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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 12 noon.

## Senate

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018

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

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, how excellent is Your Name in all the Earth. We continue to be astonished that You have chosen us to work for Your Kingdom. Give us the wisdom to strive to ensure that Your will is done on Earth even as it is done in Heaven.

Lord, we are grateful that You have surrounded us with the beauty of the Earth and the glory of the skies. We praise You for the opportunities to spend our lives for causes greater than ourselves.

Today, direct the steps of our Senators, opening doors that no one can shut and closing doors that no one can open, according to the wisdom of Your loving providence.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

#### SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, Members of Congress are making their way back to the Nation's Capital after celebrating Thanksgiving with folks at home, with their friends and their families. To me, this holiday offered a little bit of respite and time for reflection—a time to pause with our families and to think about what we have to be grateful for.

This year, I am particularly thankful for the organizations I met with when I was home in Texas that donated a lot of their most valuable resource—their time. Thousands took time out of their family celebrations to provide meals and assistance to those less fortunate. I had the opportunity to join the ranks of some of my other volunteers, like

Mayor Steve Adler of Austin, with whom I served meals at the H-E-B Feast of Sharing in Austin. I also donned an apron and gloves to help prepare turkey for the annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner in San Antonio, where more than 50 companies and 4,000 volunteers partnered to cook and serve meals. In 1979, Raul Jimenez, who is famous in San Antonio for his contributions there and has now left us, started this dinner with the goal of feeding 100 of San Antonio's elderly families and those less fortunate. Thirty-nine years later, his daughter and grandson, Raul Jimenez III, carry on this tradition and serve meals to feed 25,000 hungry San Antonians.

During the holiday season, we all have a chance to express our gratitude by extending a helping hand, providing a meal, or maybe simply offering words of encouragement. I was grateful I was able to join with some of the remarkable and selfless volunteers doing just that when I was back home. I want to make sure we bring that same attitude back to Congress, where I have the privilege of representing 28 million of my fellow Texans—not only the attitude of gratitude for the great privilege of living in a country such as ours but also feeling the weight of responsibility to actually produce results for them.

My discussions with my constituents when I was back home ran the gamut of possible topics, but what I keep hearing is that they feel as if they are doing much better economically. They see an economy that has been invigorated, and, yes, they have a little bit

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more money in their pockets to spend on holiday gifts.

When I enter the beltway in Washington, I don't read a whole lot about how well people are doing, the confidence and enthusiasm they have in their station in life and their prospects for the future. Mainly what we see on cable TV and on social media is how Congress is fraught with divisiveness and burdened by partisan politics that paralyzes us from getting anything done. We see this narrative splashed across headlines and picked apart on cable news shows.

When I go back home, I find that most of my constituents aren't particularly concerned with who is up and who is down in the purely partisan politics they see going on in the Nation's Capital. They are concerned about making their lives and their families' lives better, putting food on the table, and enjoying the fruits of their labor. They want to see their elected officials likewise doing the same and solving the real issues that affect their lives.

I think it is important to reflect on what this Senate and this Congress have been able to do over the last 2 years under this new administration. I think our record is pretty clear, and, of course, Americans responded by giving us an even greater majority—the Republican leadership in the Senate—next Congress.

In the last 2 years, we promoted policies to foster economic growth and job creation and opportunities for all Americans regardless of their station in life. By doing that, we made historic gains, and I want to mention a few of those now.

Let's start with the Tax Code—the first time in 31 years the Tax Code has been tackled and reformed. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowered tax rates across the board for every tax bracket, doubled the child tax credit, and helped American businesses become more competitive in the global economy.

The savings created by these reforms have been real for Americans across the country. They mean an extra tank of gas each month, more food on the table, or a month's worth of rent. For parents, they mean that textbooks for their kids and school supplies are well within financial reach and saving a little bit more for that college education is now possible.

Robert from Wylie, TX, wrote me recently to say that he and his daughter have been “pleasantly surprised” by the increases in their paychecks. Robert said that he “appreciate[s] the effort put forth by the current administration and look[s] forward to more being done to help the average American worker.”

American workers are the ones who have been left behind in the past and told to expect the new normal of stagnant economic growth and slow wage growth, but they are exactly the ones who are being helped the most now by these changes in tax and regulatory policies. It started with the tax reform

legislation, and I think the regulatory reforms we have been able to enact have made a big difference as well.

The Texas Workforce Commission announced recently that our State hit record-low unemployment in October, while the Department of Commerce announced that the State's economy grew 6 percent in the second quarter. That is a red-hot, growing economy. These were monumental leaps forward that were felt in all corners of our State.

Confidence in the economy across the country is at its highest level since 2004; small business owners—the primary engine of job creation in our country—confidence is at record-high levels; and optimism among U.S. manufacturers has soared to an all-time high. Is this a coincidence? I don't think so. Is this a result of policies produced years ago during a previous administration, as some people would claim? I don't think so. But we have done some important things on a bipartisan basis, together, such as removing some of the burdensome Dodd-Frank banking regulations so that we can expand access to capital, which means more loan money available for small businesses and families and particularly for farmers and the farming community.

We took important steps to reduce the regulatory burdens on all employers and job-seekers alike by giving States the tools to remove barriers to certain professions through occupational licensing reform. Some of the occupational licensing requirements in our States are basically nothing but incumbent protection, trying to freeze out people who wanted to learn a new skill, only to learn that it was uneconomical to do so or that the licensure requirement made that burden too high.

We also worked to help provide for our veterans—a noble undertaking in and of itself—and those who make the transition from military life to civilian life. One bill we passed, called the Jobs for Our Heroes Act, makes it easier for veterans to get commercial driver's licenses, and the American Law Enforcement Heroes Act makes sure veterans get hired by local law enforcement agencies when they come out of the military with the very skills that are needed by our police agencies that are working to keep our communities safe.

In each of these cases, we tried to listen to what my constituents and our constituents were telling us so we could implement targeted changes meant to improve the lives of the people we are honored to represent.

Particularly around Thanksgiving but year-round, I am reminded of how grateful I am for the sacrifices made by those who have served our country in the past and those who presently wear the uniform of the U.S. military. Many times, they are the very ones who spend their holidays deployed overseas in places far away from their families.

I am proud of the historic effort we have made on a bipartisan basis to pro-

vide support to those who are currently serving our country and those who have previously served. That started with the Veterans' Administration, which was past due for reforms. This is an immense bureaucracy of more than I believe 330,000 employees. We needed to pull that agency into the 21st century to better serve the veterans under its charge.

I am sure GEN Omar Bradley, who led the VA after World War II, would not recognize the system in place today, what we have transformed the VA into, but he would have recognized it as it previously existed because it basically was the same system that had been in place since World War II. Now we have taken important steps, such as passing the historic VA MISSION Act, which modernized the veterans' appeals process and the electronic healthcare system. We reformed veterans' healthcare benefits and improved accountability within the VA, and we provided the largest funding increase in history for veterans' care and services.

When it comes to other institutions that help provide safety and security for the American people, we were able to provide for the men and women of the Coast Guard with bipartisan support. Our bill ensures that the Coast Guard can continue to protect our ports, stop illegal drugs from reaching our borders, and save lives.

Earlier this year, we made the greatest investment in our military in history with the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act for the 58th consecutive year. This was appropriately named for our friend and colleague Senator John McCain. The Defense bill supports our men and women in uniform by providing the tools and resources they need to keep our country safe and includes the largest boost to servicemembers' pay in 10 years.

It is especially noteworthy that this year will mark the first time in about a decade that the Defense Department will not operate under a temporary spending measure, known as a continuing resolution. That is important. Because of bipartisan support, we have funded roughly 75 percent of the government so far—we still have more to do—on time and through regular order. In fact, we passed the most on time appropriations bills in 22 years.

In addition to these historic strides, we also passed landmark legislation to combat the drug addiction crisis that has plagued every corner of the country. This bill is designed to help stem the tide of drugs flooding across our borders but also help those who are suffering from drug addiction get the recovery support they need. We also continued to support communities by passing first-of-its-kind legislation to make our schools safer and stop online sex trafficking.

I think each one of these successes is worthy of mention because the legislative record of this current Congress—this 115th Congress—is pretty remarkable, one of the most productive since

my time in the Senate. It has meant unprecedented victories for American workers and families and communities, as well as our servicemembers. We still have a mission, though—we need to finish out the 115th Congress as strong as we began it, and we only have a few weeks left to do that. That starts by continuing our historic pace of confirming the President's judicial nominees, which already total more than 80, with 2 Supreme Court Justices confirmed in the 115th Congress in the last 2 years.

In the coming weeks, we will continue our work on the farm bill to provide support for our Nation's ag community. In my home State, one out of seven working Texans gains their income from working in the agriculture sector. Everyone has heard the saying "Thank a farmer three times a day." It is the farmers and ranchers in the Lone Star State whom I think of when I hear that. Texans know as well as anybody the unpredictability of Mother Nature, which can ruin a crop or an entire season in the blink of an eye. That is why passing a farm bill is important—to give our farmers and ranchers the predictability and the certainty they need and deserve insofar as we can since we can't control Mother Nature.

As you can see, we have our work cut out for us in these remaining weeks. I mentioned earlier that Americans chose to send Senate Republicans back to Washington with an even greater majority, but Americans also chose a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives. Leader MCCONNELL recently called the Senate "fertile soil for bipartisan work," and that is true. It is the way the Senate is constructed and built with our unique rules when it comes to considering and voting on legislation. We are ripe for the possibilities of solving some of the biggest legislative question marks facing our government and facing our Nation.

But now our friends in the House, with Democratic majorities, need to make a choice. They can either choose to make noise or they can choose to join us in making law and improving the lot of American citizens.

I am confident of what we will choose on this side of the aisle because we will do exactly as we have done over the last 2 years—continue to make substantial progress for the American family.

But we will want to make sure that we extend a hand to our Democratic colleagues in the House, and they can make their decision, I hope, to join us in continuing to make progress on the part of the American people and not just create more chaos and confusion and accentuate the divisiveness that we know already plagues our political system and our country.

It is important that we in Congress demonstrate that we are up to the challenge and that we are worthy of the trust of the people we represent—the American people.

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. 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.

NOMINATION OF THOMAS FARR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, first let me welcome everybody back from Thanksgiving, which I hope was a joyous one for everyone here today.

On a subject not so joyous, the majority leader has indicated that the Senate will move to the pending nomination of Thomas Farr to the Eastern District of North Carolina. I have been in the Senate long enough to see a whole bunch of questionable nominees, frankly, from both parties, but Thomas Farr is unquestionably one of the worst. It is hard to believe President Trump nominated him. It is even harder to believe Senate Republicans are considering him again.

This is a man who stands for disenfranchisement of voters, particularly minority voters. That is what he stands for. You can try to parse it any way you want, but that is what he has done. That is not America.

In addition, he has spent his long legal career working against the rights of unions, but he has demonstrated to be a dyed-in-the-wool partisan with particular hostility to voting rights. We all know North Carolina has done more to hurt voting rights than just about any other State. That is an ignominious title for a State that is trying to be more progressive and forward-looking. We all know that.

We also know Justice Roberts will go down in history as one of those who worked to take away voting rights when he authored the Shelby decision and more or less stated that he didn't believe discrimination existed any longer so we wouldn't need section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. That allowed people like Mr. Farr and those in North Carolina to do a wholesale taking away of voting rights, particularly those of minorities.

After challenging multiple congressional maps drawn by North Carolina's Democrats, Farr vigorously defended the congressional maps drawn by North Carolina's Republicans. Even this conservative Supreme Court, often so insensitive to the voting fairness and rights of minorities—the Supreme Court actually overturned this map for discrimination—not partisanship, discrimination.

Farr defended North Carolina's restrictive voting laws. The law, passed by a very conservative Republican legislature, requested data on the use by race of a number of voting practices. After receiving the data, North Carolina Republicans made five changes to voting and registration, every one of which disproportionately hurt the voting ability of African Americans.

Under the law, even citizens who showed government employee IDs, student IDs, or IDs used to receive public assistance were not allowed to vote.

Here is what the Fourth Circuit said—again, not a liberal court circuit. It said: The law had "discriminatory intent" and "targeted African Americans with almost surgical precision." Farr, as he defended this law, said it was a minor inconvenience for voters. This is despicable. That law is particularly designed to prevent African Americans from voting, and we are nominating such a man to the court of appeals, when he was chief cook and bottle washer for much of the time these laws came about. I don't care what your party is, and I don't care what your political ideology is. How can you elevate this man to the court?

Remarkably, Mr. Farr was involved in another sordid affair regarding the voting rights of African Americans. In 1990, Farr was a lawyer for the reelection campaign of Jesse Helms, during which the Department of Justice alleged that 120,000 postcards had been sent overwhelmingly to Black voters, intending to intimidate them from voting. Isn't that amazing? That man is the man we are elevating.

I believe the Republican Party is going to have huge trouble in the future and will shrug its shoulders or say: Oh, this is political correctness. No, it isn't. It is because they tolerate things just like this—not all but too many. Right now, we only have one person on the other side of the aisle who has said he will vote against Farr. I don't care what the marching orders are, they are wrong.

Here, in response to a question from Ranking Member FEINSTEIN, Farr denied that he had participated in any meetings in which the postcards were discussed before they were sent. However, the Deputy Chief of the Voting Section of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division said Farr's response was contrary to the facts. In effect, that DOJ person was saying Farr did participate. We don't know the exact circumstances of the mail, but at a minimum, it is disturbing that Farr was involved, often directly, in defending multiple attempts by North Carolina Republicans to disenfranchise African-American voters.

As the Congressional Black Caucus said, "Had the White House deliberately sought to identify an attorney in North Carolina with a more hostile record on African-American voting rights . . . than Thomas Farr, it could hardly have done so." It is well said.

I don't care if you are a Republican; I don't care if you are a Democrat or something in between, we should not elevate a person to the Federal bench who has spent a good part of his career defending those who want to undermine the rights of Americans to vote.

