

(2) the United States Armed Forces are currently engaged in combat operations against ISIL;

(3) in conducting combat operations against ISIL, the United States has captured and detained individuals associated with ISIL and will likely capture and hold additional ISIL detainees;

(4) following the horrific terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the United States determined that it would detain at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, individuals who had engaged in, aided, or abetted, or conspired to commit, acts of international terrorism, or acts in preparation therefor, that have caused, threaten to cause, or have as their aim to cause, injury to or adverse effects on the United States, its citizens, national security, foreign policy, or economy;

(5) members of ISIL captured by the United States during combat operations against ISIL meet such criteria for continued detention at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay; and

(6) all individuals captured by the United States during combat operations against ISIL that meet such criteria by their affiliation with ISIL must be detained outside the United States and its territories and should be transferred to United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 397—SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF 2016 AS THE “YEAR OF PULSES” AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE NUTRITIONAL BENEFIT AND IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO SOIL HEALTH OF PULSE CROPS**

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. HEITKAMP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

**S. RES. 397**

Whereas the United States will celebrate 2016 as the “Year of Pulses”;

Whereas the 68th United Nations General Assembly declared 2016 as the International Year of Pulses;

Whereas a pulse is a dry, edible seed of a plant in the legume family, including a dry bean, dry pea, lentil, or chickpea;

Whereas pulse crops are grown in abundance in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming;

Whereas a pulse is an important component of a nutritious diet and is high in plant-based protein, vitamins, fiber, and minerals, including iron, potassium, magnesium, and zinc;

Whereas a pulse helps prevent serious and chronic illness, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and stroke;

Whereas a legume serves as an important rotation crop, keeps soil fertile, and improves overall soil health by replenishing nitrogen;

Whereas a pulse crop provides food security and nutrition to much of the developing world as a low-cost source of protein; and

Whereas a pulse crop is an important economic development crop for small farmers, for both domestic production and export potential: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate supports—

(1) the recognition of 2016 as the “Year of Pulses”;

(2) the participation by representatives of the Federal Government in events and ac-

tivities organized pursuant to the observance by the United Nations of the International Year of Pulses in 2016; and

(3) the future funding of programs to support the cultivation and consumption of pulses.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2016, at 10 a.m.

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

**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.

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

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2016, at 10 a.m.

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

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2016, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

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

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2016, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2016, at 2 p.m., in room SH-219 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

**COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2016, at 10 a.m., in room SR-428A of the Russell Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Up in the Air: Examining the Commercial Applications

of Unmanned Aircraft for Small Business.”

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

**PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS**

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Review of the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance CO-OP Program.”

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE CALENDAR**

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the en bloc consideration of Calendar Nos. 474 and 475; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc and the motions to be reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

**IN THE COAST GUARD**

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve in the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203(a):

*To be rear admiral*

Francis S. Pelkowski

The following named officer for appointment to a position of importance and responsibility as Deputy Commandant for Operations in the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 50:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Fred M. Midgette

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative sessions.

**ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016**

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 3 p.m., Monday, March 14; that following the prayer and pledge the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, that following leader

remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:27 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 14, 2016, at 3 p.m.

IN THE COAST GUARD

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

*To be rear admiral*

FRANCIS S. PELKOWSKI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50:

*To be vice admiral*

REAR ADM. FRED M. MIDGETTE

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
MARCH 14, 2016, AT 3 P.M.

CONFIRMATIONS

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 10, 2016: