American people are counting on us to finish strong. We need to reach agreement on Federal Government funding to avoid a lapse in basic programs and services.

We need to finish the annual Defense authorization to shore up the U.S. military's competitive advantage over our adversaries, and we need to continue processing well-qualified nominees for vacancies throughout the government, especially—especially—on the Federal bench.

These are important assignments, but they aren't the only things that Congress should get done before the end of the year. There is no reason—none—why we should not deliver another major pandemic relief package to help the American people through what seem poised to be the last chapters of this battle.

This morning, we got yet another major sign of hope. More data appeared to confirm that the vaccine developed

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by Moderna is more than 94 percent effective. They are going ahead and asking the FDA for emergency use authorization. Experts are calling this news "absolutely remarkable." Alongside other promising vaccine developments from Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, and others, there is continued cause to suspect that victory over this pandemic is not far off.

But a huge amount of work remains before us. If Operation Warp Speed remains on this historic trajectory, we need to continue investing in the system that will distribute these vaccines around our country. If we want the small businesses that have already hung on for most of the year to survive a few more months, we need a second round of the job-saving Paycheck Protection Program for the workers at the hardest hit establishments. Some major parts of the historic CARES Act have already run dry, and many others are set to expire at year's end.

We Republicans have spent months trying to renew important help and provide even more. We have tried to send more than \$100 billion to help schools and welcome students and teachers safely to the classroom. We have tried to implement commonsense legal protections that universities and charities have been clamoring for. We have tried to pass all of this over and over again, but Speaker Pelosi and the Senate Democratic leader have blocked it.

They have been very transparent about all of this with their political strategy—laid it right out there. The Speaker of the House spent the entire summer and the entire autumn literally gambling with the health and welfare of the American people. She gambled that if American families didn't get any more relief before the election, her party would expand its majority in the House, and Democrats could continue demanding the right to remake all of society along far-left lines in exchange for passing any more COVID relief whatsoever.

But their all-or-nothing obstruction backfired. Democrats did not pick up seats in the House but instead appear to have lost seats. They have not gained any leverage, but instead they have lost leverage. And in the meantime, with the coronavirus surging from coast to coast, the American people have gone entirely—entirely—without any additional aid—even the least controversial, most bipartisan programs—because the Democrats say no.

Here is a summary from one news outlet:

Pelosi seems to have overplayed her hand as she held out for \$2 trillion-plus right up until the election. The results of the election, which saw Democrats lose seats in the House, appear to have significantly undercut her position.

By now it is abundantly clear to everyone that the Speaker will not be getting to fundamentally transform American society in a socialist direction in exchange for more bipartisan

relief. The hostage-taking was never going to work.

Now there is only one remaining question for the Speaker and the Democratic leader—just one question: Will they finally—finally—let Congress pass hundreds of billions of dollars of relief on all the subjects where we agree? Or will they continue to insist that either they get their entire ideological wish list or the American people get nothing at all?

Even their fellow Democrats are increasingly seeing this as not a terribly difficult question to answer. For example, over the weekend, Professor Austan Goolsbee, who chaired the Council of Economic Advisers under President Obama, called on Democrats to finally play ball. Here is what he said:

There are a lot of people really hurting. . . . I hope [Congress] can agree on something soon. . . . [I]f they have to accept half a loaf, then they have to accept half a loaf.

Speaker Pelosi's No. 2, the House Democratic majority leader, feels the same way:

I just hope that we can get agreement. It may not be everything that everybody wants, but at least. . . . some significant relief to people.

Our distinguished Senate colleague from Illinois, the Democratic whip, said the same thing: "[G]et something done that is significant, do what we can achieve now."

Here is the headline from Newsweek: "Democrats Urge Pelosi to Accept Smaller Stimulus Package to Ensure Relief by End of Year."

Even the Speaker's own House Democratic Members are now openly campaigning for our Republican approach. Here is one Democratic Congressman, who nearly lost his reelection after Speaker Pelosi's stonewalling:

We absolutely have to get something done. . . . Mitch McConnell is talking about a bill we can pass. . . . We should negotiate that to the finish

That is a House Democrat saying that the Senate Republican proposal is the template that can pass.

Rank-and-file Democrats in both Chambers are telling Speaker Pelosi and the Democratic leader to stop stonewalling and move forward with the approach Republicans have been urging for months. The American people need more help, and they need it right now—right now. Democratic leaders have already burned through 3 months—3 months—and they didn't even get the political results that their cynical strategy was supposed to deliver.

So let's hope our colleagues at the top of the Democratic Party can finally hear their own Members and stop blocking the commonsense, multihundred-billion-dollar measures that Republicans have been ready to deliver for months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 761.

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 legislative clerk read the nomination of Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.

#### 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 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 Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.

Mitch McConnell, John Thune, Marsha Blackburn, Joni Ernst, Pat Roberts, John Cornyn, Lindsey Graham, Deb Fischer, Tim Scott, Lamar Alexander, Kevin Cramer, Mike Braun, John Hoeven, Mike Crapo, Michael B. Enzi, John Boozman, Thom Tillis.

# LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, 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. 842.

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 legislative clerk read the nomination of Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

## 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 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 Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law

Mitch McConnell, Shelley Moore Capito, John Hoeven, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Joni Ernst, Roy Blunt, Todd Young, Mike Rounds, Thom Tillis, John Cornyn, Michael B. Enzi, Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott, Mike Crapo, James E. Risch, James Lankford.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

# RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, first, I hope all of my colleagues had a good and fine Thanksgiving. We all know that across the country we celebrated a Thanksgiving—all of us, every American—unlike any in recent memory. Too many loved ones spent this holiday alone, unable to join with loved ones out of concern for their safety. As painful as it is to refrain from seeing family and friends, these are tough choices that we sometimes have to make, and we need to maintain our resolve more than ever.

While the hope of a vaccine shimmers on the near horizon, we are living through the worst stretch of the pandemic right now. Last Friday, for the first time, over 200,000 new cases of COVID were reported in a single day. The United States is averaging over 1 million new cases a week. Some 20 percent of all patients now hospitalized in the United States have COVID-19.

The worst and most unalterable part of this pandemic, of course, are the deaths. Since November 10, America has been losing more than 1,000 precious lives a day. On one day, November 24, we lost more than 2,000. The national death toll stands at a very sad 270,000 American souls. Families all across the country are experiencing the

unthinkable, unbearable losses of their loved ones.

As a compassionate nation, we cannot and must not ignore or become inured to this terrible reality. We must not avert our gaze. We must acknowledge the lives we are losing. We must honor the grief of the children, parents, spouses, siblings, and friends of the increasing number of Americans who are dying from COVID-19 every single day. We must redouble our efforts to flatten the curve and protect each other by wearing masks, practicing social distancing, and complying with the guidance of health officials.

As this Chamber gavels back into session, we must redouble our efforts before the end of the calendar year. As the pandemic increases in severity, so does the economic pain felt by countless working families and small business owners. In a few short weeks, several provisions of the CARES Act—including student loan forbearance, eviction moratoriums, and jobless benefits for millions of workers—will expire.

So first and foremost on the Senate's to-do list is COVID relief. Both sides should come together and negotiate a COVID relief bill in a bipartisan way that meets the needs of our businesses, our schools, our healthcare systems, our workers, and our families.

At the start of this crisis, Democrats and Republicans came together in a flurry of negotiations—I was thickly involved with them with Secretary Mnuchin—to pass a bill that truly met the moment. Now we are about to reach a new, more difficult stage of the crisis. We need to renew that spirit, that urgency, that bipartisanship.

Leader McConnell's view, stated just a few minutes ago, seems to be that the only things that should be in this bill are things Republicans approve of, even if the needs of the country—the desperate needs of the country—are beyond the small list that Republicans might support. That is not real compromise.

We need to come together. Both sides must give. We have a Democratic House, and in the Senate there is a need for Democratic votes to pass any bill, so we need a true bipartisan bill—not "this is our bill; take it or leave it"—that can bring us together and solve the desperate needs of the American people, which we all very much want to solve.

Mr. President, the second item on our to-do list is Federal appropriations, which expire in 2 weeks. As we speak, appropriators from both sides in the relevant committees continue their negotiations. It is my hope and expectation that we can come to an agreement very soon.

Mr. President, third and finally, Congress should pass the annual Defense bill. As our country prepares for a peaceful transfer of power, the continuity of our national security is paramount. For nearly 60 years, Congress has never failed to pass the annual Defense bill, but this year it

seems the normally uncontroversial legislation has hit a snag. President Trump has threatened to veto the bill over a provision that would rename military bases and installations named after Confederate military leaders, men who would rend this country in half to preserve the institution of slavery, men who literally fought against this Nation's military in pursuit of an ignoble cause.

For that—a provision to rename our military bases to honor actual heroes rather than traitors to our country—President Trump is threatening to veto a pay raise for our troops. And it seems that Republicans in Congress are slow-walking the bill in hopes of finding some way to appease the outgoing President rather than just passing the bill over his rather ridiculous objection.

The provision to rename these installations was included in both the Houseand Senate-passed versions of the bill, and the larger bill passed both Chambers with broad bipartisan support. There is no reason to further delay a pay raise for our living military heroes because President Trump wants to honor dead Confederate traitors.

The other provision that is at risk, shockingly, from our Republican colleagues is an amendment to assist veterans who have long suffered from their exposure to Agent Orange in the Vietnam war. The amendment passed this Chamber with 94 votes in favor, a rare and near-unanimous demonstration of bipartisan support.