Let's look at the circumstances of this nomination. You know, MITCH MCCONNELL brags as to how many seats he has filled. These seats were held

back because we respected the blue slips when we were in the majority, and there were a lot of empty seats. Well, this one is the longest running judicial vacancy in the United States.

Why, you might ask, has the seat remained open for so long?

Republican Senators blocked two Obama nominees, both of whom were African-American women. Let me say that again. Republican Senators from North Carolina—they may not have been, but they were in the circuit—blocked two Obama nominees, both of whom were African-American women. Yet now we put this man in that place—all because Leader MCCONNELL and Chairman GRASSLEY changed the rules and eliminated the last bit of comity by eliminating the blue slip? Either of those women would have been the first African American ever—not just the first African American woman but the first African American ever—to serve in that judicial district, when the population of that district was 27 percent African American. Two women were knocked out by Republican Senators under the tradition of the blue slip—both African American—in a district that was 27 percent African American.

They are not on the bench, and we are nominating this man who has stood steadfastly against the right of people—in this case, Black people—to vote. That is despicable. Considering Farr's record on voting rights—on the disenfranchisement of African-American voters, in particular—his nomination to the Eastern District vacancy is not just a dash of salt in the wound, it is the whole shaker.

I plead with my Republican colleagues. After an election in which voting rights and voting suppression were major issues in States like Georgia and Florida and at a time when our President always says elections are fixed and that Americans should have faith in the wellspring of our democracy—the right to vote and to have votes counted and correctly tabulated in a fair way—what message does the Senate send if it approves Farr's nomination?

This is our democracy. For the first time in the history of America, nasty creatures are gnawing at its roots. The tree could fall down. I hope it will not. It is a strong tree, but it could fall down, and it will be aided and abetted by those who put people like Mr. Farr on the bench. I vociferously oppose his nomination, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. President, one other point on Whitaker, the Acting Attorney General.

It has been almost 3 weeks since President Trump tapped Mr. Matthew Whitaker to be the Acting Attorney General. Since that time, I, along with Democratic Leader PELOSI and the ranking members of key committees in the House and Senate, have sent a letter to the Department of Justice, ask-

ing for a formal update on whether Mr. Whitaker must recuse himself from the Russia investigation given that he has had a long history of criticizing. We have not yet received a response. It has been 3 weeks with no response. I have also sent a letter to the Department of Justice, asking its inspector general to look into whether Mr. Whitaker and the White House had any improper or unlawful conversations prior to his appointment—again, no response.

In the meantime, we have learned that before joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Whitaker served on the advisory board of a company that was accused of scamming and deceiving consumers. We learned he received thousands of dollars in campaign contributions 4 years after his campaign ended. They don't seem like campaign contributions, do they? They were something else. Far more evil was at stake, and he got them just before he became Attorney General Session's Chief of Staff. Amazingly, we have learned that he has received \$1.2 million in compensation for unspecified work for a shadowy, conservative, dark money organization that refuses to disclose its donors.

The more the public learns about Mr. Whitaker, the more troubling his appointment becomes. He is hardly the most honorable man given all of this. He is the Acting Attorney General without having had any review by anyone other than President Trump, who has shown that he wants the Justice Department to be his personal arm of attack, not the rule of law—to go after his enemies and lay off his friends.

Beyond the shady business dealings, the most important thing is, Mr. Whitaker will not recuse himself from the Russia probe despite his publicly expressing his bias against the investigation. Clearly, he has shown he is willing to meddle in the investigation. That, in all likelihood, is why President Trump appointed him.

What a sad place we are in. We need to come together in the Senate—Democrats and Republicans—to pass legislation to protect the special counsel's investigation. We already have the bill. It is bipartisan—two Republicans, two Democrats. It passed committee on a bipartisan vote. Chairman GRASSLEY, to his credit, voted for it, and now we have an urgent reason to consider it on the floor. If the majority leader refuses to give it the vote it deserves, the Democrats will push to include it on the must-pass spending bill that we must approve in the next few weeks.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. 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.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, with the Thanksgiving holiday behind us, we are reminded that this year and this Congress will soon come to a close. The past few years have been a time of historic accomplishments on behalf of the American people: historic tax and regulatory reform, landmark legislation to combat the opioid epidemic, a return to regular order appropriations, much needed reforms and resources for our men and women who wear the uniform today and for our veterans. The list goes on and on.

As the 115th Congress comes to a close, my colleagues will have much—much, indeed—to be proud of. But we aren't finished yet. The Senate still has a full plate of important business that we must complete before the end of the year.

At the top of the list are more nominations—well-qualified individuals that the President has chosen for executive and judicial service. Since the beginning of this Congress, the majority has taken the Senate's role in the personnel business very seriously. We have taken the opportunity to process nominations efficiently and fulfill our responsibility to advise and consent.

Of course, thanks to a concerted delaying effort from our colleagues across the aisle, a number of important offices remain unfilled. Accomplished nominees have waited patiently on the Senate calendar. Important posts have remained vacant while my colleagues on the other side of the aisle slow-walk nominations and force a record-breaking number of cloture votes.

We are 2 years into this administration. The President deserves his team, and our constituents deserve the government they voted for. So, as we have this entire Congress, we will continue to make nominations a top priority for as long as need be.

The nominees we will consider this week are highly regarded and well equipped for public service. We will begin with Stephen Vaden, who has been nominated to serve as General Counsel at the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Vaden is a graduate of Vanderbilt and Yale Law School. He brings experience from multiple Federal court clerkships and from years in practice in administrative law and appellate litigation.

This nominee was voted out of the Agriculture Committee with bipartisan support, including that of the ranking member. So I urge each of my colleagues to join me in voting to advance Mr. Vaden's nomination this afternoon and to confirm him this week.

Then we will turn to more nominations for the Department of Commerce, for the Federal judiciary, and for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. I look forward to confirming each of them without undue delay.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

FAREWELL TO THE SENATE

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I intend to be giving a number of speeches over the course of the next couple of weeks to comment on various matters on which I have had the privilege of working.

I want to say, with regard to the election, that things turned out a little differently than Grace and I had expected, but let me say that I have been very, very blessed. That is because I have had the privilege of serving the people of Florida and our country for most of my life, and I don't think anyone could have been more honored by having a lifetime of public service. I was not victorious in this race, but I still wish to strongly reaffirm the cause for which we fought: A public office is a public trust.

First, I want to say thanks to all who have rallied to our cause, both here in the Senate and in Florida. You knocked on the doors, you walked the precincts, you made the phone calls, and you contributed your time and your resources. With an optimistic heart, I wish to say something else: We may have been heavily outspent, but we were never outworked.

To all Floridians, I say to you this, whether you voted for me or for my opponent or you didn't vote at all: I ask that you never give up this fight. A public office is a public trust, and there are a lot of other things that fall under that category of public trust.

You must fight to protect the fundamental right to healthcare and against any attempt to roll back our progress on things like preexisting conditions. Most everybody has a preexisting condition. If it is not required that an insurance company cover you, then either your rate is prohibitively high or else you don't get coverage at all. Out of the 20 million people in the State of Florida, 8 million people have a preexisting condition.

You must continue the fight to preserve the natural wonders of our State, from the Everglades to the pine forests and to the beaches and the offshore waters. Say no to drilling off our coast—not one rig off of our coastline—not only for the sake of our environment but for the sake of our tourism economy and for the sake of the largest military testing and training area for the U.S. military in the world right off of our coast.

As a country, we need to continue to launch rockets and to explore the heavens. I have seen the blue brilliance of the Earth from the edge of the heavens, and I will fight on to save this planet, our homes, and our cities from the spreading plague of greenhouse gases

that infect our atmosphere, play havoc with our weather, and risk the planet our children and grandchildren will inherit.

Every single one of us needs to keep fighting to strengthen Social Security and Medicare for the generations that are yet to come. It is your Medicare. It is your Social Security. You pay into these programs. They belong to you and not to the politicians who are plotting to rob you of your retirement.

I will continue to fight on and on for the inalienable human rights that are the soul and glory of the American experiment: civil rights, women's rights, LGBT rights, and the sacred right to vote. We must end all forms of voter suppression, make it easier for Americans to vote, and honor the ideal that we are governed by the majority and not by minority rule.

There are great decisions ahead that will shape the course and character of America in the 21st century. Yes, I will continue to fight—and to fight hard—for what is right. I will also encourage others to seek common ground with their colleagues and the other side of the aisle. Inevitably, at times that effort will fall short, but we have to try. We have to move beyond a politics that aims not just to defeat but to destroy, where truth is treated as disposable, where falsehoods abound and the free press is assaulted as the enemy of the people.

Whether an institution such as this Congress will be effective in the future depends on whether the people who make up this institution can get along, where we retreat from the tribalism that has captured American politics and where men and women of good will can come together. As the Good Book says, “come now, and let us reason together.”

There has been a gathering darkness in our politics in recent years. My hope today can be found in the words of John F. Kennedy, who said civility “can guide us through that darkness to a safe and sane future.”

Thank you all for the privilege of a lifetime of public service. God bless you, and God bless our country.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam President, I wish to address the Senator before he leaves.

I represent the great State of Georgia, which is north of the great State of Florida. I have had the pleasure of serving with this Senator for a long time in a lot of capacities. He has made a huge contribution to his State and to his country. We worked together on a lot of other interests, like the Prayer Breakfast in the Senate and many other things like that.

I want to commend the Senator for his speech, commend him for his remarks, and commend him for his lovely wife, amazing Grace, whom I love very much. I thank the Senator very much for his service to the people of the

State of Florida and the United States of America. May God bless him.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

NOMINATION OF STEPHEN ALEXANDER VADEN

Mr. CORKER. Madam President, I rise today to speak in support of Stephen Vaden to be the next General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. I know this is a position that you care about deeply as the Presiding Officer. Having been brought up and worked on a family farm that has operated for generations in West Tennessee, Stephen has critical insights into the issues facing the agriculture community. His experience in law and understanding the needs of farmers will be an important asset at the USDA and in Congress's work to help rural America prosper and grow.

Under Stephen's tenure as Acting General Counsel since March of last year, the Office of General Counsel has promoted Department accountability and improved its responsiveness to civil rights issues, and it is my belief that Stephen will continue to do so once confirmed.

I am pleased to see that the Senate is acting on Stephen's nomination, and I urge my colleagues to support his confirmation.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam President, within a few minutes, the Senate will vote on ending debate on the nomination of Stephen Vaden to be the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. I am glad to see that. I am here to strongly support Mr. Vaden and urge my colleagues to support him.

Stephen Vaden grew up on a family farm in Union City, TN, way out in the west end of our State, and he has some academic credentials for this job which are also very strong. He attended Vanderbilt University and Yale Law School. He has had two strong mentors—Judge Julia Gibbons of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, who was once my counsel when I was Governor of Tennessee, and Judge Hardy Mays of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. He practiced with two distinguished law firms in Washington, DC. He has hands-on academic credentials. He has hands-on farming credentials. He has a strong background in legal training.

Mr. Vaden has the strong support of his Congressman, Mr. DAVID KUSTOFF from West Tennessee. This is Davy Crockett's old congressional district in Tennessee.

Tennessee Farm Bureau President Jeff Aiken said that Mr. Vaden “has a passion for agriculture that can't be taught but is necessary” for the job of General Counsel.

Secretary Perdue, Agriculture Secretary, said that Mr. Vaden “has a firm grasp of the legal issues facing American agriculture, and very importantly, understands the breadth and complexity of the regulatory burdens

placed on our producers." The Secretary finished by saying: "Our farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers will be well served by his counsel."

I know the distinguished Presiding Officer has a strong interest and a hands-on background in agriculture, and so do many other Members of this body on both sides of the aisle. I am happy to strongly recommend Stephen Vaden to my colleagues. I urge a "yes" vote on ending the debate. Once that has ended, I urge a "yes" vote on confirmation of his nomination by President Trump.

Madam President, 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

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

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

#### CLOTURE MOTION

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Mitch McConnell, Johnny Isakson, Mike Rounds, Thom Tillis, Mike Crapo, Pat Roberts, John Hoeven, David Perdue, Tim Scott, John Cornyn, Roy Blunt, Cory Gardner, Tom Cotton, Jerry Moran, John Barrasso, Roger F. Wicker, 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 Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture 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. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) is necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 49, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 245 Ex.]

#### YEAS—49

Alexander	Flake	Perdue
Barrasso	Gardner	Portman
Blunt	Grassley	Risch
Boozman	Hatch	Roberts
Burr	Heitkamp	Rounds
Capito	Heller	Rubio
Cassidy	Hoeven	Sasse
Collins	Inhofe	Scott
Corker	Isakson	Shelby
Cornyn	Johnson	Stabenow
Cotton	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cruz	Kyl	Thune
Daines	Lankford	Tillis
Donnelly	Lee	Toomey
Enzi	McConnell	Young
Ernst	Murkowski	
Fischer	Paul	

#### NAYS—45

Baldwin	Harris	Murray
Bennet	Hassan	Nelson
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Peters
Booker	Hirono	Reed
Brown	Jones	Schatz
Cantwell	Kaine	Schumer
Cardin	King	Shaheen
Carper	Klobuchar	Smith
Casey	Leahy	Tester
Coons	Manchin	Udall
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	McCaskill	Warner
Durbin	Menendez	Warren
Feinstein	Merkley	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Murphy	Wyden

#### NOT VOTING—6

Crapo	Hyde-Smith	Sanders
Graham	Moran	Wicker

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 49, the nays are 45.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senate majority leader.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

#### CENTENNIAL OF THE KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to recognize one of the greatest voices for Kentucky's agricultural communities, the Kentucky Farm Bureau, KFB, as it prepares to commemorate its centennial year. With a mission to identify the challenges facing farmers, to improve farm income, and to enhance the quality of life for growers, processors, and all of us who enjoy the fruits of their labors, the KFB has been a force for good throughout my home State. Since its establishment almost 100 years ago, the KFB has done all of this and more. I am so proud to have this opportunity to congratulate the men and women of the KFB on this impressive milestone.

In 1919, a small group of Kentucky farmers gathered in Louisville to form an organization to serve as the "Voice of Kentucky Agriculture." Beginning as a member-based and member-driven

organization, the KFB has proudly kept to its founding vision, striving each day to uphold that same goal.

In the last 100 years, the KFB has grown beyond anything its founders could have imagined. With nearly 500,000 members, the organization maintains a presence in all 120 counties in the Commonwealth. The KFB has developed many service programs to benefit its members and other parts of the agricultural community. These services include providing crop insurance products, Young Farmers development, public affairs representation, and estate planning assistance, just to name a few. As it celebrates its centennial year, the KFB can also be proud of being one of the largest State Farm Bureaus throughout the entire Nation.

Since my first day serving in the U.S. Senate, I have had the opportunity to be Kentucky's champion on the Senate Agriculture Committee. Every step of the way, the KFB has helped guide my work on that committee on behalf of my State's farm families. Through several agricultural bills—and countless fly-ins, the KFB has proved to be a partner I can rely upon to support Kentucky farmers. We have accomplished a great deal, and I look forward to many more projects we can work on together.

One particular event I look forward to each year is the KFB's annual country ham breakfast during the Kentucky State Fair. I make it a point to attend every year possible so I can not only have the opportunity to enjoy the delicious food, but also to spend quality time with the many friends of Kentucky agriculture I have gotten to know over the years. The tradition began in 1964 as a way to showcase our agricultural products during the Kentucky State Fair, and it has grown into one of the Nation's premier agricultural events. Each year, thousands of Kentuckians from across the Commonwealth gather to enjoy some of the best locally sourced food our State's farmers have to offer. The morning culminates in a charity auction of the blue-ribbon country ham. This year, the winning bid was a record-breaking \$2.8 million to be donated to Kentucky charities. While the ham breakfast may be among its best-known public events, it is just one example of the KFB's many accomplishments.

Throughout 2019, I hear the KFB plans to celebrate its century of successes on behalf of Kentucky's farmers. I would like to recognize the contributions of the organization's leadership, in particular Mark Haney and his executive team. They are wonderful representatives of the KFB and proud advocates for farmers. With their guidance, the KFB has a bright future ahead.

I urge my Senate colleagues to join me in the recognition of the KFB, its members, and all who have benefited from its century of service to Kentucky. The organization's unmatched dedication to farmers and commitment to agricultural advancement continues

to serve the KFB's mission well. I look forward to its continued successes, and I am grateful for the chance to publicly join the KFB in celebrating this anniversary and to offer my thanks for everything it does to support farm families in the Commonwealth.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

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

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

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

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 18-39, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the NATO Support and Procurement Agency for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$320.5 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,  
Lieutenant General, USA, Director.  
Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-39

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) as Lead Nation for Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment \* \$240.5 million.  
Other \$80.0 million.  
Total \$320.5 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Five hundred (500) KMU-556 F/B Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Kits for GBU-31 2000-lbs.

Forty (40) KMU-557 F/B JDAM Kits for GBU-31 2000-lbs.

One thousand five hundred (1,500) KMU-572 F/B JDAM Kits for GBU-38 500-lbs.

One thousand (1,000) Munitions Adapter Unit (MAU)-210 F/B Enhanced Computer Control Groups (ECCGs) for GBU-48 1,000-lb EPII.

Three hundred (300) MAU-210 F/B ECCGs for GBU-49 500-lbs EPII.

Three hundred (300) MXU-650 K/JB AFGs for GBU-49 500-lbs EPII.

One thousand and twenty-five (1,025) MAU-209 C/B or MAU-169 L/B CCGs for GBU-12 500 lbs Paveway II.

One thousand and twenty-five (1,025) MXU-650 K/B AFGs for GBU-12 500 lbs Paveway II.

Four thousand three hundred sixty-five (4,365) Joint Programmable Fuze, FMU-152 A/B for all GBU types.

Non-MDE: Also includes Detector Sensing Unit (DSU)-38A/B Laser kits, DSU-33D/B proximity sensors, Wireless Paveway Avionics Kit (WIPAK) interfaces for Enhanced Paveway II bombs, repair and return services, transportation, engineering services, and other support services.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force.

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: N4-D-YAA.

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

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

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 16, 2018.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

NATO Support and Procurement Agency—  
Precision Guided Munitions

NATO Support and Procurement Agency as Lead Nation has requested a possible sale of precision guided munitions kits. The components that comprise the kits are: five hundred (500) KMU-556 F/B Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Kits for GBU-31 2000-lbs; forty (40) KMU-557 F/B JDAM Kits for GBU-31 2000-lbs; one thousand five hundred (1,500) KMU-572 F/B JDAM Kits for GBU-38 500-lbs; one thousand (1,000) Munitions Adapter Unit (MAU)-210 F/B Enhanced Computer Control Groups (ECCGs) for GBU-48 1,000-lbs EPII; three hundred (300) MAU-210 F/B ECCGs for GBU-49 500-lbs EPII; three hundred (300) MXU-650K/B AFGs for GBU-49 500-lbs EPII; one thousand twenty-five (1,025) MAU-209 C/B or MAU-169 L/B CCGs for GBU-12 500 lbs Paveway II; one thousand twenty-five (1,025) MXU-650 K/B AFGs for GBU-12 500 lbs Paveway II; four thousand three hundred sixty-five (4,365) Joint Programmable Fuze, FMU-152 A/B for all GBU types. Also includes Detector Sensing Unit (DSU)-38A/B Laser kits, DSU-33D/B proximity sensors, Wireless Paveway Avionics Kit (WIPAK) interfaces for Enhanced Paveway II bombs, repair and return services, transportation, engineering services, and other support services. The estimated value is \$320.5 million.

This proposed sale supports the foreign policy and national security of the United States by increasing the flexibility of Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom—twelve NATO nations and one Partnership for Peace nation—to contribute to overseas contingency operations. This sale increases the quantity of precision-guided munitions within NATO and allows for their pre-coordinated transfer in support of national and NATO requirements.

The proposed sale improves NATO's capability to meet current and future ground threats with precision. NATO will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats, and to increase interoperability within contingency operations. Many

of the purchasing nations already have precision-guided munitions in their inventories; and they will all have no difficulty absorbing these kits.

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

The prime contractors for production are the Boeing Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri, and Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona. The principle contractor for integration is unknown and will be determined during contract negotiations. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to NATO.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-39

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

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) is a Joint Service weapon that uses an on-board GPS-aided Inertial Navigation System (INS) Guidance Set with a MK 82, MK 83, MK 84, BLU-109, BLU-110, BLU-111, BLU-117, BLU-126 (Navy) or BLU-129 warhead. The Guidance Set, when combined with a warhead and appropriate fuze, forms a JDAM Guided Bomb Unit (GBU). The JDAM Guidance Set gives these bombs adverse weather capability with improved accuracy. The JDAM weapon can be delivered from modest standoff ranges at high or low altitudes against a variety of land and surface targets during the day or night. After release, JDAM autonomously guides to a target, using the resident GPS-aided INS guidance system. JDAM is capable of receiving target coordinates via preplanned mission data from the delivery aircraft, by onboard aircraft sensors (i.e. FLIR, Radar, etc) during captive carry, or from a third party source via manual or automated aircrew cockpit entry. The KMU-556 F/B, KMU-557 F/B are the tail kits for the GBU-31, the KMU-572 is the tail kit for the GBU-38. The JDAM as an All Up Round is UNCLASSIFIED; technical data for JDAM is classified up to SECRET.

2. Detector Sensor Unit (DSU)-38A/B is a laser-illuminated target detector that adds a Precision Laser Guidance Set (PLGS) to inventory JDAMs, giving the weapon system optional semi-active laser guidance in addition to its other GPS/INS guidance modes. The DSU-38A/B is a DSU-33 (proximity fuze) form-factored passive laser seeker that can be easily installed in the field to the front of existing JDAM weapons and is connected to the Guidance Set via an externally mounted strap-on harness kit. The DSU-38 provides an additional capability to engage mobile targets moving up to 70 mph. The addition of the DSU-38 Laser sensor combined with additional cabling and mounting hardware turns a standard GBU-38 JDAM into a GBU-54 Laser JDAM. The DSU-38 hardware is UNCLASSIFIED; technical data and other documentation are classified up to SECRET.

3. Enhanced Paveway II (EPII), a Laser Guided Bomb (LGB), is a maneuverable, free-fall weapon that guides to a spot of laser energy reflected off of the target. The "enhanced" component is the addition of GPS guidance to the laser seeker. This dual-mode allows the weapon to operate in all-weather conditions. The LGB is delivered like a normal general purpose (GP) warhead and the semi-active guidance corrects for many of the normal errors inherent in any delivery system. Laser designation for the LGB can

be provided by a variety of laser target markers or designators. An LGB consists of an Enhanced Computer Control Group (ECCG) that is not warhead-specific, and a warhead-specific Air Foil Group (AFG) that attaches to the nose and tail of a GP bomb body. The EPII can use either the FMU-152 or FMU-139 fuze. The overall weapon is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

GBU-48 is a 1,000lb (MK-84 or BLU-117 B/B) GP bomb body fitted with the MXU-667 AFG, and MAU-210 F/B ECCG to guide to its laser-designated target.

GBU-49 is a 500 lbs (MK-82 or BLU-111 BB) GP bomb body fitted with the MXU-650 AFG, and MAU-210 F/B ECCGs to guide to its laser-designated target.

4. Paveway II (PWII), a Laser Guided Bomb (LGB), is a maneuverable, free-fall weapon that guides to a spot of laser energy reflected off of the target. The LGB is delivered like a normal general purpose (GP) warhead and the semi-active guidance corrects for many of the normal errors inherent in any delivery system. Laser designation for the LGB can be provided by a variety of laser target markers or designators. A LGB consists of a MAU-209 C/B or MAU-169 L/B Computer Control Group (CCG) that is not warhead-specific, and a warhead-specific Air Foil Group (AFG) that attaches to the nose and tail of a General Purpose bomb body. The PWII can use either the FMU-152 or FMU-139 fuze. The overall weapon is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

GBU-12 is a 500lbs (MK-82 or BLU-111 B/B) GP bomb body fitted with the MXU-650 AFG, and MAU-209 C/B or MAU-169 L/B CCGs to guide to its laser designated target.

5. Joint Programmable Fuze (JPF) FMU-152 is a Multi-Delay, Multi-Arm and Proximity Sensor Compatible with General Purpose Blast, Frag and Hardened-Target Penetrator Warheads. It is cockpit selectable in-flight (prior to release) when used with JDAM weapons. It can interface with the following weapons: GBU-10, GBU-12, GBU-15, GBU-16, GBU-24, GBU-27, GBU-28, GBU-31, GBU-32, GBU-38, and AGM-130. The JPF hardware is UNCLASSIFIED.

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

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

8. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to NATO Support and Procurement Agency, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 18-44, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$561 million. After this

letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,

Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-44

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Japan.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$524 million.

Other \$37 million.

Total \$561 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Eight (8) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block 1B Missiles.

Thirteen (13) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block 2A Missiles.

Non-MDE: Also included are SM-3 1B and 2A missile canisters, U.S. Government and contractor provided technical assistance, engineering and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (JA-P-AUA).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: JA-P-ATP, JA-P-ATH.

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

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

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 16, 2018.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan—Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Missiles

The Government of Japan has requested to buy eight (8) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block 1B Missiles and thirteen (13) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block 2A Missiles. Also included are SM-3 1B and 2A missile canisters, U.S. Government and contractor provided technical assistance, engineering and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$561 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia-Pacific region. It is vital to U.S. national interests to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and effective self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will provide Japan with an increased ballistic missile defense capability to assist in defending the Japanese homeland and U.S. personnel stationed there. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these additional munitions and support into the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF).

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

The principal contractor for the SM-3 Block 1B and 2A All Up Rounds will be Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona. The prime contractor for the Mk-21 and Mk-29 canisters and PHS&T kits will be BAE Systems, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to Japan involving U.S.

Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews, support, and oversight for approximately five years.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-44

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

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The proposed sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Government of Japan related to the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3):

a. The Block 1B is an iteration of the SM-3 family. It has distinct advantages over the older Block 1A variant previously sold to Japan, including an enhanced warhead which improves the search, discrimination, acquisition and tracking functions in order to address emerging threats. Once enclosed in the canister, the SM-3 Block 1B missile is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

b. The ship- or ground-launched SM-3 Block 2A is the most recent iteration in the SM-3 family. It has two distinct new features: larger rocket motors that will allow it to defend broader areas from ballistic missile threats, and a larger kinetic warhead. The kinetic warhead has been enhanced, improving the search, discrimination, acquisition and tracking functions, to address emerging threats. Once enclosed in the canister, the SM-3 Block 2A missile is classified CONFIDENTIAL. The optics hardware and signal processor are classified SECRET.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary obtained knowledge of the specific hardware or software in the proposed sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapons system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Japan.

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 18-45, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$63 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-45

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Japan.



- (ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment \* \$60 million.  
Other \$3 million.  
Total \$63 million.
- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:  
Major Defense Equipment (MDE):  
Thirty-two (32) AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).  
Non-MDE: Also included are containers, weapon support and support equipment, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (JA-D-YAO).
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any: JA-D-YAK, JA-D-YAI, JA-D-YAH.
- (vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.
- (vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.
- (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 16, 2018.
- \* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

## Japan—AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)

The Government of Japan has requested to buy thirty-two (32) AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM). Also included are containers, weapon support and support equipment, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$63 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States. Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and is a key partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region. It is vital to U.S. national interests to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and effective self-defense capability.

The proposed sale of these missiles will provide Japan a critical air defense capability to assist in defending the Japanese homeland and U.S. personnel stationed there. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona.

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the Purchaser and the prime contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor personnel in Japan.

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

## TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-45

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

## Annex Item No. vii

- (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:  
1. The AIM-120C-7 Advance Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a radar guided missile featuring digital technology

and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic countermeasures, and interception of high flying, low flying, and maneuvering targets. The AMRAAM All Up Round is classified CONFIDENTIAL. The major components and subsystems are classified from UNCLASSIFIED to CONFIDENTIAL, and technology data and other documentation are classified up to SECRET.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary obtained knowledge of the specific hardware or software in the proposed sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapons system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Japan.

