

Service located at 226 West Main Street in Lake City, South Carolina, as the "Postmaster Frazier B. Baker Post Office," was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

**TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 115-217 TO CHANGE THE ADDRESS OF THE POSTAL FACILITY DESIGNATED BY SUCH PUBLIC LAW IN HONOR OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ALWYN CRENDALL CASHE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

The bill (H.R. 7243) to amend Public Law 115-217 to change the address of the postal facility designated by such Public Law in honor of Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe, and for other purposes, was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

**RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CADET NURSE CORPS**

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 737, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 737) recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps and expressing the appreciation of the Senate for the contribution of the members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.

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

Mr. CORNYN. I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, that the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be 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. 737) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

**NATHANIEL P. REED HOBE SOUND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S. 3456 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3456) to redesignate Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge as the Nathaniel P.

Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

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

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

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

The bill (S. 3456) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3456

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

**SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION OF THE HOBE SOUND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Florida, is redesignated as the "Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any statute, rule, regulation, Executive order, publication, map, paper, or other document of the United States to the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge is deemed to refer to the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge.

**FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today we will pass a third continuing resolution, CR, to keep the government operating through February 8. I support this CR because a government shutdown is never good for our country—in fact, it is a terrible idea—but this whole process has been a missed opportunity.

For six of the seven appropriations bills covered under today's CR, we have a clear path forward. These bills—Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, Interior, Financial Services, Transportation-Housing and Urban Development, and the State-Foreign Operations bill—could be done by close of business today if there was the will. They are largely finished, are the product of bipartisan compromise, and provide the funds necessary to address critical needs of the American people and to protect U.S. national security. Unfortunately, the President held them hostage for \$5 billion to try to wall off our southern border, a wall he promised American taxpayers that Mexico would pay for.

What will be lost because of the President's intransigence?

These six bills provide much-needed funding to help combat our Nation's opioid epidemic and critical investments in infrastructure to help rebuild our Nation's crumbling roads, bridges, and highways. They provide resources to protect the environment and help ensure that the water we drink and the air we breathe is safe and clean for this generation and the next.

They provide important assistance for our Nation's farmers and rural communities who have been particularly

hurt this year by the President's trade policies, and they support key allies and national security programs that are what enable the United States to be a global leader, a role that is being increasingly challenged by China and Russia.

Unfortunately, this much-needed assistance is put on hold because the President held out for \$5 billion for his wall, at the exorbitant cost of \$31 million per mile, straight from the American taxpayer's pocket.

We also should be passing a disaster package to help families and communities devastated by Hurricanes Maria, Florence, and Michael, the Hawaii volcanoes, California wildfires, and Alaska earthquakes. We should remember that no one in this Chamber is immune from disaster. Seven years ago, Tropical Storm Irene devastated my home State of Vermont. Marcelle and I observed the wreckage from that storm in Vermont—large parts of communities washed away, homes and farms demolished, local landmarks and bridges destroyed. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate, from across the country, stood by Vermont's side then to help us rebuild because that is who we are as Americans.

This year, the images of flattened homes, buckled pavement, and raging flames have been matched in horror only by the devastated lives they have left in their wake. Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, California, Hawaii, and Alaska, they all need our help, and it is indefensible that, because of the President's obsession with one issue, his wall, we are punting this disaster funding until the new year. These communities need to know their government stands behind them in times of crisis.

Why didn't we get this done? Why can't we pass the six bills that are finished and a disaster package to help those communities in need before we adjourn? There is one clear answer to that question: President Donald J. Trump. He has held all of our good work, by Democrats and Republicans, hostage over \$5 billion for his misguided wall along the southern border. It is a travesty.

My opposition to his border wall, a wall he over and over pledged to the American people that Mexico would pay for, has been clear from the start. The United States is a country founded by immigrants, and walling ourselves off from our neighbors to the south is not only impossible and an expensive waste of American taxpayer dollars, it is immoral, ineffective, and an affront to everything this country stands for. Everyone agrees that we need to keep our border safe and secure, but there are better and smarter ways to accomplish that than building a 30-foot high concrete barrier between us and Mexico.

Let's not be fooled by recent White House rhetoric that President Trump was backing down from his demands on the wall. The price demanded by the