The Trump administration's own VA advisory panel recommended this policy to improve healthcare for these veterans, but for some reason, our Republican counterparts are now reportedly trying to strip it from any final agreement. It would be an affront to a group of ailing veterans, who have suffered enough already, to strip a provision that would help provide them adequate healthcare.

# BIDEN ADMINISTRATION NOMINEES

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now on President-Elect Biden's nominees, as President-Elect Biden prepares to assume office on January 20, he is beginning to announce a slate of qualified, experienced public servants whom he intends to nominate to his Cabinet or other key administrative positions.

This morning, the President-elect announced that he has assembled his core economic team, led by another Brooklyn native, Janet Yellen, who would be the first woman to ever hold the title of Treasury Secretary. The President-elect's economic team clearly has the experience, the knowledge, and the prowess to meet the seriousness of this moment. More than that, they understand the needs of all Americans because they represent all different kinds of Americans.

They will get to work not just on rebuilding our economy but striving to provide greater and more equitable prosperity to future generations.

Alongside the President-elect's deeply experienced national security team and his soon-to-be-announced health team, his economic team will ensure that the incoming Biden-Harris administration will hit the ground running.

Everyone knows that the Senate plays a pivotal role in confirming a new President's Cabinet. In the midst of this once-in-a-century crisis, it is imperative that the next administration can count on the Senate to confirm its Cabinet without delay, so hearings on President-Elect Biden's nominees should begin in January, immediately after the Georgia runoff elections.

Let me say that again. The Senate should begin hearings on President-Elect Biden's nominees in January, immediately after the Georgia Senate elections, so that key Cabinet officials can be confirmed on January 20 and soon thereafter, which is traditional for a new President. Senate committees held hearings for President Obama's nominees and President Trump's in early January, before the inauguration. Majority and minority staff should begin preparation for those hearings as President-Elect Biden names his Cabinet.

Now, President-Elect Biden's slate of intended nominees provides a stark contrast to the caliber of nominees advanced by the current Trump administration over the past 4 years. The early days of the Trump Presidency were defined by high-level appointments of individuals who were manifestly unqualified, plagued by ethical complaints, or swimming in conflicts of interest—sometimes all three.

At the time, Republicans in the Senate lined up to confirm President Trump's appointments, arguing that a President deserves his Cabinet and broad deference on his nominees. I would hope the same deference would be extended to President-Elect Biden's nominees, especially considering the obvious gulf in quality, experience, and ethics.

Already, however, the Republicans are twisting themselves into pretzels to explain their reflexive opposition to these outstanding selections. Neera Tanden, who would be the first woman of color to ever run the OMB, the Office of Management and Budget, is so eminently qualified that some on the Republican side—grasping at straws—have taken issue with comments made on Twitter criticizing the policy positions of Republicans in Congress.

Honestly, the hypocrisy is astounding. If Republicans are concerned about criticism on Twitter, their complaints are better directed at President Trump, who has made a hobby out of denigrating Republican Senators on Twitter.

I fully expect to see some crocodile tears spilled on the other side of the aisle over the President-elect's Cabinet nominees, but it will be very tough to take those crocodile tears seriously. Our Republican colleagues are on the record supporting some of the least qualified, most unethical, and downright sycophantic Federal nominees in recent memory.

Many defended the conduct of previous OMB Director Russell Vought, who allowed foreign aid to be held up for political reasons, resulting in the President's impeachment. Right now, Republicans in Congress are looking the other way while President Trump pardons a man who pled guilty to the FBI.

So, again, it will be impossible to take these overblown complaints over President-Elect Biden's nominees very seriously. Given the urgent need to address COVID-19 and its economic fallout, the Senate should follow precedent and promptly hold hearings on President-Elect Biden's nominees in January, immediately after the Georgia elections, before inauguration.

The American people cannot afford to wait to have its government working at full force to keep them safe, defeat the virus, and get our economy back on track.

I vield the floor.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Democratic leader.

## AGENT ORANGE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, before I yielded the floor, I talked about Agent Orange, maybe before he had come on the floor, and it would be outrageous—the Senator from Montana has done great work helping our veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange get the healthcare they need and deserve, and I hope that our Republican colleagues will relent and allow those provisions to stay in the NDAA bill, and I compliment him on the work he has done.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I thank the minority leader. I would just say that the presumptive conditions that the fighting men and women were exposed to in Vietnam are real, and the fact of the matter is these folks are getting old enough now that these conditions are putting them in a world of

hurt healthwise. It is the right thing to do to support our Vietnam veterans when it comes to the presumptive conditions that were caused by Agent Orange, and it needs to be in the NDAA.

#### TRIBUTE TO TRECIA MCEVOY

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, as we come here this week, back to Washington, DC, to deal with next year's funding package and hopefully a COVID package, I want to step back for a second and talk about really what is the most important thing in this body, and that is relationships.

Now, as a U.S. Senator, we have relationships with the people who elect us and for whom we work. Some of those relationships are outstanding; some may be not so outstanding. We also have relationships with the people who work for us, and, once again, some of those relationships are outstanding; some of them could use a little work.

Today, I get to talk about somebody who is retiring from my office who has had an outstanding relationship with everybody in my office, which is a feat that not a lot of folks are able to accomplish. But she is retiring. She is my scheduler.

Her name is Trecia Bickford McEvoy. I would just say that Trecia is not here today. Hopefully, she is watching on C-SPAN. The reason she is not here is because of COVID. My wife is not here today, and my wife dearly wanted to be here today to hear this speech in person. She is not here greatly in part because of COVID.

But the bottom line is, when it comes to Trecia McEvoy-and any Senator knows this—the most difficult job in any office in the U.S. Senate is the person who schedules the Senator's time. It is tough enough to be able to get to the committee meetings on time and be able to deal with the floor schedule and make sure you are meeting with constituents all in a timely order, not holding anybody up. But in my particular case, it is even more difficult because, as the folks in this body know, I still farm. So getting back to Big Sandy, MT, to that farm 12 miles west, to be able to do the things that I need to do, whether it is planting, whether it is harvesting, whatever it is, in a timely manner is also really important.

Not only did Trecia have to deal with my schedule here in the Senate, she had to deal with a very, very uncertain schedule on the farm. Let me give an example. I may be peeling out of here on a Thursday night with full intentions to plant some peas the next day. When I call my wife Sharla and say "What is the weather like?" she will say "It is raining," to which I call back Trecia and say "Trecia, you have to schedule for me for work in the State because I can't do any farming" to which she would go to work and over the next 12 hours, starting at about 4 or 5 in the afternoon, would help schedule, working with my State schedule and working with the staff, a full day of work the next day.

That didn't happen once in a while. That happened almost every weekend because, as those of us involved in agriculture know, it either rains too much or not enough; the Sun either doesn't shine enough or it shines too much.

The truth is, Trecia had to juggle all of those balls in the air to make sure that everything got done, to make sure that I was able to do my job as a Senator, that I was able to meet with those constituents, that I was able to meet with those trade groups that were out there, and that I was able to meet with different businesses around the State of Montana and then also have time enough to be able to operate the farm. She did it, and she did it with a smile on her face. The reason that is important is because sometimes those calls didn't come at 5 in the afternoon: sometimes those calls came at midnight Montana time, which, incidentally, is 2 in the morning here, and she always answered the phone—always and she was always there with a solution to any problem I might have. It made life so much easier. That is why. when I hired Trecia McEvoy, it was the best hire I have ever made in my nearly 14 years in this body.

Trecia, when I hired her, was already a seasoned veteran. She spent more than 15 years scheduling for Senator Jim Jeffords before I was able to hire her. We asked her former colleagues in Jeffords' office to reminisce on their time working with Trecia. One of them was something that is perfectly Trecia McEvoy. The quote goes like this: Trecia was a fierce keeper of the gate and protector of Senator Jeffords. The staff didn't worry too much about Jim getting mad at us but, rather, Trecia getting mad at us. Whether she was protecting his time with an important dignitary, protecting his popcorn and his frozen vogurt lunches, or making sure that Jim wore his Senate softball uniform underneath his suit to hit the field after the vote, she never missed a

Coincidentally, here in the Senate, she met her husband Jeff when she worked in Jeffords' office. Some of you may know Jeff. He is one of the Senate's longest serving photographers. Jeff was an Army veteran, serving from 1981 to 1989. Coming to the Senate after his retirement, where he has been ever since, he worked his way up, holding positions as official photographer, lead photographer, photographic services supervisor, and lastly, branch manager.

Jeff and Trecia still have—at least until the pandemic hit—lunch in the Dirksen cafeteria every single day. Between the two of them, they had two kids, Zach and Ian. It has been a privilege of my lifetime to watch those kids grow up, to go to an occasional hockey game—something that I know nothing about—and have Trecia tell me how the sport works.

Look, it is never easy when you have somebody who sits right outside the door of your office—usually the first person you see when you come into the office, and it is usually the last person you see when you leave it. But Trecia was a pro. She is a pro.

Today I should feel sad, but I don't. I actually feel very happy for her because she gets to retire, and she gets to move up to New Hampshire. I think, if she is watching in Washington, DC, right now, she is probably sitting on cardboard boxes full of clothes or dishes or whatever it might be because my guess is, as of tomorrow, she will probably be in New Hampshire in short order. But the truth is, she will be able to go up there and enjoy life and look back at her time here in the Senate and understand that she has done a job well done. I would just say that the next chapter in her life, I have no doubt, will be just as exciting as the

Trecia said: I remember there was a day—she told me that when she retires, she will look up at the dome and no longer feel a sense of wonder. I don't believe that is true. I think now that she is retired, she will look up at this dome that we all work under and think of the incredible stories and the incredible experiences and the incredible people, that she was able to enrich their lives and make life better for them.