RECOGNIZING DR. LEVESQUE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am delighted to commend Dr. Levesque Elementary School in Frenchville, ME, on being named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. This outstanding school is one of only 349 schools across the country to receive Blue Ribbon recognition from the U.S. Department of Education this year.

Created in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are either academically superior in their States or that demonstrate significant gains in student achievement. The schools singled out for this national recognition are models of high educational standards and accountability.

This award continues a tradition of quality education at Dr. Levesque Elementary School, which first received a Blue Ribbon in 1999. Serving 128 students from the small rural communities of Frenchville and St. Agatha in northern Aroostook County, this school is succeeding in its mission to encourage engaged lifelong learners. As a native of Aroostook County, I am especially proud of this accomplishment.

Faculty and staff are committed to both academic excellence and each child's social, emotional, and physical health. They work to ensure a safe and secure learning environment and to develop strong and collaborative relationships with parents and community members. Teachers emphasize math and reading, while also giving students rich and diverse opportunities, from art and music to robotics and physical education. The Franco-American communities of Frenchville and St. Agatha are bilingual, and the school provides daily instruction in the French language and Acadian culture.

The school's name is a tribute to Dr. Romeo Levesque, who provided expert, dedicated, and compassionate medical care to these communities for many decades. The strong school community, where students are encouraged to pursue their interests and to be of service to others, honors his memory.

I applaud the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents of Dr. Levesque Elementary School. Together, they are succeeding in their mission to build students' confidence and generate momentum for learning. They are making a difference in the lives of their students, helping them reach their full potential as independent, responsible learners and citizens. I congratulate the entire school community for this outstanding achievement.

RECOGNIZING FALMOUTH HIGH  
SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am delighted to commend Falmouth High School of Falmouth, ME, on being named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. This outstanding high school is one of only 349 schools across the country to receive Blue Ribbon recognition from the U.S. Department of Education.

Created in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are either academically superior in their States or that demonstrate significant gains in student achievement. The schools singled out for this national recognition are models of high educational standards and accountability.

This award recognizes the hard work and determination of Falmouth High School's students, faculty, and staff. This is a top-performing school on State-required assessments, and its strong commitment to professional development ensures that teachers, staff, and students are lifelong learners. This recognition adds to the town's record of achievement in education; its middle and elementary schools were awarded Blue Ribbons in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

Falmouth High School is known for its extensive extracurricular activities, which help forge a strong school community where students are connected and encouraged to pursue their interests. In addition to music, theater, and art presentations, the school provides the community with such offerings as robotics demonstrations, a film festival, a science Olympiad, poetry slams, and math team competitions. A new school garden and greenhouse and a student technology team provide hands-on learning experiences. Many high school students serve their community by mentoring students in the town's elementary and middle schools.

The school strives to address the varying needs of individual students. Falmouth's innovative student centered team brings together students, teachers, administrators, and counselors to provide a support network to

help ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed academically and socially.

This Blue Ribbon Award is a tribute not only to the students, but also to the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents of Falmouth High School. Together, they are accomplishing their mission to help students succeed in the classroom and as engaged citizens. They are making a difference in the lives of their students, helping them reach their full potential. I congratulate the entire community for this well-deserved recognition.

#### RECOGNIZING YARMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am delighted to commend Yarmouth Elementary School in Yarmouth, ME, on being named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. Serving 358 students from second through fourth grade, this outstanding school is one of only 349 schools across the country to receive Blue Ribbon recognition from the U.S. Department of Education.

Created in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are either academically superior in their States or that demonstrate significant gains in student achievement. The schools singled out for this national recognition are models of high educational standards and accountability.

The Blue Ribbon designation continues a tradition of quality education in Yarmouth. The graduation rates and assessment test scores for the town's K-12 school district consistently are among the highest in the State of Maine.

Yarmouth Elementary School's mission statement, "Empowering all students to create fulfilling lives in a changing world," is carried out daily. Students focus on the core values of fairness, citizenship, respect, and caring. The core curriculum has a strong focus on math, literacy, science, and social studies, with special programs that recognize each student's individual learning style.

Rich and diverse learning opportunities are a part of every child's experience, from art and music, to library skills and physical education. The school involves all students in extra-curricular activities, which helps forge a strong school community where students are connected and encouraged to pursue their interests. Throughout the curriculum, students are also taught to use technology both effectively and responsibly.

Faculty, parents, and community members are committed to both academic excellence and each child's social, emotional, and physical health. Faculty work to ensure a safe and secure learning environment and to develop strong and collaborative relationships with parents and community members. An active parent-teacher or-

ganization supports enriching educational activities, and the Yarmouth School Foundation promotes excellence and innovation by funding a number of projects and initiatives.

I applaud the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents of Yarmouth Elementary School. Together, they are succeeding in their mission to build students' confidence and generate momentum for learning. I am pleased that the U.S. Department of Education has selected Yarmouth Elementary School for this well-deserved honor, and I congratulate the entire school community for this outstanding achievement.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "RICK" BERNDT

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, this Wednesday, November 28, 2018, the Sisters of Mercy will be celebrating 50 years of service to Mercy Health Services provided by one of my longest and dearest friends, Richard O. Berndt. That is right: half a century of service.

Rick is a senior partner at Gallagher, Evelius & Jones, LLP, a firm he joined after he assisted the firm's founder, Francis X. Gallagher, at the Maryland Constitutional Convention in 1967. That was the year Rick earned his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. That was where we met, and he has remained one of my closest and most trusted advisers ever since. He earned his bachelor's degree from Villanova University in 1964 and went on to earn a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1970. His continued devotion to all three institutions—but, perhaps, especially his beloved "Nova"—knows no bounds.

Rick, the son of German immigrant bakers, is actively and productively engaged in Maryland's business community, and he currently serves on the boards of Mercy Health Services, Inc., and Johns Hopkins Medicine. Over the last five decades, Rick has served on the boards of Associated Catholic Charities, Inc., Baltimore Community Foundation, Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore Equitable Society Insurance Company, Center Stage, Inc., Maryland Academy of Sciences (Maryland Science Center), Goucher College, Good Samaritan Hospital, and the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland Higher Education System, and for-profit companies such as Mercantile Bankshares Corp.

Rick has never sought the spotlight. Perhaps that is one of the reasons he has been so influential over the course of his career. As the Baltimore Sun reported in 2001, "Without making headlines, Berndt played an important role in moving the Baltimore Archdiocese into the foreground on civil rights, rebuilding the Inner Harbor in the 1970s, shaping the campaigns and policies of leading Democrats, pushing a major statewide gun control measure and ne-

gotiating the huge Inner Harbor East waterfront development." Then-Delegate Howard P. "Pete" Rawlings referred to Rick as "the political pope of Baltimore." That was nearly 20 years ago; I can assure you Rick hasn't slowed down since.

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." Rick has been successful as an attorney and in life because his ethical compass has always been pointed to true north. He may be modest about his service, but it hasn't gone unnoticed. Rick is the recipient of numerous public service awards including not one, but two, papal medals from Pope John Paul II; the Pro Bono Service Award from the University of Maryland School of Law Alumni Association; the Frances Morton Froelicher Civic Statesmanship Award from the Citizens Planning and Housing Association; and the Greater Baltimore Committee Award for Outstanding Service. In 1994, then-Cardinal William Keeler bestowed on Rick one of the highest honors the Roman Catholic Church can give to a layperson: the rank of Knight Commander in the Papal Order of St. Gregory the Great.

One of the blessings of my life is to count Rick Berndt as a mentor, adviser, and friend. I hope my Senate colleagues will join me, along with the Sisters of Mercy, Rick's innumerable other friends, and his family in celebrating his career and his legacy of selfless devotion to the service of others.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 20, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3554. An act to extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 20,

2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2152. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bills were signed on November 23, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. PERDUE).

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the "Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building".

H.R. 1209. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the "Mission Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 2979. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 390 West 5th Street in San Bernardino, California, as the "Jack H. Brown Post Office Building".

H.R. 3230. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the "Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building".

H.R. 4890. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9801 Apollo Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, as the "Wayne K. Curry Post Office Building".

H.R. 4913. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 816 East Salisbury Parkway in Salisbury, Maryland, as the "Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building".

H.R. 4946. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the "Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office".

H.R. 4960. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building".

H.R. 5349. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1325 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building".

H.R. 5504. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4801 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the "Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building".

H.R. 5737. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the "Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office".

H.R. 5868. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 Claremont Avenue in Ashland, Ohio, as the "Bill Harris Post Office".

H.R. 5935. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1355 North Meridian Road in Harristown, Illinois, as the "Logan S. Palmer Post Office".

H.R. 6116. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the "Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5787. An act to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6784. An act to provide for removal of the gray wolf in the contiguous 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife published under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5787. An act to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 6784. An act to provide for removal of the gray wolf in the contiguous 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife published under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3649. A bill to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison, and for other purposes.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-7072. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Creation of Interstitial 12.5 Kiloherertz Channels in the 800 MHz Band Between 809-817/854-862 MHz et al" ((WP Docket No. 15-32) (FCC 18-143)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7073. A communication from the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts; Jurisdictional

Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board" ((WP Docket No. 14-130) (FCC 18-141)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7074. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.3613 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Filing of Contracts, Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative" ((RIN No. 3060-AK71) (MP Docket No. 18-4 and MP Docket No. 17-105) (FCC 18-145)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7075. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band" ((GN Docket No. 17-258) (FCC 18-149)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7076. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Safety Standards for portable Hook-On Chairs" (Docket No. CPSC-2015-0016) (FCC 18-145)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7077. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impacts and Related Procedures" (RIN2132-AB26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7078. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design Standards for Highways" (RIN2125-AF72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7079. A communication from the Senior Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures" (RIN2125-AF60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7080. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Adjustment to the 2018 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts; Correction" (RIN0648-XF866) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7081. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Operating as Catcher Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF940) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7082. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XG001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7083. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inseason Closure of the 2018 Gulf of Mexico Commercial Greater Amberjack Season” (RIN0648-XG110) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7084. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commercial Harvest Trip Limit Reduction for Vermilion Snapper in the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XG173) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7085. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Annual Adjustment of Purse Seine and Reserve Category Quota; Inseason Quota Transfer from Reserve Category to Longline Category” (RIN0648-XF866) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7086. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Correction of Atka Mackerel Specification in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands” (RIN0648-XG158) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7087. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reallocation of 2018 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock” (RIN0648-XG048) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7088. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prohibition of Retention of Non-CDQ Sablefish in the Bering Sea” (RIN0648-XG161) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7089. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF859) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7090. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XF904) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7091. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XF901) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7092. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XF905) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7093. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XG076) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7094. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF889) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7095. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adjustment of the 2018 Gulf of Alaska Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts” (RIN0648-XF867) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7096. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XG063) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7097. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason General Category Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XF890) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7098. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Gen-

eral Category December 2017 Fishery” (RIN0648-XF868) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7099. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2017–2018 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments for September 2017” (RIN0648-BH47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7100. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; 2017 Purse Seine FAD Fishery Closure” (RIN0648-XF873) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7101. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; 2017 United States Territorial Longline Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits for the Territory of American Samoa” (RIN0648-XF156) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7102. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Declaration of Catastrophic Conditions Resulting from Hurricane Irma” (RIN0648-XF723) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7103. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inseason Closure of the Southern Zone to Commercial Hook-and-Line Fishing for Gulf Group King Mackerel for the 2017–2018 Fishing Year” (RIN0648-XG034) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7104. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Recreational Harvest Reopening for Red Snapper in the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XF848) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7105. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Temporary Rule; Swordfish General Commercial Permit Retention Limit Inseason Adjustment for Northwest Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and United States Caribbean Regions from January 1 through June 30, 2018” (RIN0648-XF817) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7106. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inseason Closure of the Grey Triggerfish

Commercial Fishing Season in Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico” (RIN0648-XF815) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7107. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commercial Harvest Closure for Grey Triggerfish in the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XF810) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7108. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commercial Harvest Closure for Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Northern Zone” (RIN0648-XF765) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7109. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey” (RIN0648-XF856) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7110. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XF879) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7111. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex; Adjustment to the Skate Wing Inseason Possession Limit” (RIN0648-XF883) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7112. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of Rhode Island” (RIN0648-XF814) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7113. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Adjustment to the Atlantic Herring Management Area 1A Annual Catch Limit” (RIN0648-XF774) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7114. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XF821) received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7115. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XF807) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7116. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Quota Transfer” (RIN0648-XF805) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7117. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the General Category September Fishery” (RIN0648-XF699) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7118. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XG078) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7119. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reallocation of 2018 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock” (RIN0648-XF979) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7120. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XF893) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7121. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF842) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7122. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF838) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7123. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XG023) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7124. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XF902) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7125. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 50 Feet Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XF892) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7126. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Release of Groundfish Reserves in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands” (RIN0648-XF702) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7127. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF908) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7128. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XF907) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7129. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Jig Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XF894) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7130. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commercial Trip Limit Increase for Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel off Florida Between the Flagler/Volusia and Miami-Dade/Monroe Country Lines” (RIN0648-XG009) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7131. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Kamchatka Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648–XG305) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7132. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line or Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648–XF866) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7133. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (76)” (RIN2120–AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7134. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (87)” (RIN2120–AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7135. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (39)” (RIN2120–AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7136. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (66)” (RIN2120–AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7137. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in Specified Areas of the Simferopol and Dnipropetrovsk Flight Information Regions FIRs UKFV and UKDV” ((RIN2120–AL39) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0225)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7138. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in

the Baghdad Flight Information Region FIR(ORBB)” ((RIN2120–AL06) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0927)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7139. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Air Traffic Services (ATS Routes in the Vicinity of Mattoon and Charleston, Illinois)” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0219)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7140. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS Routes in the Vicinity of Chicago, Illinois)” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0230)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7141. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D Airspace; Tulsa, Oklahoma” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0094)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7142. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace Merced, California” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–1092)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7143. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Atwater, California” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–1091)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7144. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of V-97 and B-422 in the Vicinity of Chicago, Illinois” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0464)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7145. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Aurora, Oregon” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–1034)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7146. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class Airspace; Augusta, Georgia and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Waynesboro, Georgia” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0369)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7147. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Cambridge, Maryland” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0468)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7148. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gustavus, Arkansas” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0127)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7149. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E Airspace; Crystal Springs, Mississippi” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2016–9442)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7150. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hoonah, Arkansas” ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0126)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7151. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0078)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7152. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Inc., Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0160)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7153. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Inc., Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0586)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7154. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Inc., Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0161)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7155. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Division (PW) Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0368)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7156. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0406)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7157. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0898)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7158. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Glasflugel Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0891)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7159. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honda Aircraft Company LLC" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0513)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7160. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1206)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7161. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Austro Engines GmbH Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-1138)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7162. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0189)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7163. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Inc., Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0553)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7164. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0254)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7165. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Harmonization of Fire Protection Equipment Standards for Towing Vessels" ((RIN1625-AC43) (Docket No. USCG-2017-1060)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7166. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fox River, Brown County Fireworks, Green Bay, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0910)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7167. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Hornblower Fireworks Display; San Francisco Bay; San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0847)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7168. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Delaware River; Penn's Landing; Philadelphia, PA; Fireworks Display" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0711)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7169. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Blue Angels Air Show; St. Johns River, Jacksonville, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0232)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7170. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; San Diego Bay, San

Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-869)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7171. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hackensack River, Jersey City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0110)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7172. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Anacostia River, Washington, DC" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0473)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7173. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Duluth Ship Canal, Duluth-Superior Harbor, MN" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0181)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7174. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Allegheny River, miles 0.25 to 0.7, Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0986)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7175. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tankers - Automatic Pilot Systems" ((RIN1625-AC27) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0926)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7176. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Tchefuncta River, Madisonville, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2016-0963)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2166. A bill to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-374).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2870. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site known as "Amache" in the State of Colorado (Rept. No. 115-375).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 3245. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land in the State of Texas (Rept. No. 115-376).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1967. A bill to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs (Rept. No. 115-377).

