SA 1759. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1760. Mrs. CAPTTO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1761. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1762. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1763. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1764. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1765. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1766. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1767. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1768. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1769. Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1770. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1771. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1772. Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1773. Mr. MOORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1774. Ms. AYOTTE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1775. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. KIRK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1776. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1777. Mr. DAINES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1778. Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1779. Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1780. Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. CAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1781. Ms. HETKAMP submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1782. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1783. Mr. McCaIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1784. Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1785. Ms. MUKROWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1786. Mr. McCaIN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1787. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1788. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1789. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1790. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1791. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1792. Mr. McCaIN (for Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1793. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1794. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1614. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. MARKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1049. REQUIREMENT THAT PASSENGER AIRCRAFT IN CIVIL RESERVE AIR FLEET HAVE SECONDARY COCKPIT BARRIERS.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall require for any passenger aircraft participating in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet—

(i) the installation of a barrier, other than the cockpit door, that prevents access to the flight deck of the aircraft; and

(ii) for any such aircraft—

(A) that is equipped with a cockpit door, that the barrier required under paragraph (i) remain locked while—

(i) the aircraft is in flight; and

(ii) the cockpit door separating the flight deck and the passenger area is open; and

(B) that is not equipped with a cockpit door, that the barrier required under paragraph (i) remain locked as determined appropriate by the pilot in command.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CIVIL RESERVE AIR FLEET.—The term "Civil Reserve Air Fleet" has the meaning given such term in section 9511 of title 10, United States Code.

(2) PASSENGER AIRCRAFT.—The term "passenger aircraft" means a passenger aircraft, as such term is defined in such section 9511, that—

(A) has 75 or more seats; and

(B) has a gross take-off weight of 75,000 pounds or more.

SA 1615. Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:
SEC. 25E. STATE LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION COSTS OF MILITARY SPOUSE ARISING FROM TRANSFER OF MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES TO ANOTHER STATE.

(a) In General.—Subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the following new section:

"SEC. 25E. STATE LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION COSTS OF MILITARY SPOUSE ARISING FROM TRANSFER OF MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES TO ANOTHER STATE.

(1) CHARACTERS READINESS DESIGNATION.—

(2) QUALIFIED RELICENSING COSTS.—The term ‘qualified relicensing costs’ means costs—

(A) which are for a license or certification required by the State referred to in paragraph (1) to engage in the profession that required by the State referred to in paragraph (1) to engage in the profession that

(B) which are paid or incurred during the period beginning on the date that the orders referred to in paragraph (1)(A) are issued and ending on the date which is 1 year after the reporting date specified in such orders.

(b) Maximum Credit.—The credit allowed by this subsection with respect to each change of duty station shall not exceed $500.

(c) Definitions.—For purposes of this section—

(1) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible indivi
dual’ includes any individual—

(A) who is a member of a family of members of the Armed Forces of the United States at the time that the member moves to another State and for a period of time specified in such orders; and

(B) who moves to such other State with such member.

(2) QUALIFIED RELICENSING COSTS.—The term ‘qualified relicensing costs’ means costs—

(A) which are for a license or certification required by the State referred to in paragraph (1) to engage in the profession that required by the State referred to in paragraph (1) to engage in the profession that

(B) which are paid or incurred during the period beginning on the date that the orders referred to in paragraph (1)(A) are issued and ending on the date which is 1 year after the reporting date specified in such orders.

(d) Denial of Double Benefit.—The amount of any deduction or other credit allowable under this chapter for any expense taken into account in determining the credit allowed under this section shall be reduced by the amount of the credit under this section.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections for such subpart A is amended by inserting before the table relating to section 25D the following new item:

"Sec. 25E. State licensure and certification costs of military spouse arising from transfer of member of Armed Forces to another State.".

(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

SA 1616. Mr. DONELLY (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military person
nel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 716 and insert the following:

SEC. 716. DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN NON-DEPARTMENT MILITARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITH KNOWLEDGE RELATING TO THE MENTAL HEALTH OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS.