Even though, Trecia, you are going to be a shot up north in New Hampshire, you will always be a part of my team, Team Tester. And I will tell you that Sharla and my kids and my staff and I thank you for everything you have done. Hopefully you won't be a stranger. Hopefully you will come back on occasion, come into the office and tell us what we are doing wrong and what we are doing right, because you are the best.

I yield my time.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD). The clerk will call the roll. The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

# $\begin{array}{c} \text{NOMINATION OF TAYLOR B.} \\ \text{McNEEL} \end{array}$

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I rise in strong support of the nomination of Taylor Brantley McNeel for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. We will vote in a few minutes on the first vote for this outstanding nominee, the cloture vote, and then I have every reason to believe that tomorrow, this outstanding candidate will be confirmed for elevation to the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Mississippi.

Sometimes when we vote, those confirmation votes are party-line votes. I think, happily, many times they are bipartisan. Based on conversations across the aisle, I have every reason to

believe that the vote on Taylor McNeel will, in fact, be bipartisan. I certainly hope it will be because his support back home in Mississippi is certainly bipartisan and multicultural because he is such an outstanding individual and such an outstanding attorney and an outstanding member of our State community.

Taylor McNeel's life has been marked by excellence at every point. Of course, he is a great lawyer. He is a partner in the law firm of Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, where he oversees the gulf coast office for this large law firm. Taylor McNeel has led a distinguished career in the firm, with extensive experience in both bench and jury trials in Federal and State courts. He has served as lead counsel for numerous appeals to the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Mississippi Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. His clients include individuals, government entities, and businesses covering a vast range of law.

I believe Senators should be impressed also by his work on behalf of disadvantaged members of our community back home. He maintains a strong pro bono practice, representing clients who would not normally be able to afford legal services. I think he is to be commended for that.

His academic credentials are impeccable. He was a cum laude graduate from the University of Mississippi, where he received his undergraduate degree. As an undergraduate, he was an outstanding athlete as well as leader. He was a member of the Ole Miss Rebel football team and was elected senior class president of that outstanding university.

He went on to receive his juris doctor degree cum laude from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he served on the Mississippi Law Journal.

Taylor McNeel has been widely recognized as a young lawyer to watch. He has been named a Mid-South Rising Star in business litigation for 8 years in a row and has been listed 3 years in a row in the 40 & Under Hot List for the United States in benchmark litigation. Is it any wonder, then, that he has received a unanimous "qualified" rating by the American Bar Association? Of course, we know that the highest rating a candidate for district judge can receive is the rating of "qualified," and the fact that this was done unanimously by the committee—it just doesn't get any better than that for a candidate for district judge.

It is important to note also that Mr. McNeel is an outstanding and active member in his community and is widely respected there. He serves on the school board of the Pascagoula-Gautier School District. I might add that is a racially diverse school district. He is an elder in his church, First Presbyterian Church in Pascagoula, and he has been a member of the Rotary Club of Biloxi.

Pascagoula is in Jackson County, where he is an outstanding citizen. Biloxi is in Harrison County, and he is a leader there. They are two of our most populous counties in the State of Mississippi, and he stands head and shoulders above the crowd in both of those.

He has been president of the Harrison County Bar Association and holds memberships in the American Inns of Court, the Federal Bar Association, Fifth Circuit Bar Association, and the Federalist Society.

Taylor and his wife Jessica have three children: Mollie, age 10; Taylor, age 7; and Brantley Rose, born on the 2nd day of this month.

He has his hands full. I think he will be able to balance being a dad as well as a district judge. He has outstanding qualifications in the academic field, the judicial field, and his personal qualifications are absolutely out of this world. I am confident he will serve the Southern District of Mississippi and our country well if confirmed.

We will vote on cloture in a few moments. Again, I am sincerely hoping and believe we will—based on conversations—have a bipartisan vote, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on the confirmation of Taylor McNeel.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

#### PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I see nobody within 15 or 20 feet of me, so I will take the mask off, and I appreciate the fact the distinguished Presiding Officer recognized who it was even with the mask.

I have a couple of things that concern me. I was going through the history and looking at transitions between Presidents. I was struck by—even Presidents who did not like their successor—how hard they worked to make sure that everything was done properly for the good of the country. No matter how they might feel about themselves personally, they set the country first and foremost. I contrast that with what is happening now.

Former Vice President, former U.S. Senator—I served with him—Joe Biden, got the most votes of any Democratic nominee for President in the history of this country—millions more than what President Trump got. He has an insurmountable lead in certified electoral votes. Yet the President, for weeks, refused even to carry out the law that we all voted for-Republicans and Democrats alike-to provide for transition whenever there is a transition, a law that was used quickly when President Trump was elected. Even though Hillary Clinton had millions more votes than he did, she conceded the election, and within a day, the transition began.

The idea is, whoever is President must know what is going on. Certainly, the distinguished Presiding Officer, like all of us, has access to and gets intelligence briefings on what is happening around the world. I think it discloses nothing to say we live in per-

ilous times, and there are decisions any President must make, even if it is 5 minutes after they are inaugurated, as was the potential when President Obama was inaugurated the first time. He actually had talking points to alert people to clear the malls in case there was an attack.

Instead, today is only the first day that President-Elect Biden is getting the Presidential briefing. Vice President-Elect KAMALA HARRIS, of course, has the advantage as a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee to have a lot of that material anyway, but now they both do.

But we look so foolish in the eyes of the rest of the world. We lecture dictatorships when they have rigged an election so they can stay. We lecture them for doing that. We lecture those people who refuse to give up their office. Yet now they see the United States, the leading democratic country in the world, the country that always espouses democracy, saying: Well, we are not going to follow our Constitution. We are not going to follow our laws. We will allow a lot of tweets from the incumbent, but we are not going to follow our law.

What kind of example is that?

Then the President does even worse by saying: Well, I am getting these calls from all these world leaders saying to stick it out. But, of course, when asked "Well, who were they?" suddenly he can't seem to remember who it was who called—if there were any such calls; I suspect there weren't.

Let's stop the charade. Let's make more of an effort to have a smooth transition. There are enough things that face this country. We should not have, for the first time in our history, this kind of foolishness.

I applaud those few members of the Republican Party who have been honest enough to say: It is over. We know it is over.

I think when you go back in history, when Richard Nixon faced impeachment and ultimate conviction here in the Senate, some of the most respected Republican Senators went down to see him quietly—people like Hugh Scott, the Republican leader, whom I got to know well, and Barry Goldwater, "Mr. Conservative," whom I got to know well. They went down—not with any happiness in doing this, as one of them told me subsequently there was actually sorrow in their hearts—to tell the President he had to leave; the time had come.

The President did, and the Republicans and Democrats came together to help install the next President, Jerry Ford, and the next Vice President, Nelson Rockefeller. The two of them became the first President and Vice President never to have been elected. Jerry Ford and Nelson Rockefeller were the first President and Vice President never to be elected but to be appointed. That was about the time I came to the Senate.

I remember hearing Republicans and Democrats alike saying: We might not like to say what happened, but we knew the government had to keep going, and we had to show credibility to the rest of the world. So long as we pretend that we have a Presidency by tweet, we don't show that integrity to the rest of the world

I was there for the inauguration of President Trump. Even though I had a different candidate and voted for her, Secretary and former Senator Hillary Clinton, I was there—as was Secretary Clinton and her husband, former President Clinton, and outgoing President Obama and outgoing Vice President Biden—to show the world that we have continuity. Even though there is a vast difference of opinion, we have continuity.

That is not the image we are showing now. With everything that is happening, whether it is in Iran or, economically, with Brexit and the United Kingdom or a COVID epidemic around the world, we, the United States of America, should show unity, at least under our Constitution.

Of course, Republicans should be supporting Republicans and, of course, Democrats should be supporting Democrats. But the one thing we should all be supportive of is our Constitution and our laws.

We stand down there—the proudest moments of my life were standing down here and taking my oath to uphold the Constitution as United States Senator, just as I did when I became President pro tempore. I did it to uphold the Constitution of the United States, not the Constitution of the Democratic Party, not the Constitution of the Republican Party, but the Constitution of the United States of America.

Let's get on with the transition. Let's make America strong again. Let's do what is necessary to be done to fight this COVID epidemic.

In that regard, we have two matters that should be the most important matters before us. One is getting an omnibus because, after all, in a couple of weeks, funding for the United States of America will run out, and we don't want to have one of those foolish shutdowns that we had before that cost the taxpayers billions and billions of dollars. Only four of us-Senator SHELBY and myself and our counterparts in the House just down the hall-met in my office and worked out a bipartisan resolution and passed the spending bill so that we could put the government back in order. Ironically, it was exactly what we had offered weeks before. For some reason the White House didn't want to accept it, and billions of dollars of taxpayers' money were lost.

Now we have a life-or-death issue that goes beyond even the spending, and that is COVID. The House of Representatives, back in June, I believe it was, passed the Heroes Act to have money, equipment, and so forth for those who are suffering because of the COVID epidemic, like the small stores, inns, restaurants, and so forth in my

State, to say nothing about our hospitals that are overwhelmed.

