### CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

REVISION TO SPENDING ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

(Pursuant to Sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)

\$s in millions							2020
Current Allocation: Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority General Purpose Outlays Adjustments: Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority General Purpose Outlays Revised Allocation:							666,500 626,258 1,368,429
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Memorandum: Detail of Adjustments Made Above	000	Program Integrity	Disaster Relief	Emergency	Wildfire Suppression	U.S. Census	Total
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority General Purpose Outlays	71,500 8,000 42,663	0 1,842 1,481	0 17,503 984	8,000 535 2,619	0 0 0	0 0 0	79,500 27,880 47,747

# JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President. I rise to discuss the President's nominees for the Federal bench. I strongly believe that women should be in charge of their own healthcare decisions. Family planning choices are deeply personal, and women should be free to make the choice that is right for them, their family, faith, personal beliefs, or medical needs. As States like Alabama, Georgia, and others attempt to roll back women's access to reproductive healthcare, it is more important than ever that we work together to protect this right.

Unfortunately, too many of President Trump's nominees to the Federal courts hold beliefs that fail to respect long-settled precedent on women's healthcare. For example, the Senate recently voted to confirm Sarah Pitlyk to a Federal district court. As an attorney, she defended Iowa's unconstitutional ban on abortions at 6 weeks. Pitlyk has also worked to defend the Trump administration's Title X gag rule, which prohibits healthcare providers who receive this critical funding from discussing the full range of family planning options with their patients. And finally, she lacked any meaningful trial experience. It is no wonder the American Bar Association found that she was unqualified to serve on the district court.

Despite Roe v. Wade being the law of the land, too many of President Trump's nominees have actively sought to undermine the rights of women to control their own reproductive health choices. Their amicus briefs, legal writings, and arguments demonstrate a hostility towards women's rights that are incompatible with the role of a Federal judge.

I will continue to evaluate President Trump's judicial nominees based on their stances on women's reproductive health and remain committed to voting for nominees who have a strong record on upholding constitutionally protected reproductive healthcare rights. Accordingly, had I been present in the Senate, I would have voted against the nominations of Michael Park to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Dan Collins to the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Peter Phipps to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Wendy Williams Berger to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Brian Buescher to the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska, Michael Liburdi to the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, Sean Jordan to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Brantley Starr to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Jeffrey Vincent Brown to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and William Shaw Stickman IV to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Stephen Menashi to serve on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and Lawrence Van-Dyke to serve on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Moving forward, it is my hope that the President will nominate individuals who respect women's healthcare decisions.

## BORDER SECURITY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, after visiting our southern border countless times, most recently in August when I toured the Mexican side of the border with their deployed National Guard units, I know that we face a dire situation that is only improving because of the aggressive action taken by President Trump. As he and I both know, more needs to be done. Securing our border is vital to national security.

In our discussions with the Mexican Government following my recent trip, they expressed strong support for doing work on their southern border to stem the tide of illegal immigrants from other nations in Central America. Accordingly, I am proud to introduce the Mirador-Calakmul Basin Maya Security & Conservation Partnership Act, which will provide critical resources to the region to supplement the efforts made by the Government of Mexico to secure its own southern border. These resources will be critical because increased insecurity and lack of economic opportunity in this region are drivers of emigration from Guatemala and Mexico to the United States as

local communities face pressure to participate in deforestation, logging, narcotics trafficking and other illicit activities. It is in the best interest for the national security of the United States to support political stability, reduced migration, reduction of poverty, and enhanced economic development around the basin in Guatemala and Mexico.

The Mirador Basin features beautiful Mayan ruins with networks of pyramids, palaces, and ancient cities that many consider to be the eighth wonder of the world, and I would agree. I used to fly my plane over the Mirador Basin, and I have seen the magnificent structures with my own eyes. My legislation will support efforts made by the Department of the Interior, the Department of State, the Mexican Government the Guatemalan Government and various universities and research institutions to secure this region and ensure future generations are afforded the same opportunity to see these magnificent Mayan ruins.

One of the most important things we can do to secure this region is support the local communities surrounding the Mirador Basin by providing economic opportunity and ensuring that this community receives direct economic benefit. If the members of the local community are able to find work in the region, it will greatly reduce the incentive to attempt the arduous journey to illegally immigrate to the United States.

Mr. President, it is critical that we secure our southern border. Border security is national security. It is just that simple. There are many proposals targeting this issue, and I support many of them-including building the wall. This additional legislation is a targeted approach, and I thank Senators UDALL and RISCH for joining me in this initiative.

### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, on the motion to invoke cloture on the House amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1158, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, vote No. 427, I had intended to be recorded as voting no.

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

### VOTE EXPLANATION

• Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 401, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 382, Matthew Walden McFarland, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall Vote No. 402, the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 382, Matthew Walden McFarland, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall Vote No. 403, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 465, Anuraag Singhal, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall Vote No. 404, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 466, Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall Vote No. 405, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 480, Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall Vote No. 406, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 481, Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall Vote No. 407, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 490, John M. Gallagher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall Vote No. 408, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 536, Bernard Maurice Jones II, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall Vote No. 409, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 354, Mary Kay Vyskocil, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall Vote No. 410, the motion to

invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 383, Kea Whetzal Riggs, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Mr. President. I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yes rollcall Vote No. 412, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 357, Stephanie Dawkins Davis, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

#### H.R. 1865

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, today the Senate passed H.R. 1865, one of two appropriations packages needed to fund the Federal Government for fiscal year 2020.

Eight appropriations bills are part of this consolidated appropriations bill—eight bills that fund programs which impact every part of our lives—and I am pleased that we have made several strong steps to better serve the American people.

For Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay, the bill provides a historic level of funding for EPA's Chesapeake Bay program and continued funding for the dredging needs of the Port of Baltimore. In addition, the bill provides funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to resume oyster restoration work in the bay. These are hard-fought wins, and I appreciate the work of those in the Maryland and Chesapeake Bay delegations to help get this done.

After years of Republican opposition, this bill finally funds critical gun violence research at the Centers for Disease Control. Gun violence is an epidemic, and we should be engaging our best minds to find solutions to keep the American people safe. I am also pleased that the bill includes funding for the CDC to research sexual abuse prevention and for the Agency for Healthcare Research Quality to support diagnostic error research—issues I have worked on in the Appropriations Committee. The bill also includes important increases for medical research at the National Institutes of Health and delivers funding to implement the Childhood Cancer STAR Act.

H.R. 1865 includes a funding increase for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program, which helps develop, maintain, or enhance infant and early childhood mental health promotion, intervention, and treatment programs for children at risk of developing, showing early signs of, or having been diagnosed with mental illness. The bill also includes funding to continue the National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative, which helps child welfare and mental health workers better understand and address the mental health needs of children, youth, and their families moving toward or having achieved through adoption permanency guardianship.

I am also very pleased that the bill continues the Federal funding commit-

ment to WMATA. I, along with Senator CARDIN and our colleagues from Virginia have introduced a WMATA reauthorization bill that would authorize an additional 10 years of Federal funding. WMATA is the Nation's transit system, and maintaining our Federal support is essential for the local economy and for the people who live and work here. Given the significant Federal ridership, it is incumbent on us to ensure the Federal Government pay its fair share.

The bill fully funds a housing mobility demonstration project that Senator Young and I have worked to develop. I look forward to the results of the program as we look to expand housing vouchers and give families a safe and stable place from which to build their futures. The bill also funds the community development block grant and HOME Partnership Program, two crucial economic development programs that were eliminated in the President's budget.

I am pleased that the bill rejected a number of the President's cuts to education and actually boosts funds for afterschool and student support programs. It increases funding for title I and IDEA, two foundational programs that help students in underserved areas and those with disabilities have the resources they need to get a good education. The bill expands access to early education by increasing funds for the child care and development block grant and provides more K-12 wraparound services with boosts to the Full Service Community Schools and Promise Neighborhoods Programs. The bill increases the Pell grant and continues funding for Senators to pay their interns—an initiative I have worked closely on with Senators Murphy, SCHATZ, COLLINS, and MURKOWSKI.

While the bill is mostly focused on domestic policy, I appreciate the inclusion of language I authored to hold Saudi Arabia to the "gold standard" section 123 agreement as a condition for Export-Import Bank financing for U.S. nuclear exports. We should not be transferring sensitive nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia without the establishment of strong nonproliferation guardrails. I am also pleased that the bill retains my provisions to sanction foreign government officials responsible for the detention of American citizens and locally employed staff of U.S. diplomatic missions, urges the Indian Government to reverse course in Kashmir, bans the sale of arms to Turkish President Erdogan's bodvguards, and mandates comprehensive oversight of the administration's travel ban and refugee resettlement policies. In addition, this legislation provides critical humanitarian and development assistance for our partners and allies around the world, despite President Trump's repeated attempts to cut the foreign assistance budget dramatically.

Importantly, H.R. 1865 includes a 10-year reauthorization of the Patient-