(a) Mental Health Provider Readiness Designation.—

(1) In General.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall develop a system by which any non-Department mental health care provider that meets the eligibility requirements established by the Secretary of Defense relating to the knowledge described in paragraph (2) receives a mental health provider readiness designation from the Department of Defense.

(2) Knowledge Described.—The knowledge described in this paragraph is the following:

(A) Knowledge and understanding with respect to the culture of members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and family members and caregivers of members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

(b) Availability of Information on Designation.—

(1) REGISTRY.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish and update as necessary a registry that is available to the public of all non-Department mental health care providers that are currently designated under subsection (a).

(2) PROVIDER LIST.—The Secretary concerned shall update all lists maintained by such Secretary of non-Department mental health care providers that provide mental health care under the laws administered by such Secretary by indicating the providers that are currently designated under subsection (a).

(3) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary concerned shall ensure that the registry established and updated under paragraph (1) is available to the public on an Internet website maintained by each such Secretary.

(c) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Non-Department Mental Health Care Provider Defined.—The term “non-Department mental health care provider” means—

(i) a provider that—

(A) specializes in mental health;

(ii) is not a health care provider of the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(2) Additionals Training.—The Secretary concerned shall update all lists maintained by such Secretary of non-Department mental health care providers that provide mental health care under the laws administered by such Secretary by indicating the providers that are currently designated under subsection (a).

(3) Additional Training.—The Secretary concerned shall update all lists maintained by such Secretary of non-Department mental health care providers that provide mental health care under the laws administered by such Secretary by indicating the providers that are currently designated under subsection (a).

(4) Non-Department Mental Health Care Provider Defined.—The term “non-Department mental health care provider” means—

(i) a provider that—

(A) specializes in mental health;

(ii) is not a health care provider of the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs;

(iii) provides health care to members of the Armed Forces or veterans;

(iv) includes psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, health counselors, and marriage and family therapists; and

(v) is a mental health care provider under the laws administered by such Secretary.

(5) MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDED BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.—

SEC. 713. IMPROVEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DATA COLLECTION AND MEASUREMENT OF RISK OF SUICIDE.

(a) Training on Recognition and Management of Risk of Suicide.—

(1) Initial Training.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report providing 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report assessing the mental health workforce of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs and the long-term mental health care needs of members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their dependents for purposes of determining the long-term requirements of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for mental health care providers, and the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for mental health care providers.

(b) Assessment of Mental Health Workforce.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report assessing the mental health workforce of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs and the long-term mental health care needs of members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their dependents for purposes of determining the long-term requirements of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for mental health care providers.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of the following:

(A) The number of mental health care providers that are anticipated to be needed by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs as of the date of the submittal of the report, disaggregated by specialty, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, mental health counselors, and marriage and family therapists.

(B) The number of mental health care providers that are anticipated to be needed by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(C) Locations in which mental health care providers are anticipated to be needed by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(d) Plan for Development of Procedures to Measure Mental Health Data.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned shall develop a plan for the development of procedures to compile and assess data relating to the following:

(A) Outcomes for mental health care provided under the laws administered by such Secretary.

(B) Variations in such outcomes among different medical facilities under the jurisdiction of such Secretary.

(C) Barriers, if any, to the implementation of evidence-based treatments for mental health issues among members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and family members of such members.

(D) Variations in such outcomes among different medical facilities under the jurisdiction of such Secretary.

(2) Submittal of Plan.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report providing an assessment of the mental health workforce of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs and the long-term mental health care needs of members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their dependents for purposes of determining the long-term requirements of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for mental health care providers.
Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress each of the plans developed under paragraph (1). 

(d) Definitions.—In this section: 

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means— 

(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and 

(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives. 

(2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term "Secretary concerned'' means the Secretary of the Department of Defense with respect to matters concerning the Department of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to matters concerning the Department of Veterans Affairs. 