We had money in there. The Republican leader refused to even bring the bill up for a vote. I can't say why. The Republicans are in the majority. Bring it up. Have four or five amendments on both sides. Have four or five Republican amendments and four or five Democratic amendments. Vote them up or down. What are we afraid of? Why would we refuse to vote? If the Republican leader doesn't like the bill, instead of blocking it and not even having a vote on it, vote it up or down. The Republicans are in the majority. They could vote down any aid for the States that are suffering with COVID, but vote it up or down.

I have heard some Senators say: But they are nervous. Whichever way they vote, it might be uncomfortable back home. It might not be politically good for them back home.

Balderdash. The fact is that we were sent here to vote. I have voted more than any Senator in the history of this country, save one. I have cast well over 16,000 votes. If people were to go back to those votes and ask: "What were you thinking on this vote in 1978 or 1986 or 1995," I would probably look at it and say, "Hmm. In retrospect, I think I probably screwed up." Yet I was willing to vote. I was willing to vote.

When I was the key vote in the Armed Services Committee to stop the war in Vietnam, I knew that our State's largest newspaper would attack me mercilessly, and it did for months after that. It would be hard today to find anybody who would be in favor of continuing that war in Vietnam, but we had five votes in a row in the Armed Services Committee, and each one failed by one vote. I was its newest member, but I was there to vote, which is what we have to do.

I look at some of my friends on the Republican side who have joined me on some very tough votes. I don't want to embarrass the senior Senator from Texas, but he is on the floor. With regard to the Freedom of Information Act, we stood up against both Republicans and Democrats and said: No, we are standing up for the people of America, and we are going to have votes on this so they can see what their government is doing. That is what we have to go back to. We have to go back to the time when we could do that.

What I would urge of the Republican leadership is to bring up a COVID bill—a real COVID bill. Have a few amendments on both sides. Vote them up or down. If you don't like an amendment somebody has, vote against it. If you like it, vote for it. Let the American people at least have some hope that we are doing something for them.

Too many businesses are going out of business. Too many families don't know what they are going to do when the schools close. Too many small hospitals, especially in rural areas, wonder what they are going to do as COVID sweeps through. Let's give them some

hope. Let's say to the people: No, you are not going to be kicked out of your home. No, you are not going to be living in your car. We will give you money to get through this, knowing that the economy can be much stronger afterward if you do. Certainly, it is going to be much stronger for those in our labor force if they are still in their homes, as the jobs open back up, than if they are homeless.

So let's do that. Let's bring it up and vote. Senator Shelby and I have worked very, very hard on bipartisan legislation for the omnibus. We probably have, maybe, 95 to 98 percent of it agreed on. Bring it up. Then, on the 2 or 3 or 4 percent, bring votes up. Vote it up or vote it down. After all, the Republicans are in the majority. If they don't like it, vote it down, but let's get the vast bulk of it through, which is something that both Republicans and Democrats have worked together on. My staff has worked together with the Republicans' staff, and we have something we can do there. So vote it up or vote it down. Let's just vote on it.

Then let's let people leave here. Let our staffs, the people who work in the hallway, and the people who are here on the floor go where it is safe. I am glad to see the distinguished Presiding Officer has gotten over his own bout of COVID. He and everybody else here who has suffered from it have been in my prayers, but there are millions of others who are suffering from it, and in the highest number we have ever had, they are dying from it.

Let's get together. Let's do what the American people want. Let's do what we were elected to do. Let's not be afraid to vote. Don't be afraid to vote. Certainly, I may have thought long and hard about some of those 16,000 votes I have cast, but I have never been afraid to vote. I have never been afraid to vote.

I see my colleague and friend waiting for the chance to speak, so I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Scott of Florida). The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, first, while he is still on the floor, let me say that I agree with the senior Senator from Vermont. If you don't want to vote, you probably ought to look for another line of work. Congress is a bad place to come if you don't want to actually vote and be on record.

## FOREIGN ACTORS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, as America waits for the results of the 2020 election to be certified in a couple of weeks, former Vice President Joe Biden has begun to announce his picks for his Cabinet and other high-ranking positions.

Some of these nominees have close ties to investment and other consulting firms whose clients are largely unknown or who may be even the subjects of nondisclosure agreements. The

truth is that these individuals could be working on behalf of a "feel good" nonprofit, a malicious foreign actor, or a large company with business before the government. The truth of the matter is, we have simply no idea what kind of business or financial relationships these individuals have with foreign powers that could influence their actions as high-ranking government officials. This goes way beyond compliance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act. This is an ethical issue. It is a conflict-of-interest issue, and Americans deserve to know if these nominees have connections or relationships that could cloud their judgment on behalf of the American people if they are confirmed.

When it comes to the business dealings of those who could serve in highranking government positions, full transparency is the only option. So I encourage each of these individuals, if nominated, to take an open-book approach throughout the hearings and confirmation processes. In fact, I will make a pledge here today that I will not support any nominee who doesn't provide full transparency into his work on behalf of a foreign government. I will not do it. The American people deserve to know if these or any future nominees are beholden to anything other than our national interest.

Just to make the point that this is not some imaginary or hypothetical problem, let me refer to an article that was written today in the Associated Press News, entitled: "'Mercenary' donor sold access for millions in foreign money." This is a story of a socalled elite political fundraiser, Imaad Zuberi, who, maybe not surprisingly, raised a lot of money for Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama and who also became the top donor to the Trump Presidential Inaugural Committee. In other words, he wasn't particularly partisan. He just wanted to be close to power and be able to influence

Prosecutors who have now prosecuted him for a variety of violations of campaign finance laws and foreign lobbying laws have called him a mercenary political donor. His foreign entanglements were quite extensive. He lobbied as an unregistered foreign agent for at least half a dozen countries and officials, including a Ukrainian oligarch who was close to Russian President Vladimir Putin. He lobbied for countries like Turkey and Sri Lanka, among others. As I said, it really doesn't make a difference so much which country. It was the fact that he was lobbying in an undisclosed fashion, raising money for political candidates, and violating campaign finance laws for which he has now pled guilty and will be awaiting sentencing after the first of the year.

We spent a lot of the last 4 years—and, certainly, as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, we spent about 3½ years—investigating Russian interference with the 2016 election. Yet, as this story makes clear,

Zuberi's story shows there are far easier ways to bend American foreign policy than by using sophisticated hacking tools or well-funded troll farms. In other words, you can do it the way he has done it, which is by violating our foreign agent registration laws, representing foreign governments and foreign interests, and hiring lobbyists and cutting out donors in a way that funnels foreign money into the American political process—unbeknownst to people like us unless it is disclosed.

Between 1966 and 2015, the Department of Justice brought just seven criminal cases for violating the law relating to registering as a foreign lobbyist, according to a 2016 inspector general's report. So this is a serious topic.

The incoming chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, Senator Grassley, and the current ranking member, Senator Feinstein, and I have a bipartisan bill to reform the Foreign Agents Registration Act, but this is going to be front and center in the confirmation process for any nominee by the incoming administration, and I just think it is fair to place everybody on fair notice that full transparency is the only option.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, on another matter, the Senate has, of course, returned for a last end-of-the-year legislative dash, and we have a lot of work to do before we cross the finish line.

As we know, government funding will expire in less than 2 weeks, and we have to reach an agreement, as the senior Senator from Vermont mentioned, before the December 11 deadline of the current continuing resolution. With millions of Americans already facing economic uncertainty, a government shutdown is, surely, not an option.

We need to pass the National Defense Authorization Act to support America's brave servicemembers and ensure that our military leaders have the ability to plan and operate with certainty and provide peace through American strength. Also, as we move into the winter months, which the experts have told us will present new challenges in our war against the COVID-19 virus, it is time to cut the partisanship and deliver another round of relief to the American people.

It is worth recounting—because people have short memories, apparently, in Washington, DC—that, over the last several months, our Democratic colleagues have consistently talked about the need to bolster our support in the fight against COVID-19. Yet, despite the repeated rhetoric and calls to action, they have unapologetically stood in the way of each and every attempt to make real progress.

This summer, we proposed something called the HEALS Act—as the Presiding Officer knows, for he was instrumental in that work—as a starting

point for negotiations on a new relief package. It was a starting place, a place to begin bipartisan negotiations in the hope of crafting a package that could get the requisite number of votes. Unfortunately, before the election, our Democratic colleagues had simply no interest in amending the bill or trying to find any kind of common ground. I think they thought it was to their political advantage for the American people to be experiencing the anxiety and the pain before the election. I can't imagine holding them hostage, but that is what appeared, to me, to be the case.

Instead of trying to find common ground—in particular, the Speaker made the amazing statement that nothing was better than something when it came to COVID—19 relief, which is just the opposite of what I have always believed—she demeaned the bill of half a trillion dollars in spending as "pathetic." The minority leader called it "unworkable," but then they didn't lift a finger to try to get anything done.

So the next month we took another shot. We attempted to narrow the scope of negotiations to the most urgent matters—things like continuing Federal unemployment benefits, which expired at the end of July. This is last July. This time our Democratic colleagues rejected what they called a "piecemeal" approach.

Well, never mind the fact that the House returned to Washington to help pass a bill that supported the U.S. Postal Service. We all believe in supporting the Postal Service, but apparently they thought that piecemeal bill was acceptable as long as it was a Democratic-authored bill and didn't provide any additional relief to the American people.