H.R. 5979. A bill to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-378).

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

Report to accompany S. 1934, a bill to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-379).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2397. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-380).

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

S. 3137. A bill to provide for reforming agencies of the Federal Government to improve efficiency and effectiveness (Rept. No. 115-381).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3208. A bill to provide agencies with discretion in securing information technology and information systems (Rept. No. 115-382).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3251. A bill to require executive agencies to consider rental in any analysis for equipment acquisition, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-383).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3405. A bill to reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security (Rept. No. 115-384).

S. 3437. A bill to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce (Rept. No. 115-385).

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

S. 3487. A bill to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions (Rept. No. 115-386).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1132. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a 2-year prohibition on employment in a career civil service position for any former political appointee, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-387).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3085. A bill to establish a Federal Acquisition Security Council and to provide executive agencies with authorities relating to mitigating supply chain risks in the procurement of information technology, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. 6. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish Lifelong Learning and Training Account programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. KING, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3656. A bill to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3657. A bill to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. JONES, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KING, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 704. A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 705. A resolution designating December 3, 2018, as "National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 706. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Jacob R. Kent, et al., v. R.L. Vallee, Inc., et al.; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 206

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants.

S. 352

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 352, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Master Sergeant Rodrick "Roddie" Edmonds in recognition of his heroic actions during World War II.

S. 636

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 636, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 783

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 821, a bill to promote access for United States officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 1122

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1122, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to clarify when the time period for the issuance of citations under such Act begins and to require a rule to clarify that an employer's duty to make and maintain accurate records of work-related injuries and illnesses is an ongoing obligation.

S. 1127

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1127, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments.

S. 1136

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1136, a bill to improve the structure of the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.



S. 1301

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1446

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1674, a bill to provide grants for the repair, renovation, and construction of public elementary schools and secondary schools, to establish a school infrastructure bond program, and for other purposes.

S. 1868

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1868, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits for energy storage technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require Internet-based, real-time responses to requests to verify taxpayer income for legitimate business purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 2018

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the child tax credit fully refundable, establish an increased child tax credit for young children, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2227

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2227, a bill to reauthorize the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program.

S. 2500

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 2500, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the vehicles, weaponry, and ammunition 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.

S. 3110

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3110, a bill to support educational entities in fully implementing title IX and reducing and preventing sex discrimination in all areas of education.

S. 3130

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3130, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval of any course of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs unless the educational institution providing the course permits individuals to attend or participate in courses pending payment by Department, and for other purposes.

S. 3178

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3178, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and for other purposes.

S. 3476

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3476, a bill to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally, and for other purposes.

S. 3486

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3486, a bill to provide humanitarian relief to the Venezuelan people and Venezuelan migrants, to advance a constitutional and democratic solution to Venezuela's political crisis, to address Venezuela's economic reconstruction, to combat public corruption, narcotics trafficking, and money laundering, and for other purposes.

S. 3604

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3604, a bill to require a study to determine the best available estimate of the total amount of non-highway recreational fuel taxes received by the Secretary of the Treasury.

S. 3610

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MUR-

KOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3610, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits.

S. 3644

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3644, a bill to authorize a special resource study on the spread vectors of chronic wasting disease in Cervidae, and for other purposes.

S. 3649

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 3649, a bill to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 629

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 629, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for Moldova's territorial integrity.

S. RES. 674

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 674, a resolution recognizing the month of October 2018 as "National Principals Month".

S. RES. 702

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 702, a resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 3657. A bill to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Traumatic

Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2018. I want to thank my colleague, Senator Casey, for working with me once again on important legislation to reauthorize the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury program, which is dedicated to improving the delivery and quality of care for persons with traumatic brain injury — or, TBI.

Each year, millions of Americans suffer TBIs as a result of automobile collisions, falls, recreational accidents, assaults, and other tragic incidents. TBI has also been called a signature wound of recent wars. In 2016, the Department of Defense reported more than 18,000 service members diagnosed with traumatic brain injury. A survivor of a severe brain injury typically faces years of intensive health and rehabilitation services, with estimated lifetime costs in the millions.

In 1996, I worked with my good friend Senator Ted Kennedy on the original TBI Act to help limit the suffering, death, and long-term disability that results from TBI. Our legislation marked the beginning of a multifaceted Federal endeavor to address the needs of persons with TBI and their families. The 1996 TBI law authorized research, not only for the treatment of traumatic brain injury, but also for prevention and awareness programs to help decrease the occurrence of TBI and improve patient outcomes. It was the first Federal legislation to focus on improving education, protection, and state services coordination for TBI.

Today's TBI program maintains that original framework of prevention, education, access, and protection. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducts projects to reduce the incidence of traumatic brain injury. Through the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the TBI State Partnership Grant Program helps States and territories to build service infrastructure and improve access to services and supports.

Through the ACL, the TBI program also supports protection and advocacy to provide TBI survivors with information and referral services, and to help resolve legal and administrative problems for individuals or groups of individuals with developmental disabilities. Our bill reauthorizes TBI activities at the CDC and ACL.

The CDC has reported that about 2.5 million children and adults sustain TBIs each year. But we do not truly know the incidence and prevalence of TBI or the lifelong disability it can cause. Surveillance is especially important to our efforts to reduce the public health burden of TBI. Improved data collection can help both primary prevention of TBI, and acute care and rehabilitation. Prevention programs should be targeted to address at-risk populations and specific causes of TBI. And accurate data are needed to improve TBI survivors' access to necessary services.

At present, CDC is piloting a National Concussion Surveillance System

as a means to fill these gaps and provide a better estimate of the TBI burden. This system is an effort that aligns with recommendations made in a 2013 report from the National Academies for Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, as well as proposals included in President's Budget requests.

When taken to scale following the pilot study, this system has the capacity to provide the first truly comprehensive incidence of TBI in children across the lifespan and at a national level. It also has the potential to improve our understanding of the full range of circumstances leading to TBI and track healthcare utilization and services received after a TBI event. By collecting information over multiple years, we can also track whether the problem is getting better or worse, and if prevention efforts are actually working.

The Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization of 2018 is supported by the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) and the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA). It will extend important prevention, education, State program support, and protection and advocacy activities for an additional five years. It will also help to gather the data that we need to make those programs better, and, ultimately, to improve TBI survivors' access to necessary services. I urge my colleagues to support our efforts to continue improving the delivery and quality of care for persons living with TBI by helping to pass the Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization of 2018.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 704—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS OF NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY AND NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH BY PROMOTING NATIONAL AWARENESS OF ADOPTION AND THE CHILDREN AWAITING FAMILIES, CELEBRATING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES INVOLVED IN ADOPTION, AND ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO SECURE SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL CHILDREN

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. JONES, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KING, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 704

Whereas there are millions of unparented children in the world, including 437,465 chil-

dren in the foster care system in the United States, approximately 117,794 of whom are waiting for families to adopt them;

Whereas 64 percent of the children in foster care in the United States are age 10 or younger;

Whereas the average length of time a child spends in foster care is approximately 20 months;

Whereas, for many foster children, the wait for a loving family in which the children are nurtured, comforted, and protected seems endless;

Whereas, in 2016, 20,532 youth "aged out" of foster care by reaching adulthood without being placed in a permanent home;

Whereas, every day, loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption;

Whereas, while nearly a quarter of individuals in the United States have considered adoption, a majority of individuals in the United States have misperceptions about the process of adopting children from foster care and the children who are eligible for adoption;

Whereas 46 percent of individuals in the United States believe that children enter the foster care system because of juvenile delinquency, when in reality the vast majority of children who have entered the foster care system were victims of neglect, abandonment, or abuse;

Whereas 39 percent of individuals in the United States believe that foster care adoption is expensive, when in reality there is no substantial cost for adopting from foster care and financial support is available to adoptive parents after an adoption is finalized;

Whereas family reunification, kinship care, and domestic and intercountry adoption promote permanency and stability to a far greater degree than long-term institutionalization or long-term, often disrupted, foster care;

Whereas November is National Adoption Month, and National Adoption Day occurs in November;

Whereas National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to find permanent, loving families for children in the foster care system;

Whereas, since the first National Adoption Day in 2000, more than 70,000 children have joined permanent families on National Adoption Day; and

Whereas the President traditionally issues an annual proclamation to declare the month of November as National Adoption Month, and National Adoption Day is on November 17, 2018: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month;

(2) recognizes that every child should have a permanent and loving family; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to consider adoption during the month of November and throughout the year.

SENATE RESOLUTION 705—DESIGNATING DECEMBER 3, 2018, AS "NATIONAL PHENYLKETONURIA AWARENESS DAY"

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 705

Whereas phenylketonuria (in this preamble referred to as “PKU”) is a rare, inherited metabolic disorder that is characterized by the inability of the body to process the essential amino acid phenylalanine and which causes intellectual disability and other neurological problems, such as memory loss and mood disorders, when treatment is not started within the first few weeks of life;

Whereas PKU is also referred to as Phenylalanine Hydroxylase Deficiency;

Whereas newborn screening for PKU was initiated in the United States in 1963 and was recommended for inclusion in State newborn screening programs under the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-204);

Whereas approximately 1 out of every 15,000 infants in the United States is born with PKU;

Whereas PKU is treated with medical food;

Whereas the 2012 Phenylketonuria Scientific Review Conference affirmed the recommendation of lifelong dietary treatment for PKU made by the National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Conference Statement 2000;

Whereas, in 2014, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and Genetic Metabolic Dieticians International published medical and dietary guidelines on the optimal treatment of PKU;

Whereas medical foods are medically necessary for children and adults living with PKU;

Whereas adults with PKU who discontinue treatment are at risk for serious medical issues, such as depression, impulse control disorder, phobias, tremors, and pareses;

Whereas women with PKU must maintain strict metabolic control before and during pregnancy to prevent fetal damage;

Whereas children born from untreated mothers with PKU may have a condition known as “maternal phenylketonuria syndrome”, which can cause small brains, intellectual disabilities, birth defects of the heart, and low birth weights;

Whereas, although there is no cure for PKU, treatment involving medical foods, medications, and restriction of

phenylalanine intake can prevent progressive, irreversible brain damage;

Whereas access to health insurance coverage for medical food varies across the United States and the long-term costs associated with caring for untreated children and adults with PKU far exceed the cost of providing medical food treatment;

Whereas gaps in medical foods coverage has a detrimental impact on individuals with PKU, their families, and society;

Whereas scientists and researchers are hopeful that breakthroughs in PKU research will be forthcoming;

Whereas researchers across the United States are conducting important research projects involving PKU; and

Whereas the Senate is an institution that can raise awareness of PKU among the general public and the medical community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 3, 2018, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”;

(2) encourages all people in the United States to become more informed about phenylketonuria and the role of medical foods in treating phenylketonuria; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the National PKU Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with phenylketonuria.

SENATE RESOLUTION 706—TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF JACOB R. KENT, ET AL., V. R.L. VALLEE, INC., ET AL

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

S. RES. 706

Whereas, in the case of *Jacob R. Kent, et al., v. R.L. Vallee, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 617-6-15, pending in the Superior Court of Vermont in Chittenden County, defendant R.L. Vallee, Inc. has issued a deposition subpoena for tes-

timony and documents to Daniel McLean, an employee in Senator Sanders’ office;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current or former Members, officers, and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony or documents relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Sanders’ office and Mr. McLean in this matter and in all proceedings related to it.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished Democratic leader, Mr. SCHUMER, I send to the desk a resolution authorizing representation by the Senate Legal Counsel and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a State court civil case alleging price fixing in gasoline markets in northwest Vermont, in which one of the defendants has issued to an employee in Senator SANDERS’ Burlington, Vermont office a deposition subpoena for testimony and documents arising out of his Senate duties. Senator SANDERS is opposing this subpoena on grounds of sovereign immunity and the absolute immunity afforded the Senator and his staff under the Speech or Debate Clause, as well as for imposing an undue burden. This resolution would authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to represent Senator SANDERS’ office and his employee and to move to quash the subpoena.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Richard Shelby:									
Finland	Euro		430.61						430.61
Russia	Ruble		4,504.00						4,504.00
Norway	Krone		1,219.00						1,219.00
Senator Jerry Moran:									
Finland	Euro		430.61						430.61
Russia	Ruble		4,504.00						4,504.00
Norway	Krone		1,219.00						1,219.00
Senator John Hoeven:									
Finland	Euro		373.47						373.47
Russia	Ruble		4,218.29						4,218.29
Norway	Krone		349.19						349.19
Senator John Kennedy:									
Finland	Euro		430.61						430.61
Russia	Ruble		4,504.00						4,504.00
Norway	Krone		1,146.99						1,146.99
Senator Steve Daines:									
Finland	Euro		400.61						400.61
Russia	Ruble		3,271.00						3,271.00
Shannon Hines:									
Finland	Euro		372.06						372.06
Russia	Ruble		4,504.00						4,504.00

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Norway	Krone		1,218.99						1,218.99
Brian Potts:									
Finland	Euro		372.06						372.06
Russia	Ruble		4,504.00						4,504.00
Norway	Krone		1,146.99						1,146.99
Anne Caldwell:									
Finland	Euro		372.06						372.06
Russia	Ruble		4,504.00						4,504.00
Norway	Krone		1,146.99						1,146.99
Katie Britt:									
Finland	Euro		372.06						372.06
Russia	Ruble		4,504.00						4,504.00
Norway	Krone		1,146.99						1,146.99
Brennan Britton:									
Finland	Euro		372.06						372.06
Russia	Ruble		4,504.00						4,504.00
Norway	Krone		1,146.99						1,146.99
Josh Carter:									
Finland	Euro		319.49						319.49
Russia	Ruble		4,236.15						4,236.15
Norway	Krone		328.76						328.76
Jason Thielman:									
Finland	Euro		342.06						342.06
Russia	Ruble		3,271.00						3,271.00
Paul Grove:									
Thailand	Baht		482.00						482.00
Bangladesh	Taka		227.27						227.27
Vietnam	Dong		178.63						178.63
Cambodia	Riel		236.00						236.00
Burma	Kyat		168.00						168.00
United States	Dollar				9,493.11				9,493.11
Kali Matalon:									
Haiti	Gourde		716.00						716.00
Dominican Republic	Peso		540.00						540.00
United States	Dollar				773.51				773.51
Senator Richard Shelby:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,156.85						4,156.85
Senator Patrick Leahy:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,156.85						4,156.85
Senator Lindsey Graham:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,084.85						4,084.85
Senator John Kennedy:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,156.85						4,156.85
Senator Jeanne Shaheen:									
United Kingdom	Pound		3,556.85						3,556.85
Senator John Boozman:									
United Kingdom	Pound		3,608.85						3,608.85
Shannon Hines:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,156.85						4,156.85
Charles Kieffer:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,061.85						4,061.85
Brian Potts:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,156.85						4,156.85
Dayne Cutrell:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,156.85						4,156.85
Anne Caldwell:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,156.85						4,156.85
John Dowd:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,045.35						4,045.35
Van Cato:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,124.85						4,124.85
Toni-Marie Higgins:									
United Kingdom	Pound		3,566.85						3,566.85
Bryan Maxwell:									
United Kingdom	Pound		3,906.71						3,906.71
Paul Grove:									
Jordan	Dinar		710.81						710.81
Tunisia	Dinar		378.00						378.00
United States	Dollar				8,748.11				8,748.11
Delegation expenses: *									
Haiti	Gourde						124.11		124.11
Dominican Republic	Peso						435.33		435.33
Delegation expenses: *									
Tunisia	Dinar						57.00		57.00
Jordan	Dinar						196.90		196.90
Delegation expenses: *									
Thailand	Baht						493.31		493.31
Bangladesh	Taka						5,921.08		5,921.08
Vietnam	Dong						315.27		315.27
Cambodia	Riel						201.30		201.30
Burma	Kyat						2,742.34		2,742.34
Delegation expenses: *									
Finland	Euro						5,836.44		5,836.44
Russia	Ruble						66,709.00		66,709.00
Norway	Krone						10,452.53		10,452.53
Delegation expenses: *									
United Kingdom	Pound						30,887.34		30,887.34
<b>Total</b>			<b>129,376.91</b>		<b>19,014.73</b>		<b>124,371.95</b>		<b>272,763.59</b>

\* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95—384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

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		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Lindsey Graham:									
United States	Dollar				6,259.51				6,259.51
Turkey	Lira		646.66						646.66
Craig Abele:									
United States	Dollar				6,259.51				6,259.51
Turkey	Lira		633.01						633.01
Martin Holmes:									
United States	Dollar				6,259.51				6,259.51
Turkey	Lira		603.00						603.00
Senator Jeanne Shaheen:									
United States	Dollar				6,259.51				6,259.51
Turkey	Lira		615.07						615.07
Naz Durakoglu:									
United States	Dollar				6,259.51				6,259.51
Turkey	Lira		615.07						615.07
Delegation expenses: *									
Turkey	Lira					1,025.39	1,239.63		2,265.02
Iraq	Dinar				27,975.00				27,975.00
Senator Elizabeth Warren:									
United States	Dollar				12,796.31				12,796.31
Kuwait	Dinar		295.20						295.20
Sasha Baker:									
United States	Dollar				14,837.31				14,837.31
Kuwait	Dinar		275.20						275.20
Delegation Expenses: *									
Kuwait	Dinar						313.00		313.00
Iraq	Dinar				8,550.00				8,550.00
Samantha Clark:									
United States	Dollar				11,325.18				11,325.18
Australia	Dollar		1,542.73						1,542.73
Gwyneth Woolwine:									
United States	Dollar				11,325.18				11,325.18
Australia	Dollar		1,465.07						1,465.07
Delegation expenses: *									
Australia	Dollar				4,164.70				4,164.70
Senator Thom Tillis:									
United States	Dollar				12,808.46				12,808.46
Belgium	Euro		23.85						23.85
Charles Prosch:									
United States	Dollar				12,808.46				12,808.46
Belgium	Euro		63.47						63.47
Senator Jeanne Shaheen:									
United States	Dollar				8,135.15				8,135.15
Belgium	Euro		5.97						5.97
Naz Durakoglu:									
United States	Dollar				12,825.46				12,825.46
Belgium	Euro		126.34						126.34
Delegation Expenses: *									
Belgium	Euro				1,743.77				1,743.77
Senator James M. Inhofe:									
United Kingdom	Pound		2,925.51						2,925.51
Lucas Holland:									
United Kingdom	Pound		3,120.60						3,120.60
Delegation Expenses: *									
United Kingdom	Pound				2,742.00		1,028.07		3,770.07
Jonathan Epstein:									
United States	Dollar				15,595.09				15,595.09
Kenya	Shilling		276.84						276.84
Uganda	Shilling		478.18						478.18
Tunisia	Dinar		656.96						656.96
Senegal	Franc		219.04						219.04
Delegation Expenses: *									
Uganda	Shilling						155.00		155.00
Tunisia	Dinar				121.94		516.65		638.59
Senegal	Franc				90.00				90.00
Mark Montgomery:									
United States	Dollar				10,366.11				10,366.11
Poland	Zloty		642.57						642.57
Dustin Walker:									
United States	Dollar				12,026.51				12,026.51
Poland	Zloty		642.57						642.57
Germany	Euro		555.18						555.18
William Quinn:									
United States	Dollar				14,369.41				14,369.41
Qatar	Riyal		943.94						943.94
Lebanon	Pound		175.00						175.00
Mathew Lampert:									
United States	Dollar				14,369.41				14,369.41
Qatar	Riyal		967.94						967.94
Lebanon	Pound		187.00						187.00
Delegation expenses: *									
Qatar	Riyal						525.19		525.19
Iraq	Dinar				10,232.00				10,232.00
Lebanon	Pound						1,423.17		1,423.17
Ozge Guzelsu:									
United States	Dollar				8,351.66				8,351.66
Peru	Sol		1,161.64						1,161.64
Delegation expenses: *									
Peru	Sol				30.38		983.26		1,013.64
Adam Barker:									
United States	Dollar				10,413.73				10,413.73
Tunisia	Dinar		204.73						204.73
Morocco	Dirham		265.63						265.63
Mauritania	Ouguiya		334.10						334.10
Mariah McNamara:									
United States	Dollar				10,480.16				10,480.16
Tunisia	Dinar		244.73						244.73
Morocco	Dirham		260.63						260.63
Mauritania	Ouguiya		311.10						311.10
Delegation expenses: *									
Tunisia	Dinar						29.50		29.50
James B. Hickey:									
United States	Dollar				9,979.71				9,979.71
Germany	Euro		447.73						447.73
Delegation expenses: *									
Germany	Euro				865.31				865.31

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Dustin Walker:									
United States .....	Dollar .....		308.78		13,433.61				13,433.61
Bosnia .....	Mark .....		308.78						308.78
Serbia .....	Dinar .....		318.96						318.96
Montenegro .....	Euro .....		289.32						289.32
Kosovo .....	Euro .....		418.13						418.13
Mark Montgomery:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				11,953.71				11,953.71
Serbia .....	Dinar .....		314.09						314.09
Montenegro .....	Euro .....		292.88						292.88
Kosovo .....	Euro .....		402.01						402.01
William Quinn:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				8,976.54				8,976.54
Bosnia .....	Mark .....		286.91						286.91
Serbia .....	Dinar .....		636.04						636.04
Delegation expenses: *									
Serbia .....	Dinar .....						614.00		614.00
Montenegro .....	Euro .....						125.00		125.00
Kosovo .....	Euro .....						140.47		140.47
Mathew Lampert:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				13,654.11				13,654.11
Delegation expenses: *									
Afghanistan .....	Afghani .....				2,970.00				2,970.00
Senator Gary C. Peters:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				4,697.81				4,697.81
South Korea .....	Won .....		421.36						421.36
Jordan Wells:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				4,697.81				4,697.81
South Korea .....	Won .....		428.42						428.42
Sydney Paul:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				4,697.81				4,697.81
South Korea .....	Won .....		450.72						450.72
Delegation expenses: *									
South Korea .....	Won .....				1,849.01				1,849.01
Total .....			26,499.88		358,581.75		7,092.94		392,174.57

\* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JAMES M. INHOFE,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Oct. 24, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Mike Lee:									
Israel .....	Shekel .....		1,520.00						1,520.00
Delegation expenses: *									
Israel .....	Shekel .....						1,542.79		1,542.79
Curtis Swager:									
Taiwan .....	Dollar .....		165.20						165.20
Vietnam .....	Dong .....		881.53						881.53
Thailand .....	Baht .....		915.48						915.48
Singapore .....	Dollar .....		1,022.00						1,022.00
Japan .....	Yen .....		538.53						538.53
Delegation expenses: *									
Taiwan .....	Dollar .....						224.82		224.82
Vietnam .....	Dong .....						181.84		181.84
Thailand .....	Baht .....						375.61		375.61
Singapore .....	Dollar .....						640.00		640.00
Japan .....	Yen .....						504.66		504.66
Total .....			4,877.54				3,469.72		8,347.26

\* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JOHN THUNE,  
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,  
July 27, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018.

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Thune:									
Finland .....	Euro .....		455.61						455.61
Russia .....	Ruble .....		4,629.00						4,629.00
Norway .....	Krone .....		1,294.00						1,294.00
Delegation expenses: *									
Finland .....	Euro .....						486.37		486.37
Russia .....	Ruble .....						3,338.88		3,338.88
Norway .....	Krone .....						895.00		895.00
Total .....			6,378.61				4,720.25		11,098.86

\* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JOHN THUNE,  
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,  
Oct. 24, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22  
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator William Cassidy:									
Guatemala	Quetzal		576.39						576.39
Mexico	Peso		588.01						588.01
Allison Kapsner:									
Guatemala	Quetzal		626.54						626.54
Mexico	Peso		680.39						680.39
Maria Sierra:									
Guatemala	Quetzal		579.14						579.14
Mexico	Peso		611.98						611.98
Delegation expenses:*									
United States	Dollar						5,063.88		5,063.88
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,662.45</b>				<b>5,063.88</b>		<b>8,726.33</b>

\*Delegation Expenses include embassy overtime, translation, security, transportation, meeting room, as well as official expenses in accordance with the responsibilities of the host country.