SEC. 1620. Mr. COATS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: 

At the end of subtitle E of title XIX, add the following: 

SEC. 1264. MILITARY EXCHANGES BETWEEN SENIOR OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN. 

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out exchanges of senior military officers and senior officials between the United States and Taiwan designed to improve military to military relations between the United States and Taiwan. 

(b) EXCHANGES DESCRIBED.—For the purposes of this section, an exchange is an activity, exercise, event, or observation opportunity between members of the Armed Forces and officials of the Department of Defense, on the one hand, and, armed forces personnel and officials of Taiwan, on the other hand. 

(c) FOCUS OF EXCHANGES.—The exchanges under the program carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall include exchanges focused on the following: 

(1) Threat analysis. 

(2) Military doctrine. 

(3) Force planning. 

(4) Logistic support. 

(5) Intelligence collection and analysis. 

(6) Operational tactics, techniques, and procedures. 

(7) Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. 

(d) CIVIL-MILITARY AFFAIRS.—The exchanges under the program carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall include exchanges focused on the following: 

(1) Civil-military affairs. 

(2) Bilateral issues. 

(3) Mutual interests. 

(4) Bilateral cooperation. 

(5) Bilateral coordination. 

(6) Bilateral agreements. 

(7) Bilateral agreements on defense. 

(8) Bilateral agreements on security. 

(9) Bilateral agreements on law enforcement. 

(10) Bilateral agreements on intelligence. 

(11) Bilateral agreements on economic. 

(12) Bilateral agreements on cultural. 

(13) Bilateral agreements on social. 

(14) Bilateral agreements on educational. 

(e) LOCATION OF EXCHANGES.—The exchanges under the program carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall be conducted in both the United States and Taiwan. 

(1) Definitions.—In this section: 

(A) The term "senior military officer'', with respect to the Armed Forces, means a member of the Regular Army who is a general or flag officer of the Armed Forces on active duty. 

(B) The term "senior official'', with respect to the Department of Defense, means a civilian official of the Department of Defense at the level of Assistant Secretary of Defense or above. 

SEC. 1621. Mr. COATS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: 

At the end of subtitle C of title X, add the following: 

SEC. 1024. PROHIBITION ON RETIREMENT OF NUCLEAR POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIERS BEFORE FIRST REFUELING. 

Section 5602 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection: 

"(e) A nuclear powered aircraft carrier may not be retired before its first refueling.".

SA 1622. Mr. MORA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: 

At the end of subtitle B of title XVI, add the following: 

SEC. 1628. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON REVIEWING AND CONSIDERING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS ON CYBER CAPABILITIES OF THE ARMED FORCES. 

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should review and consider any findings and recommendations of the Council of Governors pertaining to cyber matters to include force requirements and proposed reductions in and synchronization of the cyber capabilities of active or reserve components of the Armed Forces. 

SA 1623. Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: 

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following: 

SEC. 706. PILOT PROGRAM ON EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR READJUSTMENT COUNSELING FROM DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE OF THE ARMED FORCES. 

(a) In General.—Beginning not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall commence a three-year pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of furnishing counseling under section 1712A(a) of title 38, United States Code, to any member of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces who has a behavioral health condition or psychological trauma. 

(b) COMPREHENSIVE INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT.—Counseling furnished under the pilot program may include a comprehensive individual assessment under section 1712A(a)(1)(B)(i) of such title. 

(c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Secretary shall ensure that the confidentiality of individuals furnished counseling under this section is protected to the same extent as the confidentiality of individuals furnished counseling under section 1712A(a) of such title. 

(d) REPORT. 

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the completion of the pilot program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, submit to Congress a report on the findings of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to the program. 

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following: 

(1) The findings of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to the program. 

(2) A description of the program. 