Well, being unsuccessful those first two times, we tried again a third time. So in September the majority leader tried to bring a bill to the floor to provide \$500 billion for our shared bipartisan priorities. There weren't any real differences in what was in the bill. The only difference was that our Democratic colleagues wanted to spend multiples of that for unrelated activities. We wanted to concentrate the effort on helping small businesses keep their employees on payroll, giving schools the resources they needed to keep their students and teachers safe, strengthening testing nationwide, and investing in the continued success of Operation Warp Speed, which is going to deliver an FDA-approved vaccine before the end of the year—not just one, maybe as many as two or three, and more, perhaps, to come.

Anyone who has spent time watching C-SPAN over the last several months has heard both Republicans and Democrats talk about the importance of every single one of these things, but when legislation that includes all of these priorities came up for an initial vote, our Democratic colleagues wouldn't even allow us to get on the

bill. In other words, here in the Senate you have to vote to get on the bill before you can then offer amendments and try to make it better.

So they killed it. Without batting an eye, our Democratic colleagues voted in lockstep to block the bill and unanimously oppose legislation that would have invested an additional half-trillion dollars in our fight against COVID-19.

When the majority leader tried to bring the bill to the floor again in October, we saw exactly the same thing. It was the same bad movie all over again. Our Democratic colleagues refused to let us even debate, much less to amend, the bill.

It is not just these targeted packages that have been blocked by our Democratic colleagues. They stood in the way of our commonsense proposals, like the one from the now-former Senator from Arizona, Senator MCSALLY, which would have extended unemployment benefits for 1 week while we negotiated a larger compromise.

Our friends on the other side of the aisle have repeatedly said that Congress needs to act, but the reality is their own actions have prevented us from doing so.

Month after month, they have demonstrated it is either the House's multitrillion-dollar, leftwing-policy grab-bag wish list or nothing. They have consistently told the American people: It is our way or the highway. You don't get an extension of unemployment insurance unless we get tax breaks for blue-State millionaires and billionaires. You don't get vaccine funding unless we get diversity studies on the marijuana industry. You don't get funding for schools unless we get permanent changes to hijack and take over our election laws and run them out of Washington, DC.

Well, even rank-and-file Democrats have now understood and criticized this sort of bogus approach to legislating. It has been the same song and dance month after month—fiery speeches, press conferences, tweets, and letters calling for action. But each time our Democratic colleagues have been given an opportunity to actually do something—to do more than spout off some meaningless, vapid rhetoric at the nearest microphone—they have simply stood in the way.

The fact of the matter is our Democratic colleagues have blocked more COVID relief bills than they have passed. Yet they continue to feign outrage over Congress's failure to pass a bill—we heard it again here today—as though they aren't the ones responsible for the impasse.

Our jobs here in the Senate aren't simply to vote against imperfect bills. If that were the case, no bill would ever pass, because none of them is perfect. But this body is built on making imperfect legislation better through a debate-and-amendment process—two processes we haven't seen much at work this year.

So the bottom line is Congress needs to act. The American people want Democrats and Republicans to come to an agreement on the things our country actually needs to make it through this crisis.

It won't be the last piece of legislation we pass, but we do need to do this next step, and we need to do it soon—as soon as possible.

It is time for our Democratic colleagues to realize the election is over and the only real people being hurt by their intransigence are the people they represent in their various States.

So it is time to start getting back to work for all the American people on a bipartisan piece of legislation and to quit the partisan games. I can't say it any more directly than that.

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.

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

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

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, this week, as we return to DC, we are going to resume consideration of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act. Around DC we call it the NDAA. And before I get into discussing some of my priorities in this legislation, I want to encourage each and every one of my colleagues to carefully consider why we go through the lengthy process of drafting and reconciling this authorization. And we do this every single year.

The easy answer, of course, is that we have a duty to provide for our common defense and that of our allies and partners. But every year the media devotes most of their attention to how much money we have agreed to spend on the tools of war—the Chinook helicopters, the *Virginia*-class submarines, and the Reapers. They want to know about the flashy hardware and end up ignoring the people who are in the driver's seat.

Thousands of service men and women call Tennessee home, and when I accepted the role of Senator, I took on a special responsibility to look after and to take care of each and every one of them.

Their decision to serve came with necessary and serious lifestyle changes, both for themselves and for their families. Anyone who knows a servicemember knows that their lives are not their own. They go where they are told to go. They do the job they are told to do. They do it without hesitation because they have accepted that serving their country is more important than the autonomy they sacrificed when they put on that uniform and took their oath.

"Sacrifice" is the key word here because it applies not only to the servicemember, but it also applies to their family. This is why we spend so much time focusing on programs that make their lives as seamless as possible.

For example, this year, I continued work on military spouse license portability to make it easier for spouses who wish to continue working in their chosen field after they have changed locations, moved from one State to another, because they were told this was going to be their new duty station. We hope these spouses are able to continue their careers, to be fulfilled in their jobs and responsibilities. Last year, we established a pilot program for licensure reciprocity, and this year, we worked to increase funding for this very important program.

With my remaining time, I want to focus on our special operations community, especially the 5th Special Forces Group and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. They each call Fort Campbell their home.

For those who serve in these elite units, uncommon bravery is an everyday occurrence. They go to some of the worst places on the face of the Earth, to be surrounded by the most dangerous people alive, to do work that no one can ever know about and at a higher occupational tempo than any other aspect of our forces. Their operational tempo is unbelievable. The physical, spiritual, and psychological toll of that work and the stigma attached to it by those who do not understand its importance cannot be overstated. It is not a unique burden, but it is an especially heavy burden.

U.S. Special Operations Command knows this and has made taking care of the people behind this mission a priority. They created the Preservation of the Force and Families Program to support these warriors and their families, but, like any program of this nature, it requires continuous innovation and evolution to stay effective.

This year's Senate-passed NDAA reaffirms the importance of this initiative to both servicemembers and their families and improves human, psychological, spiritual, and social performance programs. It also requires a deeper study on new opportunities for special and incentive pay parity in order to increase retention of our valuable special operators.

This is only one aspect of an expansive piece of legislation, but it provides a useful reminder that every dollar—every single taxpayer dollar that we spend to defend the cause of freedom is gone to waste if we ignore the unique needs of the people fighting our battles for us. We have to put the emphasis on this human capital—on the individual, on their family.

This is one of those moments where it would be in everyone's best interest and our Nation's best interest to avoid playing politics with a very important policy—protecting these men and women in uniform, providing for the common defense, providing the tools, the training, and the services they need in order to be ready to deploy, in order to take care of their families, in order to treat their wounds when they return—to care for the whole of the soldier.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, delay isn't an inconvenience when it comes to the NDAA. It is not a bump in the road. When it comes to our Nation's defense spending, delay is dangerous. It is dangerous for our national defense, it is dangerous for the allies and the partners who depend on us, and it is dangerous for our troops and their families. It is my hope that we will be able to proceed with consideration of the final 2021 NDAA with that above all else at the forefront of our minds.

I yield the floor.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN). 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 Taylor B. McNeel, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

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 Taylor B. McNeel, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Mitch McConnell, Mike Crapo, Tom Cotton, David Perdue, Mike Rounds, Pat Roberts, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, Lindsey Graham, Thom Tillis, Tim Scott, James E. Risch, Michael B. Enzi, John Cornyn, Roger F. Wicker, John Thune, John Boozman.

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 Taylor B. McNeel, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, 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 Oklahoma (Mr. Inhoff), the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. Loeffler), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. McSally), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. Rubio).

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

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. Harris), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Heinrich), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. Murray), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Sanders), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. Schatz), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. Sinema), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. Warren), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Whitehouse) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 36, as follows:

# [Rollcall Vote No. 240 Ex.]

#### YEAS-52

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

## NAYS—36

Baldwin	Feinstein	Peters
Bennet	Gillibrand	Reed
Blumenthal	Hassan	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Schumer
Brown	Kaine	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Carper	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Casey	Leahy	Tester
Coons	Markey	Udall
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Wyden

#### NOT VOTING-12

Harris	McSally	Schatz
Heinrich	Murray	Sinema
Inhofe	Rubio	Warren
Loeffler	Sanders	Whitehouse

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 36.

The motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII,

the postcloture time on the McNeel nomination expire at 11 a.m. tomorrow and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. I further ask that, if cloture is invoked on the Calabrese nomination, the postcloture time expire at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; finally, if any of the nominations are confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 905 and 906.

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

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that, if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Mark C. Christie, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2025, and Allison Clements, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2024, en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

# MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

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

## VOTE EXPLANATION

• Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 234, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 862, Toby Crouse, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 35, the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 862, Toby Crouse, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. ●

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

# TRIBUTE TO MADISON ALEXANDER

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Madison for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Madison is a native of Florida. She is a graduate of Samford University, where she studied journalism mass communications. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Madison for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS GUTOWSKI

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Nicholas for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Nicholas is a native of New Jersey. He is a student at American University, where he is studying international studies. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months

I want to thank Nicholas for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO PAYTON LANG

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Payton for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Payton is a native of South Carolina. She is a graduate of Clemson University, where she studied political science and women's leadership. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Payton for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey. ●

## TRIBUTE TO JACKSON LIVINGOOD

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Jackson for his hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Jackson is a native of Wyoming. He is a graduate of Colorado College, where he studied political science and journalism. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Jackson for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

## TRIBUTE TO THAYNE MACY

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Thayne for his hard work as an intern in my Cheyenne office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Thayne is a native of Casper. He is a student at the University of Wyoming, where he is studying political science, world languages, and history. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Thayne for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

#### TRIBUTE TO QUENTIN MCHOES

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Quentin for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Quentin is a native of Cody. He is a student at George Washington University, where he is studying international relations. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Quentin for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

#### TRIBUTE TO LOGAN MOORE

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Logan for his hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Logan is a native of Virginia. He is a graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Logan for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey. ●

## TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN NEWELL

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Benjamin for his hard work as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Benjamin is a native of Nebraska. He is a student at the University of Wyoming, where he is studying political science and communications. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Benjamin for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey. ●

### TRIBUTE TO ADAM RHOADS

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Adam for his hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Adam is a native of Florida. He is a student at Florida State University, where he is studying environment science and policy. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Adam for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

## TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY P. WHITE

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the honorable service of Dr. Timothy P. White, who will be retiring as chancellor of the California State University, CSU.