SENATOR ORRIN G. HATCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Finance, Oct. 3, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBER AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22  
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Christopher Coons:									
Sweden	Krona		972.64						972.64
Denmark	Krone		828.94						828.94
Latvia	Euro		668.08						668.08
Finland	Euro		789.07						789.07
Thomas Mancinelli:									
Sweden	Krona		972.64						972.64
Denmark	Krone		828.94						828.94
Latvia	Euro		668.08						668.08
Finland	Euro		789.07						789.07
Senator Bob Corker:									
Sweden	Krona		950.99						950.99
Denmark	Krone		640.13						640.13
Latvia	Euro		633.14						633.14
Finland	Krone		540.45						540.45
Brent Wiles:									
Sweden	Krona		917.92						917.92
Denmark	Krone		967.63						967.63
Latvia	Euro		577.98						577.98
Finland	Krone		608.06						608.06
Senator Jeff Flake:									
Sweden	Krona		1,122.80						1,122.80
Denmark	Krone		885.22						885.22
Latvia	Euro		566.67						566.67
Finland	Euro		646.21						646.21
Brian Canfield:									
Sweden	Krona		964.00						964.00
Denmark	Krone		813.50						813.50
Latvia	Euro		671.71						671.71
Finland	Euro		789.00						789.00
Senator Tom Udall:									
Sweden	Krona		968.18						968.18
Denmark	Krone		803.28						803.28
Latvia	Euro		488.89						488.89
Finland	Euro		573.74						573.74
Matthew Padilla:									
Sweden	Krona		1,010.00						1,010.00
Denmark	Krone		844.10						844.10
Latvia	Euro		591.71						591.71
Finland	Euro		676.50						676.50
Delegation expenses:*									
Sweden	Krona						8,309.00		8,309.00
Denmark	Krone						5,225.99		5,225.99
Latvia	Euro						1,158.75		1,158.75
Finland	Euro						6,661.67		6,661.67
Senator Bob Corker:									
Cuba	Dollar		545.00						545.00
United States	Dollar				2,711.11				2,711.11
Caleb McCarr:									
Cuba	Dollar		410.00						410.00
United States	Dollar				2,021.41				2,021.41
Delegation expenses:*									
Cuba	Dollar						327.00		327.00
Senator Jeff Flake:									
Zimbabwe	Dollar		1,399.04						1,399.04
Botswana	Pula		379.33						379.33
United States	Dollar				8,585.80				8,585.80
Delegation expenses:*									
Zimbabwe	Dollar						3,455.18		3,455.18
Botswana	Pula						570.00		570.00
Senator Ron Johnson:									
Greece	Euro		413.56						413.56
Kosovo	Euro		104.55						104.55
Serbia	Euro		194.13						194.13
United States	Dollar				12,416.11				12,416.11
Lydia Westlake:									
Greece	Euro		498.94						498.94
Kosovo	Euro		104.55						104.55
Serbia	Dinar		202.75						202.75
United States	Dollar				12,416.11				12,416.11
Delegation expenses:*									
Greece	Euro						1,281.00		1,281.00
Macedonia	Denar						1,468.57		1,468.57
Kosovo	Euro						1,365.61		1,365.61
Serbia	Dinar						910.00		910.00
Carolyn Leddy:									
China	Renminbi		1,245.22						1,245.22

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBER AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
United States	Dollar				2,390.91				2,390.91
Delegation expenses:*									
China	Renminbi					837.00			837.00
Grant Mullins:									
Latvia	Euro		507.96						507.96
Poland	Zloty		302.86						302.86
Germany	Euro		1,021.36						1,021.36
United States	Dollar				3,829.91				3,829.91
Scott Richardson:									
Latvia	Euro		394.99						394.99
Poland	Zloty		293.03						293.03
Germany	Euro		793.54						793.54
United States	Dollar				3,761.91				3,761.91
Delegation expenses:*									
Poland	Zloty					308.99			308.99
Germany	Euro					1,155.84			1,155.84
Michael Phelan:									
Afghanistan	Dollar		116.00						116.00
Eritrea	Nafka		246.64						246.64
Ethiopia	Birr		535.00						535.00
United States	Dollar				5,689.21				5,689.21
Delegation expenses:*									
Afghanistan	Dollar					2,916.00			2,916.00
Eritrea	Nafka					28.22			28.22
Ethiopia	Birr					314.87			314.87
Sarah Stone:									
Serbia	Dinar		288.87						288.87
Kosovo	Euro		222.76						222.76
Bosnia and Herzegov	BAM		420.20						420.20
United States	Dollar				4,056.31				4,056.31
Molly Lazio:									
Serbia	Dinar		208.35						208.35
Kosovo	Euro		432.00						432.00
Bosnia and Herzegov	BAM		699.15						699.15
United States	Dollar				4,095.00				4,095.00
Delegation expenses:*									
Serbia	Dinar					143.00			143.00
Kosovo	Euro					117.12			117.12
Bosnia and Herzegov	BAM					419.95			419.95
Eric Trager:									
Jordan	Dinar		639.28						639.28
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		646.33						646.33
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		698.39						698.39
United States	Dollar				4,040.31				4,040.31
Delegation expenses:*									
Jordan	Dinar					243.22			243.22
United Arab Emirates	Dirham					50.60			50.60
Total			38,733.05		66,014.10		37,257.58		142,004.73

\*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR BOB CORKER,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Oct. 22, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Ron Johnson:									
United States	Dollar				9,455.27				9,455.27
Russia	Ruble		3,136.40						3,136.40
Lydia Westlake:									
United States	Dollar				7,540.67				7,540.67
Russia	Ruble		3,096.40						3,096.40
Senator Doug Jones:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,156.85						4,156.85
Total			10,389.65		16,995.94		0.00		27,385.59

SENATOR RON JOHNSON,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs,  
Oct. 4, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Cornyn:									
Mexico	Peso		630.74						630.74
Elizabeth Jafari:									
Mexico	Peso		617.26						617.26
Total			1,248.00						1,248.00

SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, Oct. 19, 2018.



CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95—384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Amy Smith:									
South Korea	Won		172.00		184.19				356.19
Japan	Yen		1,377.74		754.40				2,132.14
Simon Coon:									
South Korea	Won		172.00		184.19				356.19
Japan	Yen		1,377.74		754.40				2,132.14
Delegation expense:*									
Japan	Yen						8.28		8.28
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,099.48</b>		<b>1,877.18</b>		<b>8.28</b>		<b>4,984.94</b>

\*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95—384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON,  
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Oct. 22, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95—384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AMENDED FOR TRAVEL FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Cornyn:			673.65						673.65
			548.14						548.14
					9,826.61				9,826.61
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1,221.79</b>		<b>9,826.61</b>				<b>11,048.40</b>

SENATOR RICHARD BURR,  
Chairman, Committee on Intelligence, Oct. 23, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95—384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Ryan Tully			1,268.73						1,268.73
			977.00						977.00
			375.54						375.54
					10,798.81				10,798.81
Delegation expenses:*						1,056.82			1,056.82
Ryan White			125.00						125.00
			717.00						717.00
			634.00						634.00
					18,913.61				18,913.61
Jacob Barton			125.00						125.00
			717.00						717.00
			593.00						593.00
					18,913.61				18,913.61
John Matchison			125.00						125.00
			717.00						717.00
			738.00						738.00
					18,913.61				18,913.61
Delegation expenses:*						472.47			472.47
Senator Richard Burr			1,134.00						1,134.00
			322.00						322.00
					2,831.41				2,831.41
Christian Cook			1,134.00						1,134.00
			322.00						322.00
					2,284.51				2,284.51
Delegation expenses:*						1,086.00			1,086.00
Ryan Tully			792.38						792.38
			598.56						598.56
			666.22						666.22
					13,480.51				13,480.51
Arjun Ravindra			792.38						792.38
			598.56						598.56
			681.22						681.22
					13,480.51				13,480.51
Delegation expenses:*						2,535.47			2,535.47
Ryan Tully			1,537.57						1,537.57
					10,687.61				10,687.61
Chris Joyner			1,522.57						1,522.57
					10,687.61				10,687.61
Arjun Ravindra					1,517.57				1,517.57
					10,687.61				10,687.61
			1,267.57						1,267.57
					10,687.61				10,687.61
Nate Adler			1,228.85						1,228.85
					10,687.61				10,687.61
Delegation expenses:*						1,804.45			1,804.45
Jim Catella			276.41						276.41
			256.72						256.72
			280.68						280.68
					2,910.50				2,910.50
Delegation expenses:*						523.55			523.55
Jacob Barton						35.00			35.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>22,041.53</b>		<b>155,965.13</b>		<b>7,513.76</b>		<b>185,520.42</b>

\*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95—384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR RICHARD BURR,  
Chairman, Committee on Intelligence, Nov. 14, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95—384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Kyle Parker:									
Portugal	Euro		1,283.00						1,283.00
Tunisia	Dinar		328.60						328.60
Bosnia	Convertible Mark		457.19						457.19
Italy	Euro		1,262.33						1,262.33
Germany	Euro		1,236.00						1,236.00
Alex Tiersky:									
Portugal	Euro		1,283.00						1,283.00
Tunisia	Dinar		328.60						328.60
Bosnia	Convertible Mark		457.19						457.19
Italy	Euro		1,262.33						1,262.33
Germany	Euro		1,236.00						1,236.00
Rachel Bauman:									
Portugal	Euro		1,283.00						1,283.00
Tunisia	Dinar		328.60						328.60
Bosnia	Convertible Mark		457.19						457.19
Italy	Euro		1,262.33						1,262.33
Germany	Euro		1,236.00						1,236.00
Jordan Warlick:									
Portugal	Euro		1,283.00						1,283.00
Tunisia	Dinar		328.60						328.60
Bosnia	Convertible Mark		457.19						457.19
Italy	Euro		1,262.33						1,262.33
Germany	Euro		1,236.00						1,236.00
Robert Hand:									
Croatia	Kuna		426.00		4,405.21				4,831.21
Bosnia	Convertible Mark		457.19						457.19
Germany	Euro		3,296.00						3,296.00
Everett Price:									
Tunisia	Dinar		328.60		12,202.31				12,530.91
Scott Rauland:									
Germany	Euro		1,988.92		13,431.21				15,420.13
Janice Helwig:									
Germany	Euro		738.00		1,695.60				2,433.60
Allison H. Parker:									
Germany	Euro		1,648.00		7,722.41				9,370.41
Paul Massaro:									
Germany	Euro		3,296.00		13,374.51				16,670.51
Delegation expenses:*									
Portugal	Euro						11,357.00		11,357.00
Tunisia	Dinar						3,391.34		3,391.34
Croatia	Kuna						4,553.00		4,553.00
Bosnia	Convertible Mark						4,784.83		4,784.83
Italy	Euro						23,517.05		23,517.05
Germany	Euro						30,076.21		30,076.21
Alex Tiersky:									
Belgium	Euro		1,101.70		8,048.51				9,150.21
Delegation expenses:*									
Belgium	Euro						0.00		0.00
Everett Price:									
Turkmenistan	Manat		687.00		2,319.11				3,006.11
Delegation expenses:*									
Turkmenistan	Manat						50.00		50.00
Alex Tiersky:									
Germany	Euro		1,006.58		8,621.40				9,627.98
Delegation expenses:*									
Germany	Euro						0.00		0.00
Kyle Parker:									
Poland	Zloty		1,547.66		10,317.01				11,864.67
Mark Toner:									
Poland	Zloty		2,132.84		10,326.91				12,459.75
Erika Schlager:									
Poland	Zloty		4,441.64		13,761.01				18,202.65
Janice Helwig:									
Poland	Zloty		2,737.00		1,039.00				3,776.55
Mischa Thompson:									
Poland	Zloty		1,303.77		14,014.91				15,318.68
Everett Price:									
Poland	Zloty		1,489.71		11,920.61				13,410.32
Nathaniel Hurd:									
Poland	Zloty		2,199.54		10,165.01				12,364.55
Rachel Bauman:									
Poland	Zloty		2,132.84		6,365.60				8,498.44
Jordan Warlick:									
Poland	Zloty		1,575.01		10,330.21				11,905.22
Delegation expenses:*									
Poland	Zloty						4,005.33		4,005.33
Paul Massaro:									
Czech Republic	Koruna		1,690.24		14,027.51				15,717.75
Delegation expenses:*									
Czech Republic	Koruna						55.66		55.66
Mark Toner:									
Estonia	Euro		602.51		6,429.81				7,032.32
Lithuania	Euro		751.05						751.05
Rachel Bauman:									
Estonia	Euro		903.77		7,584.81				8,488.58
Austria	Euro		534.00						534.00
Delegation expenses:*									
Estonia	Euro						34.32		34.32
Lithuania	Euro						152.27		152.27
Austria	Euro						0.00		0.00
Mischa Thompson:									
France	Euro		2,467.00		13,719.51				16,186.51
Delegation expenses:*									
France	Euro						234.00		234.00
Janice Helwig:									
Austria	Euro		26,464.00		12,548.51				39,012.51
Delegation expenses:*									
Austria	Euro						0.00		0.00
Total			86,215.60		214,370.69		82,211.01		382,797.30

\*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95—384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22  
U.S.C. 1754(b), MAJORITY LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Brian Monahan:									
Finland	Euro		304.81						304.81
Russia	Ruble		4,436.75						4,436.75
Norway	Krone		1,104.34						1,104.34
Thomas Hawkins:									
United States	Dollar				12,791.81				12,791.81
Ukraine	Kyiv		1,200.41		48.00		67.67		1,316.08
Lithuania	Litas		311.57		338.13		170.58		820.28
Denmark	Krone		946.67		1,704.00				2,650.67
Brian Monahan:									
United Kingdom	Pound		3,927.56						3,927.56
Thomas Hawkins:									
United States	Dollar				2,831.61				2,831.61
Colombia	Peso		1,012.00						1,012.00
Panama	Balboa		196.00						196.00
Total			13,440.11		17,713.55		238.25		31,391.91

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL,  
Majority Leader, 2018.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22  
U.S.C. 1754(b), DEMOCRATIC LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2018

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Michael Kuiken:									
United States	Dollar				1,968.50				1,968.50
Honduras	Dollar		503.67						503.67
El Salvador	Dollar		178.07						178.07
Guatemala	Dollar		182.36						182.36
Total			864.10		1,968.50				2,832.60

SENATOR CHARLES E. SCHUMER,  
Democratic Leader, Oct. 30, 2018.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3649

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The leader is correct.

The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3649) to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison, and for other purposes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Indian Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 702.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 702) recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the measure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 702) was agreed to.

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

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

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of November 15, 2018, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON RED SOX ON WINNING THE 2018 WORLD SERIES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 687 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 687) congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2018 World Series.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 687) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of November 14, 2018, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 704, S. Res. 705, and S. Res. 706.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.  
(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all postcloture time on the Vaden nomination expire at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, and that if the Vaden nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, November 27; 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; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Vaden nomination under the previous order.

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 6:24 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 10 a.m.

### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

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

#### To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID W. ABBA  
COL. CHRISTOPHER R. AMRHEIN  
COL. CHARLES D. BOLTON  
COL. LARRY R. BROADWELL, JR.  
COL. TERRY L. BULLARD  
COL. SCOTT A. CAIN  
COL. JIMMY R. CANLAS  
COL. JULIAN C. CHEATER  
COL. ROY W. COLLINS  
COL. COLIN J. CONNOR  
COL. DONALD J. COTHERN  
COL. DAVID S. EAGLIN  
COL. STEVEN G. EDWARDS  
COL. TROY L. ENDICOTT  
COL. GREGORY J. GAGNON  
COL. RICHARD W. GIBBS  
COL. JENNIFER L. GRANT  
COL. STEWART A. HAMMONS  
COL. ROBERT S. JOB  
COL. JOHN M. KLEIN, JR.  
COL. GREGORY KREUDER  
COL. BENJAMIN R. MAITRE

COL. MATTEO G. MARTEMUCCI  
COL. CAROLINE M. MILLER  
COL. DAVID A. MINEAU  
COL. PAUL J. MURRAY  
COL. TY W. NEUMAN  
COL. JOHN P. NEWBERRY  
COL. JEFFERSON J. O'DONNELL  
COL. THOMAS B. PALENSKE  
COL. EVAN L. PETTUS  
COL. CHRISTOPHER S. POVAK  
COL. BRADLEY L. PYBURN  
COL. CHAD D. RADUEGE  
COL. MICHAEL T. RAWLS  
COL. RYAN R. SAMUELSON  
COL. DAVID J. SANFORD  
COL. DAVID G. SHOEMAKER  
COL. REBECCA J. SONKISS  
COL. CLAUDE K. TUDOR, JR.  
COL. DANIEL H. TULLEY  
COL. JEFFERY D. VALENZIA  
COL. JOHN C. WALKER  
COL. STEVEN P. WHITNEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 1211:

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL R. BERRY  
IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. BRADLEY S. JAMES  
IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9333(B) AND 9336(A):

#### To be colonel

LUKE M. SAUTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9333(B) AND 9336(A):

#### To be colonel

TASHA L. PRAVECEK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9333(B) AND 9336(A):

#### To be colonel

BRIAN J. NEFF

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9333(B) AND 9336(A):

#### To be colonel

CORY A. COOPER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9333(B) AND 9336(A):

#### To be colonel

JOEL A. SLOAN

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

#### To be major

JAMIE J. JOHNSON  
REED H. SOUTHARD  
RENEE M. SUMMERS

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

TIMOTHY B. MURPHY

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 major

ANDREW M. DERAMUS

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

#### To be major

BRIANNE D. NEWMAN

#### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

#### To be major

JEREMY W. LEWIS

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

#### To be major

DAVID R. DINKLOCKER

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

LOREN C. DUWEL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

#### To be major

RENEROSE V. HINKLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

#### To be major

SARAH L. FORTIER

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

#### To be major

DAVID A. NEVEAU

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

#### To be major

KYLE B. HURST

#### IN THE COAST GUARD

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

#### To be captain

MARC C. DEVEREAUX  
LAILA M. GRASSLEY  
GRETCHEN A. JONES  
PAUL G. MORRIS  
MICHAEL E. RUWE  
JOHN R. SETTLE III  
MICHAEL N. ST. JEANOS  
KIRSTEN R. TREGO  
MICHAEL R. VAUGHN  
CRAIG L. WENNET

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271(E):

#### To be captain

GRETCHEN M. BAILEY  
ALAIN V. BALMACEA  
MICHELLE C. BAS  
IAN A. BASTEK  
MICHAEL W. BATSCHELDER  
KENNETH J. BODA  
ROY R. BRUBAKER  
JOANN F. BURDIAN  
ANDREW T. CAMPEN  
CHRISTOPHER R. CEDERHOLM  
BRADLEY CLARE  
ROBERT C. COMPHER  
CHAD W. COOPER  
NATHAN E. COULTER  
CHARLES C. CULOTTA  
FRANCIS J. DELROSSO, JR.  
JOHN T. DEWEY  
JEROME E. DUBAY  
TIMOTHY W. EASON  
JANET D. ESPINOYOUNG  
SARAH K. FELGER  
KEVIN D. FLOYD  
JAMES D. FORGY  
TED R. FOWLES  
PAUL E. FRANTZ  
MICHAEL E. FRAWLEY  
MICHAEL R. GESLE  
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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, Naomi C. Earp, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department of Agriculture.

SR-328A

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine addressing America's surface transportation infrastructure needs.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the global fight to end modern slavery.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on improving affordability through innovation.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Richard S. Tischner, of Virginia, to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, and Andrew F. Manuz, both to be a Member, all of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian C. Buescher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, M. Miller Baker, of Virginia, and Timothy M. Reif, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Donald W. Washington, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 3247, to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, S. 3654, to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, to avoid the duplication of public diplomacy programs and efforts, to improve the research and evaluation of public diplomacy, S. Res. 562, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) continues to make an invaluable contribution to United States and international security, 50 years after it opened for signature on July 1, 1968, H.R. 1872, to promote access for United States diplomats and other officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, H.R. 4819, to promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater Okavango River Basin of southern Africa, H.R. 2646, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, H.R. 4989, to require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities, and the nominations of Michael T. Harvey, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Craig Lewis Cloud, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Judith Gail Garber, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Dennis Walter Hearne, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Simon Henshaw, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Earle D. Litzenberger, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Eric George Nelson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Michael Peter Pelletier,

of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, John Mark Pommersheim, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Robert K. Scott, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Eric Williams Stromayer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to Central African Republic, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold closed hearings to examine Cyber Command's relationship with the National Security Agency.

SVC-217

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2788, to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation", S. Res. 444, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States, S. Res. 596, recognizing the 29th anniversary of the Tribal Canoe Journey of the Tribal Nations of the Pacific Northwest and congratulating the Puyallup Tribe of Indians for hosting the 2018 Power Paddle to Puyallup, H.R. 2606, to amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and H.R. 4032, to confirm undecommissioned Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community.

SD-628

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald L. Palmer, of Florida, and Benjamin Hovland, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

SR-301

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine strengthening state efforts to overhaul the guardianship process and protect older Americans.

SD-562

NOVEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas McCaffery, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and William Bookless, of California, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

SD-G50

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10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine combating money laundering and other forms of illicit finance, focusing on regulator and law enforcement perspectives on reform.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Energy

To hold hearings to examine S. 1089, to require the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the refining of used lubricating oil, S. 1713, to require certain financial assistance under the State energy program and the Weatherization Assistance Program to be distributed without undue delay to support State and local high-impact energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, S. 1875, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the flexibility, efficiency, and reliability of the electric grid, to increase the competitiveness of the United States economy, to protect consumers, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, S. 2257, to establish the IMPACT for Energy Foundation, S. 2803, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels, S. 2968, to amend the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 to clarify whistleblower rights and protections, S. 3088, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to prepare veterans for careers in the energy industry, including the solar, wind, cybersecurity, and other low-carbon emissions sectors or zero-emissions sectors of the energy industry, S. 3295, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 3376, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, a demonstration and deployment program, and a technical assistance and grant program, S. 3422, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, S. 3495, to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, S. 3618 and H.R. 6511, bills to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to lease underutilized Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities, H.R. 6398, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, and an original bill entitled, "Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act".

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2432, to amend the charter of the Future Farmers of America, H.R. 4100, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise

the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, S. 3339, to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court, S. 2293, to amend section 214(c)(8) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the data reporting requirements relating to nonimmigrant employees, H.R. 3996, to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court, and the nominations of Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Eric D. Miller, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Rossie David Alston, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Thomas P. Barber, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Pamela A. Barker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Wendy Williams Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Karin J. Immergut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Corey Landon Maze, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Sarah Daggett Morrison, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Rodney Smith, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, T. Kent Wetherell II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Jean-Paul Boulee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, James David Cain, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Damon Ray Leichty, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, John M. O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, J. Nicholas Ranjan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, John Milton Younge, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Robert S. Brewer, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, and Nicholas A. Trutanich, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2076, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, H.R. 315, to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services, S. 3482, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, S. 3530, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, an original bill entitled, "Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2018", and the nominations of Erhard R. Chorle, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

SD-430

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on how to defeat computational propaganda.

SD-562

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 4

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., to be General and Commander, Central Command, and Lieutenant General Richard D. Clarke, to be General and Commander, Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

DECEMBER 5

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration, focusing on leveraging cutting-edge science and protecting public health.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine pilot programs at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

SD-538

10:15 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps readiness.

SD-G50

Committee on the Judiciary  
 Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition  
 Policy and Consumer Rights  
 To hold hearings to examine a compara-  
 tive look at competition law ap-  
 proaches to monopoly and abuse of  
 dominance in the United States and  
 European Union.

SD-226

DECEMBER 6

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
 Urban Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine proxy proc-  
 ess and rules, focusing on current prac-  
 tices and potential changes.

SD-538

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
 Urban Affairs  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine  
 the Securities and Exchange Commis-  
 sion.

SD-538



Monday, November 26, 2018

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7073–S7101*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 6, 3656–3657, and S. Res. 704–706. **Page S7088**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2166, to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–374)

S. 2870, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site known as “Amache” in the State of Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 115–375)

S. 3245, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land in the State of Texas, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–376)

H.R. 1967, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydro-power development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–377)

H.R. 5979, to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–378)

Report to accompany S. 1934, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices. (S. Rept. No. 115–379)

S. 2397, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–380)

S. 3137, to provide for reforming agencies of the Federal Government to improve efficiency and effectiveness, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–381)

S. 3208, to provide agencies with discretion in securing information technology and information systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–382)

S. 3251, to require executive agencies to consider rental in any analysis for equipment acquisition. (S. Rept. No. 115–383)

S. 3405, to reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–384)

S. 3437, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–385)

S. 3487, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–386)

H.R. 1132, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a 2-year prohibition on employment in a career civil service position for any former political appointee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–387)

S. 3085, to establish a Federal Acquisition Security Council and to provide executive agencies with authorities relating to mitigating supply chain risks in the procurement of information technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S7087–88**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Native American Heritage Month:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 702, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7099**

**Congratulating the Boston Red Sox:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 687, congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2018 World Series, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7099**

**National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 704, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the

United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S7099–S7100**

**National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 705, designating December 3, 2018, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”. **Pages S7099–S7100**

**Authorizing Legal Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 706, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Jacob R. Kent, et al., v. R.L. Vallee, Inc., et al.* **Pages S7099–S7100**

**Vaden Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture. **Pages S7073–78**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 245), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7078**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 12:15 p.m., on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. **Page S7100**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. **Page S7100**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

44 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.  
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.  
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Foreign Service. **Pages S7100–01**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S7082–83**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7083**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S7083, S7099**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S7083–87**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7088–89**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S7089–91**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S7082**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—245) **Page S7078**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7100.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1166)

H.R. 3359, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of

Homeland Security. Signed on November 16, 2018. (Public Law 115–278)

H.R. 2615, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Signed on November 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–279)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

**Committee on Armed Services:** to hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

**Subcommittee on SeaPower,** to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–220.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy), Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Raymond David Vela, of Texas, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold hearings to examine multilateral economic institutions and United States foreign policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform:* business meeting to continue to markup the Committee's report, recommendations, and legislative language, 2 p.m., 1334, Longworth Building.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 27 through November 30,  
2018

### Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

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*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* November 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, Naomi C. Earp, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,

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November 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 27, Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold hearings to examine multilateral economic institutions and United States foreign policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

November 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the global fight to end modern slavery, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

November 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3247, to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, S. 3654, to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, to avoid the duplication of public diplomacy programs and efforts, to improve the research and evaluation of public diplomacy, S. Res. 562, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) continues to make an invaluable contribution to United States and international security, 50 years after it opened for signature on July 1, 1968, H.R. 1872, to promote access for United States diplomats and other officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, H.R. 4819, to promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater

Okavango River Basin of southern Africa, H.R. 2646, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, H.R. 4989, to require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities, and the nominations of Michael T. Harvey, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Craig Lewis Cloud, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Judith Gail Garber, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Dennis Walter Hearne, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Simon Henshaw, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Earle D. Litzenger, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Eric George Nelson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Michael Peter Pelletier, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, John Mark Pommersheim, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Robert K. Scott, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Eric Williams Stromayer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to Central African Republic, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

November 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* November 28, to hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on improving affordability through innovation, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

November 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2076, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, H.R. 315, to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services, S. 3482, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, S. 3530, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, an original bill entitled, "Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2018", and the nominations of Erhard R. Chorle, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* November 28, business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Richard S. Tischner, of Virginia, to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, and Andrew F. Manuz, both to be a Member, all of the Merit Systems Protection Board, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* November 28, business meeting to consider S. 2788, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation”, S. Res. 444, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States, S. Res. 596, recognizing the 29th anniversary of the Tribal Canoe Journey of the Tribal Nations of the Pacific Northwest and congratulating the Puyallup Tribe of Indians for hosting the 2018 Power Paddle to Puyallup, H.R. 2606, to amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and H.R. 4032, to confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community’s Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* November 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian C. Buescher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, M. Miller Baker, of Virginia, and Timothy M. Reif, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Donald W. Washington, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

November 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2432, to amend the charter of the Future Farmers of America, H.R. 4100, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, S. 3339, to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court, S. 2293, to amend section 214(c)(8) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the data reporting requirements relating to nonimmigrant employees, H.R. 3996, to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court, and the nominations of Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Eric D. Miller, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit

Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Rossie David Alston, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Thomas P. Barber, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Pamela A. Barker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Wendy Williams Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Karin J. Immergut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Corey Landon Maze, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Sarah Daggett Morrison, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Rodney Smith, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, T. Kent Wetherell II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Jean-Paul Boulee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, James David Cain, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Damon Ray Leichty, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, John M. O’Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, J. Nicholas Ranjan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, John Milton Younge, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Robert S. Brewer, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, and Nicholas A. Trutanich, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* November 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald L. Palmer, of Florida, and Benjamin Hovland, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* November 27, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

November 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* November 28, to hold hearings to examine strengthening state efforts to overhaul the guardianship process and protect older Americans, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

## House Committees

*Committee on Financial Services,* November 28, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of the International Financial Institutions”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* November 29, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Syria (Part II)”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, November 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “BOP Management of its Female Inmate Population, and Other Challenges”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled, “Evaluating Federal Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, November 29, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Review of Recent GAO Reports on Icebreaker Acquisition and the Need for a National Maritime Strategy”, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, November 29, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “VA’s Development and Implementation of Policy Initiatives”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform*: November 27, business meeting to continue to markup the Committee’s report, recommendations, and legislative language, 2 p.m., 1334, Longworth Building.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: November 29, to receive a briefing on how to defeat computational propaganda, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, November 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, November 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** The House will meet at 12 noon.



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