(3) A description of the methodology used to assess the feasibility and advisability of furnishing counseling under section 1712A(a) of title 38, United States Code, to any member of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces who has a behavioral health condition or psychological trauma. 

(4) Recommendations for any changes to the pilot program. 

(5) A description of any changes made to the pilot program under this section. 

(6) An evaluation of the program's effectiveness in addressing the needs of members of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces who have a behavioral health condition or psychological trauma. 

(7) Recommendations for the future of the program. 

(8) An evaluation of the program's impact on the prevention and treatment of behavioral health conditions and psychological trauma. 

(9) Recommendations for any changes to the program's evaluation. 

(10) Any other information that the Secretary considers relevant.
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Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaın to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SA 1624. Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaın to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title V, add the following:

SEC. 706. PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES TO SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE BASED ON NEED.

(a) Provision Authorized.—Section 1074(a)(g) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph (2):

"(2) The Secretary concerned may also provide to any member of the Selected Reserve not described in subsection (d)(1) or (f) care for behavioral health conditions if the Secretary considers appropriate with respect to the furnishing of counseling to such members.

(e) In the Defense—In this section, the term ‘Vet Center’ means a center for readjustment counseling and related mental health services for veterans under section 1712A of title 38, United States Code.

SA 1625. Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaın to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 1116. ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DISABLED VETERANS.

(a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 6329. Disabled veteran leave

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) notwithstanding section 6301, the term ‘veteran’ means an individual who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who is rated as 30 percent or more disabled, or who qualifies for veterans’ earnings credit under an open-end credit plan (as defined in section 103(i)), in the name of the veteran, or issuance of an additional card on an existing credit account requested by a veteran, or any increase in credit limit on an existing credit account requested by a veteran.

(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTIVE DUTY FREEZE ALERTS.—Notification.—Each active duty freeze alert under this section shall include information that notifies all prospective users of a consumer report on the consumer for behavioral health conditions or psychological trauma.

(b) PROHIBITION ON USERS.—No prospective user of a consumer report that includes an active duty freeze alert in accordance with this section may establish a new credit plan or extension of credit, including any credit under an open-end credit plan (as defined in section 103(i)), in the name of the consumer, or issue an additional card on an existing credit account requested by a consumer, or grant any increase in credit limit on an existing credit account requested by a consumer.

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall prescribe regulations to define what constitutes an active duty freeze alert, and to provide appropriate proof of identity for purposes of section 605A(d) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, as amended by subsection (a).

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 669(q)(2) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681q(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) in the heading for such paragraph, by striking ‘‘ACTIVE DUTY ALERT, ACTIVE DUTY FREEZE ALERT’’; and

(2) by inserting ‘‘and ‘active duty freeze alert’’ before ‘‘mean’’.

SA 1626. Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaın to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title V, add the following:

SEC. 1118. ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR FEDERAL EM-PLOYEES WHO ARE DISABLED VETERANS.

(a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 6329. Disabled veteran leave

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) notwithstanding section 6301, the term ‘employee’ means an individual who is employed by the Federal Government; and

(2) the term ‘service-connected’ has the meaning given such term in section 2102; and

(2) the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given such term in section 101(16) of title 38; and

(b) Leave credited.—During the 12-month period beginning on the first day of the month during which a veteran with a service-connected disability rated as 30 percent or more disabling, the
employee is entitled to leave, without loss or reduction in pay, for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability for which sick leave could regularly be used.

(1) THE AWARD.—The award credited to an employee under subsection (b) shall not be forfeited.

(2) CARRY OVER.—Any leave credited to an employee under subsection (b) that is not used during the 12-month period described in such subsection may be carried over and shall be forfeited.