Chancellor Timothy P. White has served as the California State University's seventh chancellor since December 2012. His leadership of the Nation's largest and most diverse university system—23 campuses, 482,000 students, 53,000 faculty and staff, and 3.8 million alumni—has been characterized by his heartfelt and unwavering dedication to the students.

In fact, it was that commitment to student success that led Chancellor White in 2015 to launch the "Graduation Initiative 2025," an ambitious systemwide effort to increase graduation rates and to eliminate equity and opportunity gaps between underserved students and their peers. The initiative has already resulted in record numbers of baccalaureate degrees earned.

Further, Chancellor White has been a strong advocate for diversity and gender equity, ensuring campus leaders, faculty, and staff reflect the communities they serve. In July 2018, CSU achieved national recognition for having 12 female campus presidents—representing more than half of the CSU's campuses—quadrupling the number of female presidents from the time Chancellor White assumed office and far surpassing the national average of 30 percent female leadership at higher education institutions.

A caring and forward-thinking leader, he has been committed to compassionate action on behalf of Dreamers and has spearheaded efforts to support title IX rights and to prevent sexual assault on campus. Chancellor White commissioned the first-ever study of homelessness and hunger among university students and has instituted innovative programs to help students meet their basic needs. He has also worked to ensure that the CSU shines as a leader on environmental sustainability and climate change education and policy.

The COVID-19 pandemic has proven to be a difficult challenge for higher education, but Chancellor White has displayed bold leadership, delaying his planned retirement to ensure steady decision making that has not only allowed the CSU to sustain its high-quality instruction and operations but also helped the university to thrive, with record-setting numbers of degrees awarded in spring 2020 and the university's largest ever student body enrolled in the fall.

A clarity of vision, a heartfelt and relentless focus on student success, and an emphasis on collaborative leadership, combined with a ready sense of humor and a warmth and generosity of spirit, have defined Chancellor White's tenure.

I applaud Dr. White's lifetime of service to the betterment of our State and its students, and I wish him the best as he begins this next chapter of his life.

# REMEMBERING DENNIS RUSSELL WEDDLE

• Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and service of my friend and a great Nevadan, Dennis "Denny" Russell Weddle, who passed away on August 2, 2020. Denny served our country in the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years and retired as lieutenant colonel with a distinguished military career, serving in Vietnam and as the information officer on the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Team from 1969 to 1971.

In 1969 Denny was first stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada—the proud home of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Team—and after retiring from the Air Force, he stayed in Las Vegas and became the director of corporate public affairs at Summa Corporation, which is where I had the pleasure of working with him. Later, Denny founded his own full-service marketing, public relations, and government affairs agency, called Denny Weddle & Associates.

Denny was a dedicated public servant with an exceptional history of community engagement, serving as the president of the Military Officers Association, a member of the Vietnam Veterans Association and the American Legion, and the founder of the Nellis Support Team. Denny also was the chair of the board of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and served as the president or the chair of over 30 major nonprofits in our community.

I am so pleased to have known Denny Weddle, and I am so thankful for his engagement and commitment to Nevadans. Denny's contributions to both the Las Vegas and the Nellis Air Force Base communities will be missed.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

# MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 19, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 327. An act to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected-disability.

S. 3147. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress reports on patient safety and quality of care at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3587. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 835. An act to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States AntiDoping Agency to assist its fight against doping, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1668. An act to establish minimum security standards for Internet of Things devices owned or controlled by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1773. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition and other material to win the war, that were referred to as "Rosie the Riveter", in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations.

H.R. 3589. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Greg LeMond, in recognition of his service to the Nation as an athlete, activist, role model, and community leader.

H.R. 4104. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Negro Leagues baseball.

H.R. 5901. An act to establish a program to facilitate the adoption of modern technology by executive agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8472. An act to provide that, due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19, applications for impact aid funding for fiscal year 2022 may use certain data submitted in the fiscal year 2021 application.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the enrolled bills were signed on November 24, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President protempore (Mr. SASSE).

# ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 20, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1833. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building".

H.R. 3207. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Mill Street in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, as the "Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building".

H.R. 3317. An act to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3329. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5186 Benito Street in Montclair, California, as the "Paul Eaton Post Office Building".

H.R. 4734. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the "Ernest 'Ernie' T. Pyle Post Office".

H.R. 4794. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building".

H.R. 4981. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 5037. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the "Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 5384. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the "Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office".

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the enrolled bills were signed on November 20, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President protempore (Mr. HAWLEY).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4636. An act to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prioritize and advance efforts to improve waste management systems and prevent and reduce plastic waste and marine debris, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4644. An act to clarify United States policy toward Libya, advance a diplomatic solution to the conflict in Libya, and support the people of Libya.

H.R. 4802. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards under the Department of State's rewards program relating to information regarding individuals or entities engaged in activities in contravention of United States or United Nations sanctions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5408. An act to oppose violations of religious freedom in Ukraine by Russia and armed groups commanded by Russia.

H.R. 5586. An act to measure the progress of recovery and efforts to address corruption, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti.

H.R. 6334. An act to authorize United States participation in the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7276. An act to establish an interagency working group to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan to control locust outbreaks in the East Africa region and address future outbreaks in order to avert mass scale food insecurity and potential political destabilization, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7703. An act to authorize appropriations for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, prioritize disaster re-

silience, and for other purposes. H.R. 7954. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

H.R. 7990. An act to prioritize efforts of the Department of State to combat international trafficking in covered synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8259. An act to prohibit Russian participation in the G7, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8294. An act to amend the National Apprenticeship Act and expand the national apprenticeship system to include apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship registered under such Act, to promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8405. An act to direct the Department of State to ensure persons representing the United States in international athletic competitions in certain countries are appropriately informed, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8438. An act to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6395) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. Langevin, Larsen of Washington, Cooper, Courtney, GARAMENDI, Ms. SPEIER, Messrs. Nor-CROSS, GALLEGO, MOULTON, CARBAJAL, BROWN of Maryland, KHANNA, KEATING, VELA, KIM, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Messrs. CISNEROS, THORN-BERRY, WILSON of South Carolina, TUR-NER, ROGERS of Alabama, LAMBORN, WITTMAN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. STEFANIK, Messrs, Kelly of Mississippi, Galla-GHER, BACON, and BANKS.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Mr. Schiff, Ms. Sewell of Alabama, and Mr. Nunes.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of sections 3601 and 3602 of the House bill, and section 1053 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Peterson, Ms. Spanberger, and Mr. Conaway.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of sections 1002 and 8003 of the House bill, and sections 4, 126, and 1086 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Morelle, Horsford, and Stewart.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of sections 212, 279, 569, 570, 1110, 1791, 1797, 1833, and 1834 of the House bill, and sections 516, 561-63, 565, 566, 1090, 5211, 6047, 6091, and 6615 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mr. GUTHRIE.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 223, 229, 332, 335, 535, 540H, 601, 705, 736, 1299N-2, 1641, 1760, 1761, 1772, 1793, 1821, 1823, 1824, 2835, 3201, 3511, 3601, 5101-04, 5109, 10306, and 11206 of the House bill, and sections 311, 319, 703, 1053, 1091, 1092, 1094, 1098, 1099, 2841, 3121, 3125, 3131, 3132, 5239, 6082-84, subtitle I of title LX of division E, sections 6299F, 6614, 6704, and 6706 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. PALLONE, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. WALDEN.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 902, 1248, 1249, 1299R-9, 1768, 1776, 1779, 1790, 1792, 1798, 1803, 1808, 1812, subtitles H and I of title XVII of division A, and divisions G, J, K, and M of the House bill, and sections 1706-10 and 6231 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. WATERS, Messrs. VARGAS, and LUETKEMEYER.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 213. 843, subtitle C of title XI of division A, sections 1202, 1203, 1207, 1221-24, 1231-33, 1238, 1248, 1249, 1251, 1260D, 1260E, 1261, 1266, 1272-74, 1276, 1280, 1286, 1290-92, 1294, 1296, 1299, 1299B, 1299G, 1299H. 1299K, subtitles H-K of title XII of division A, section 1299Q-1, 1299Q-2, subtitle M of title XII of division A, sections 1299T-4, 1299T-5, 1521, 1640F, 1659, 1757, 1759, 1823, and division I of the House bill, and sections 1201-03, 1205-07, 1210, 1213, subtitle C of title XII of division A, sections 1231-33, 1236, 1240, 1241, 1251, 1253-56, 1263, 1281, 1283, 1286, 1287, subtitle H of title XII of division A, subtitle C of title XV of division A, section 1661, title XVII of division A, sections 6231, 6251, 6284, 6286, 6293-96, 6299, 6299A, 6299B, 6299D, and 6299F of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ENGEL, SHERMAN, and McCAUL

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for considerations of sections 1630, 1631, 1637, 1640A, 1640D, 1640F, 1760, 1784, 1793, 1804, and 9508 of the House bill, and sections 6088, 6096D, 6613, and 6614 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to con-

ference: Mses. Torres Small of New Mexico, Slotkin, and Mr. Green of Tennessee.