(d) CERTIFICATION.—In order to verify that leave credited to an employee under subsection (b) is for purposes of being furnished treatment for the disability by a health care provider—

(1) AMOUNT OF LEAVE.—The leave credited to an employee under subsection (b) is for purposes of modernizing the C–130 aircraft fleet, as follows:

(2) CERTIFICATION.—The leave credited to an employee under subsection (b) is for purposes of modernizing the C–130 aircraft fleet, as follows:

SA 1627. Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BINGO, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 1272. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ANTI-TUNNEL COOPERATION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Tunnels can be used for criminal purposes, such as smuggling drugs, weapons, or humans, or for terrorist or military purposes, such as launching surprise attacks or detonating explosives underground, beneath a city or military infrastructure.

(2) Tunnels have been a growing threat on the southern border of the United States for years.

(3) In the conflict in Gaza in 2014, terrorists used tunnels to conduct attacks against Israel.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) it is in the national security interests of the United States to develop technology to detect and counter tunnels, and the best way to do this is to partner with other affected countries;

(2) the Administration should, on a joint basis with Israel, carry out research, development, test, and evaluation of anti-tunnel capabilities to detect, map, and neutralize underground tunnels into and directed at the territory of Israel; and

(3) the Administration should develop anti-tunnel capabilities to protect the United States and deployed United States military personnel.

(c) ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH ANTI-TUNNEL CAPABILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, upon request of the Ministry of Defense of Israel, is authorized to carry out research, development, test, and evaluation of anti-tunnel capabilities to detect, map, and neutralize underground tunnels into and directed at the territory of Israel. Such authority includes the authority to construct facilities, and install equipment necessary to carry out research, development, test, and evaluation so authorized.

(d) CERTIFICATION.—The activities described in paragraphs (1) and (3) may be carried out after the Secretary of Defense certifies to Congress the following:

(A) The Administration has developed a memorandum of understanding or formal agreement between the United States and Israel regarding sharing of research and development costs for the capabilities described in paragraph (1).

(B) The understanding or agreement—

(i) requires sharing of costs of projects, including in-kind support, between the United States and Israel;

(ii) establishes a framework to negotiate the rights to any intellectual property developed under such cooperative research and development projects; and

(iii) requires the United States Government to receive quarterly reports on expenditures for the anti-tunnel capabilities research, development, test, and evaluation activities described in paragraph (1).

(e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(3) the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and the Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

SA 1629. Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following:

SEC. 3124. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUND FOR NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

Section 57 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 (42 U.S.C. 2077d) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary may not make an authorization under subsection (b)(2) with respect to a foreign country with a nuclear naval propulsion program unless—

(A) the Director of National Intelligence and the Chief of Naval Operations jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees an assessment of the risks of diversion, and the likely consequences of such diversion, of the technology and material covered by such authorization; and

(B) following the date on which such assessment is submitted, the Administrator for Nuclear Security certifies to the appropriate congressional committees—

(i) there is sufficient diversion control as part of the authorization; and

(ii) the authorization presents a minimal risk of diversion of such technology and material to a military program that would degrade the technical advantage of the United States.

(2) The limitation under paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to France or the United Kingdom.

(c) PROHIBITING THE USE OF FUND FOR NUCLEAR PROGRAM.—In this subsection, the term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means the following:
SA 1630. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subsection G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1065. REQUIREMENT TO CONTACT CERTAIN TRICARE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN CHOICE PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) SUBMITTAL OF LIST.—(1) In general.—Within 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a list of all health care providers who participate in the TRICARE program and who are not health care providers of the Department of Defense.

(2) Update.—Not less frequently than twice each year after the submittal of the list under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a list of all health care providers of the Department of Defense.

(b) DETERMINATION OF INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall contact each provider included in the list submitted under paragraph (1) or any update to such list submitted under paragraph (2) to determine whether any such provider would be interested in furnishing care to veterans under section 101 of the Veterans Affairs Act.