From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of sections 536, 1101, and 1751 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mses. Lofgren, Fudge, and Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 281, 540D, 814, 1055, 1215, 12990–6, 1299T–4, 1299T–5, 1640A, 1731, 1733, 1762, and 1763 of the House bill, and sections 1296 and 6088 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Nadler, Ms. Mucarselpowell, and Mr. Steube.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 601, 626, 627, 1744, 1794, 1795, 2834–36, subtitle E of title XXVIII of division B, and divisions O and P of the House bill, and sections 315, 2861–63, 2887, 6081, and 7861 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah.

From the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for consideration of sections 373, 813, 815, 825, 830B, 833, 848, 1101, 1102, 1104, 1105, 1108, 1111, 1114, 1115, subtitles B and C of title XI of division A, sections 1635, 1639, 1640C, subtitle B of title XVII of division A, sections 1744, 1745, 1769, 1770, 1774, 1793, 1808, 9208, and 11410 of the House bill, and sections 631, 1103–06, 1109–13, 5244, 6047, and 9306 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Messrs. Lynch, and Comer.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of section 229, subtitle D of title II of division A, sections 327, 333, 341, 1744, 1771, 1806, 1807, 1821, 1824, 1825, division E, sections 5502 and 10104 of the House bill, and sections 318, 1098, 1099, subtitle C of title LII of division E, sections 5231–38, and 6087 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mses. Johnson of Texas, Sherrill, and Mr. Garcia of California.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 831–33, 835–40, 840A, 841, 844, and 1633 of the House bill, and sections 871, 872, 1642, 5871–75, and 5877 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Messrs. GOLDEN, and CHABOT.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 311, 312, 332, 560G, 601, 829, 830B, 912, 1101, 1732, 1750, 1760, 1768, 1809, 3501, 3504, 3505, 3507–09, 3510C, 3510D, 5103, and division H of the House bill, and sections 178, 1087, 1635, 3501, 5237, 5246, 6089, and subtitle I of title LX of division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HUFFMAN, ROUDA, and GIBBS.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sections 525, 534, 535, 540A, 540B, 540C, 540E, 540H,

546, 551-53, 560B, 560E, 560F, 560G, 560H, 718, 724, 731, 734, 750H, 752-54, 760, 831, 1101, 1411, 1764, 1790, 1802, and 5502 of the House bill, and sections 741, 744, 753, 762-64, 935, 1089, 1090A, 1090B, 1421, and 6085 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TAKANO, LAMB, and BILIBAKIS.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 1276, 7103, and 7104 of the House bill. and section 6003 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Neal, Panetta, and WENSTRUP.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4636. An act to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prioritize and advance efforts to improve waste management systems and prevent and reduce plastic waste and marine debris, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4644. An act to clarify United States policy toward Libya, advance a diplomatic solution to the conflict in Libya, and support the people of Libya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4802. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards under the Department of State's rewards program relating to information regarding individuals or entities engaged in activities in contravention of United States or United Nations sanctions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5408. An act to oppose violations of religious freedom in Ukraine by Russia and armed groups commanded by Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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H.R. 6334. An act to authorize United States participation in the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 7276. An act to establish an interagency working group to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan to control locust outbreaks in the East Africa region and address future outbreaks in order to avert mass scale food insecurity and potential political destabilization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 7703. An act to authorize appropriations for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, prioritize disaster resilience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 7954. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 7990. An act to prioritize efforts of the Department of State to combat international trafficking in covered synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 8259. An act to prohibit Russian participation in the G7, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 8294. An act to amend the National Apprenticeship Act and expand the national apprenticeship system to include apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship registered under such Act, to promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 8405. An act to direct the Department of State to ensure persons representing the United States in international athletic competitions in certain countries are appropriately informed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 8438. An act to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 24, 2020, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 327. An act to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected dis-

S. 3147. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress reports on patient safety and quality of care at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3587. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 3896. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish and maintain a public directory of the individuals occupying Government policy and supporting positions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-302).

#### 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. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 4923. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend by one year certain port of entry donation authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

> By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOL-LEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. Brown, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. Durbin, and Mrs. Gillibrand):

S. 4924. A bill to prohibit and prevent seclusion, mechanical restraint, chemical restraint, and dangerous restraints that restrict breathing, and to prevent and reduce the use of physical restraint in schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 4925. A bill to provide for additional space and resources for the protection and preservation of national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 4926. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain streams in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and Smith River system in the State of Montana as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 4927. A bill to exclude EIDL advance

amounts from the calculation of loan forgiveness under the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 4928. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support educational programs in civics and history, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. WAR-REN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 4929. A bill to address the history of discrimination against Black farmers and ranchers, to require reforms within the Department of Agriculture to prevent future discrimination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 4930. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve mental health services for students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 332

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown) was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove the manifestation period required for the presumptions of service connection for chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda, and acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Cassidy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women's Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the "Six Triple Eight".

S. 959

At the request of Ms. Collins, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. Wicker) was added as a cosponsor of S. 959, a bill to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, and for other purposes.

S. 2561

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2561, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 2950

At the request of Mr. Sullivan, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. Scott) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2950, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 3608

At the request of Mr. Kennedy, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Burr) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3608, a bill to amend the CARES Act to provide flexibility in use of funds by States, Indian Tribes, and municipalities.

S. 3753

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3753, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs have physical locations for the disposal of controlled substances medications.

S. 3814

At the request of Mr. Young, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3814, a bill to establish a loan program for businesses affected by COVID-19 and to extend the loan forgiveness period for paycheck protection program loans made to the hardest hit businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 4012

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4012, a bill to establish a \$120,000,000,000 Restaurant Revitalization Fund to provide structured relief to food service or drinking establishments through December 31, 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 4129

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. Rosen) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4129, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds.

S. 4258

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. Murray) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4258, a bill to establish a grant program for small live venue operators and talent representatives.

S. 4326

At the request of Mr. Enzi, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Toomey) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Menendez) were added as cosponsors of S. 4326, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to honor the 100th anniversary of completion of

coinage of the "Morgan Dollar" and the 100th anniversary of commencement of coinage of the "Peace Dollar", and for other purposes.

S. 4384

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4384, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to address exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances at Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, and for other purposes.

S. 4441

At the request of Mr. Wyden, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4441, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage State Medicaid programs to provide community-based mobile crisis intervention services, and for other purposes.

S. 4486

At the request of Mrs. Fischer, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Kennedy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4486, a bill to establish an interactive online dashboard to allow the public to review information for Federal grant funding related to mental health programs.

S. 4544

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BEN-NET), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Peters) were added as cosponsors of S. 4544, a bill to specify the Federal share of the costs of certain duty of the National Guard in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

S. 4574

At the request of Mr. Young, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Bennet) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4574, a bill to establish a demonstration program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease, and for other purposes.

S. 4613

At the request of Mr. Boozman, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Scott), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Cassidy) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Kennedy) were added as cosponsors of S. 4613, a bill to amend the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act to prevent certain automated calls and to require notice of the availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, and for other purposes.

S. 4749

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from

Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4749, a bill to address the public health risks posed by wildlife markets, and for other purposes.

S. 4801

At the request of Mr. Brown, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4801, a bill to provide that all persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, and accommodations of financial institutions.

S. 4803

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Scott) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4803, a bill to make the 3450–3550 MHz spectrum band available for non-Federal use.

S. 4865

At the request of Mr. Brown, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4865, a bill to improve the full-service community school program, and for other purposes.

S. 4867

At the request of Mr. Coons, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. Shaheen) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Boozman) were added as cosponsors of S. 4867, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes.

S. 4885

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Cramer) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4885, a bill to amend the CARES Act to provide that EIDL emergency grant advance payments shall not be subject to certain reductions.

S. 4898

At the request of Ms. Murkowski, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. Capito), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. Fischer), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Barrasso), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Cramer) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. Tester) were added as cosponsors of S. 4898, a bill to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to extend the period during which States, Indian Tribes, and local governments may use Coronavirus Relief Fund payments.

S. RES. 760

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 760, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the atrocities perpetrated by the Government of the People's Republic of China against Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of other Muslim minority groups in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region constitutes genocide.

S. RES. 774

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

(Mr. Blunt), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Young), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Cardin) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 774, a resolution honoring the United Nations World Food Programme on the occasion of being awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1581

At the request of Mr. Kennedy, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Burr) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1581 intended to be proposed to S. 3608, a bill to amend the CARES Act to provide flexibility in use of funds by States, Indian Tribes, and municipalities.

# AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I have a request for one committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, November 30, 2020, at 6 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

# SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 753 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 753) supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding?

Without objection, the committee is discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that 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. 753) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of October 22 (legislative day, October 19), 2020, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the McNeel nomination under the previous order; finally, I ask 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. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:33 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 10 a.m.

### NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate Friday, November 27, 2020:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BRIAN P. BROOKS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JOSEPH OTTING.

Executive nominations received by the Senate Monday November 30, 2020:

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SCOTT FRANCIS O'GRADY, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE ROBERT STORY KABEM

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DAVID L. FOGEL, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AN ASSIST-ANT SECRETARY OF STATE (ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS), VICE MANISHA SINGH.

#### THE JUDICIARY

MARIA TERESA BONIFACIO CENZON, OF GUAM, TO BE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS, VICE FRANCES MARIE TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD, TERM EXPIRED, RAUL M. ARIAS-MARXUACH, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE

RAUL M. ARIAS-MARXUACH, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT, VICE JUAN R DEL VALLE TORRUELLA, DECEASED.

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. CARLA D. RINER

#### IN THE ARMY

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

To be general

LT. GEN. CHARLES A. FLYNN

## IN THE AIR FORCE

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

 $To\ be\ colonel$ 

TANYA R. HARRISON

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

To be major

RYAN K. AYERS
TARA L. BAUER
SEAN P. BURSON
ROBERT LEE COMPERE
ANGELES RODRIGUEZ DE LEON
TARA LENETT DIXON
ALAN PRELAY JOSEPH FINDLEY
BRIAN HOWARD HONETT
KEVIN L. HOSTETTLER
MOLLY B. LAWLOR
SAMUEL J. MCCLELLAN
MATTHEW DAVID MENDENHALL
WILLIAM J. MESAEH, JR.
REENT JEREMY MULDER
BRIAN EUGENE MUSSELMAN
JUSTIN J. SZEKER
AARON LEMUEL THORNE
ROBERT D. TILLEY
MARK RYAN TRAEGER
JOSEPH GRADY WRIGHT

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

#### To be lieutenant colonel

TERESE L. ALLISON LIAM M. APONTE SHARON A. BALLINGER NATASHA I. BEST DANIEL J. BEVINGTON JUDY L. BLANCHARD KELLIE DORIS BOND REBECCA A. BRIONES ELBERTA M. CARTER JENNIE L. CAVAL LEWIS G. CHRISTENSEN CARMANITA L. DAVIS LISA E. DONOVAN TIFFANI M. DORCH KATHLEEN M. DRUM TAMMY R. EDWARDS JOEL E. ELLIOTT LORI E. FLORI JOAQUINA FONTES LOPES ERIC M. FROST STEPHANIE P. GARCIA ANGELA C. GOOKIN KATHERINE R. GRIFFITHS TWANA A. HADDEN JUDY M. HANSON CHENNEL CHRISTIAN JOHNSON CONNIE L. JONES SUSAN E. JOSEPH MICHAEL L. KOOTSTRA DANYELL Y. LAMBERT MICHELLE A. LEMPKE JOSEPH C. LEONDIKE ERIC W. MAGNUSON ANASTASIA T. MCKOY JENNIFER L. MILAM LIBERTY C. ORADA JESSICA L. PRICE STEPHEN G. RAY MARLENE C. REESE ESMERALDA SALAZAR JEANETTE K. SANDERS SUZANNE E. SEE STEFFANIE L. SOLBERG AMY L. SPOTANSKI CYNTHIA G. STEPHANUS STEPHANIE A. SUBERVI THEODORE J. SZERSZENSKI III GRETCHEN E. SZYMANSKI GRETCHEN E. SZYMANSKI ROBERT L. TROBAUGH STACY L. TUTTLE VERONICA B. VALERIO TIFFANY D. WILLIAMS JONATHAN R. WURZELBACHER

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

#### To be lieutenant colonel

MARTIN R. BOOTH
MICHAEL D. BRAM
KEVIN H. CHELF
JASON P. KIM
WADE S. MATUSKA
ROLAND W. REITZ
GABRIEL A. RIOS
DONALD GILBERT ROMERO
SHIN H. SOH
JEFFREY C. SOLHEIM
CHRISTOPHER A. WATSON
JEROMY JAMES WELLS

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

#### To be colonel

KIM L. BOWEN WILLIAM J. BRASWELL DARREN B. DUNCAN ROBERT J. MONAGLE RONALD R. RAGON STEVEN R. RICHARDSON

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

#### To be colonel

MICHAEL A. BLOWERS

STEPHEN L. BOGLARSKI STEPHEN L. BOGLARSKI
SCOTT L. CARBAUGH
RAMIL C. CODINA
MELINDA EATON
ACHILLES J. HAMILOTHORIS
PATRICK W. KENNEDY
THOMAS V. MASSA
MATTHEW W. OSTLER
ROBERT W. RAINEY
DANIEL A POORDETS DANIEL A. ROBERTS IAN C. RYBCZYNSKI JAMES L. WEINSTEIN JEFFREY L. WISNESKI

#### IN THE ARMY

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

JOHN C. DOWNING, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

#### To be lieutenant colonel

To be lieuten

KRISTA L. BARTOLOMUCCI
JEREMY D. BROUSSARD

BRIAN K. CARR
CESAR B. CASAL
CHRISTOPHER COLEMAN
SHANNA L. CRONIN
CHRISTOPHER C. CROSS
MATTHEW E. DYSON
CRAIG C. FORD
JUSTIN P. FREELAND
BRENT A. GOODWIN
STACEY A. GUTHARTZCOHEN
JEREMY A. HAUGH
NOLAN T. KOON
RYAN D. KROHN
DAVID C. LAI
STEPHEN E. LATINO
RYAN A. LITTLE
BRIAN D. LORINES
MICHAELS
MICHAELS
BRENDAN J. MAYER
ROBERT N. MICHAELS
ROBERT N. MICHAELS
ROBERT M. MICHAELS ROBERT N. MICHAELS ROBERT E. MURDOUGH JOHN C. OLSON BENJAMEN J. PERRY JOHN C. OLSON
BENJAMEN J. PERRY
JOY L. PREMO
MARCIA REYESSTEWARD
GEOVANNY A. ROJAS
DOUGLAS J. SACKE'TT
CRAIG J. SCHAPIRA
JENNY S. SCHLACK
PAUL M. SHEA
BURT D. SMITH
CORMAC M. SMITH
STEPHEN P. SMITH
JOHN T. SORON
KENTON E. SPIEGLER
BRETT A. WARCHOLAK
EDWARD L. WESTFALL
MALCOLM H. WILKERSON
MATTHEW B. WILLIAMS
JOSHUA J. WOLFF
JAMES K. WOLKENSPERG
ABRAHAM L. YOUNG
THE FOLLOWING NAMEL

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

ANNE K. BROPHY DORION S. GERMANY JULIAN R. NIERVA

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

JAMES P. ARGUELLES
PATRICK L. ARNESON
THOMAS E. BRZOZOWSKI
SEAN M. CONNOLLY
SEAN P. CONNOLLY
TOBY V. DAVIS
JAMES A. EWING
WALTER H. FOSTER IV KEVIN C. FREIN FREDERIC P. GALLUN KENNETH GILLILAND KENNETH GILLILAND
EUGENE HAM
CARRIE L. HARRYMAN
ROBERT E. KIRTLAND
DANIEL L. KOLENDA
THEODORE E. LORENZ
BRADLEY J. OLSON
SCOTT A. ORAVEC
WALTER E. PARKER
ROBERT E. WEBB, JR.
THE FOLLOWING NAM

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS CHAPLAINS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND

#### To be major

JESSE T. ADKINSON WILLIAM S. BEAVER

HEATHER BORSHOF JOEL BRITTON JASON BRUCE GABRIEL R. BULTZ PAUL CARTMILL SOOJIN CHANG SOOJIN CHANG
MYOUNG S. CHO
CHARLES F. COTTLE, JR.
TOMMY C. CRAIN
JEFFREY M. CRISPIN
RANDY L. CROEL
MICHAEL D. S. DEMMON
ANDREW S. DRESSLER
STEPHEN G. ECHOLS JOANNA M. FORBES ROLAND O. GEYROZAGA II JOEL M. GIESE JOEL M. GIESE KENNETH D. GILLESPIE DANIEL R. GOULET CHRISTOPHER A. GRIZZLE JASON D. HADDOCK RICHARD HARTENBERG MATTHEW P. HOLDER JESSE W. HUNT FRANCES M. IGBOELI FRANCES M. IGBOELI
MALLIE JENKS
JOSEPH D. JOE
BRANDON L. JOHNSON
YONG T. JOUNG
YOUNG J. JUNG
ANTHONY KEIM
SHAWN S. LEE
STEPHEN MCDERMOTT
MICHAEL A. MCGRUDER
RYAN V. MCKINNON
ROBERT M. MILLER
DANIELI. R. MOEN ROBERT M. MILLER
DANIEL R. MOEN
MICHAEL C. MOODY
ANDREW R. NIELSEN
MARY E. OMALLEY
DAVID RAVENSCRAFT
PHILLIP D. REDDEN
KARL N. REDELSHEIMER
JOSEPH W. REFFNER
JOSEPH W. REFFNER JOSE M. RONDON MICHAEL R. RUMSCHIK CHRISTOPHER J. SCHAFER HO Y. SHIM MICHAEL D. SPALLA NICHOLAS B. STAVLUND CHAD THOMPSON CHAD THOMPSON
JEREMIE A. VORE
LEYANNE P. WARD
DANIEL J. WERHO
JAMESON M. WILLIAMS
JEREMY C. WILLIAMS
RUSSELL D. WOODY
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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

#### KIP R. THOMPSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

#### To be colonel

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

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To be lieutenant colonel

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JOHN M. KENNEDY

To be major

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 30, 2020:

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

MARK C. CHRISTIE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025.
ALLISON CLEMENTS, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024.