SEC. 1632. Mr. McCain (for himself and Mr. Johnson) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

Subtitle ______Border Security Effectiveness Metrics

SEC. 1. DEFINITIONS. In this subtitle:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate congressional committees" means:

(A) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

(2) COCAINE REMOVAL EFFECTIVENESS RATE.—The term "cocaife removal effectiveness rate" means the percentage that results from dividing—

(A) the amount of cocaine removed by the Department of Homeland Security's maritime security components inside or outside a transit zone; and

(B) the total documented cocaine flow rate, as contained in Federal drug databases.

(3) CONSEQUENCE DELIVERY SYSTEM.—The term "Consequence Delivery System" means the series of consequences applied by the Border Patrol to persons unlawfully entering the United States to prevent unlawful border crossing and to deter future attempts.

(4) FEDERAL LANDS.—The term "Federal lands" includes all land under the control of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary of the Interior along the international border between the United States and Mexico.

(5) GATWAY.—The term "gateway" means the entry point of the United States from which the unlawful border crossing occurs.

(6) MAJOR VIOLATOR.—The term "major violator" means a person or entity that has engaged in serious criminal activities at any land, air, or sea port of entry, including—

(A) possession of illicit drugs;

(B) smuggling of prohibited products;

(C) human smuggling;

(D) weapons possession;

(E) use of fraudulent United States documents; or

(F) other offenses serious enough to result in arrest.

SEC. 2. METRICS FOR SECURING THE BORDER BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Chief of the Border Patrol shall develop metrics, in consultation with situational awareness, to measure the effectiveness of security between ports of entry. The metrics developed under this subsection shall include—

(1) an unlawar border crossing effectiveness rate, which is informed by situational awareness;

(2) a probability of detection, which compares the estimated number of border crossing attempts not detected by the Border Patrol to the unlawful border crossing effectiveness rate;

(3) a weight-to-frequency ratio, which compares the average weight of marijuana seized per seizure by the Border Patrol in any fiscal year to such weight-to-frequency ratio for the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years;

(4) a situational awareness achievement metric, which measures the amount of situational awareness achieved in each Border Patrol sector;

(5) an illicit drugs seizure rate, which compares the amount and type of illicit drugs seized by the Border Patrol in any fiscal year to such illicit drugs seized by the Border Patrol in the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years.
(6) in consultation with the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the United States Southern Command, a cocaine seizure effectiveness rate, which is the percentage resulting from dividing—
(A) the amount of cocaine seized by the Border Patrol by—
(B) the total documented cocaine flow rate between points of entry along the Southern land border;
(7) estimates, using alternative methodologies, including recidivism data, survey data, known-flow data, and technologically measured data, of—
(A) total attempted unlawful border crossings;
(B) the rate of apprehension of attempted unlawful border crosses; and
(C) the inflow into the United States of unlawful border crossers who evade apprehension;
and
(8) estimates of the impact of the Border Patrol’s Consequence Delivery System on the rate of recidivism of unlawful border crossers over multiple fiscal years and an examination of each consequence, including—
(A) voluntary return;
(B) removal of an order to appear;
(C) expedited removal;
(D) reinstatement of removal;
(E) alien transfer exit program;
(F) sealed; and
(G) standard prosecution; and
(H) Operation Against Smugglers Initiative on Safety and Security.
(b) METRICS CONSULTATION.—In developing the metrics required under subsection (a), the Chief of the Border Patrol shall consult with staff members of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security and staff members of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security.

SEC. 3. METRICS FOR SECURING THE BORDER AT PORTS OF ENTRY.
(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Field Operations in U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall develop metrics, informed by situational awareness, to measure the effectiveness of security at ports of entry. The metrics developed under this subsection shall include—
(1) an inadmissible border crossing rate, which is measured by dividing—
(A) the number of known inadmissible border crossers who attempt entry, excluding those border crossers who voluntarily withdraw their applications for admission; by
(B) the total estimated number of inadmissible border crossers who attempt entry;
(2) an illicit drugs seizure rate, which compares the amount and type of illicit drugs seized by the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection in any fiscal year to an average of the amount and type of illicit drugs seized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years;
(3) in consultation with the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the United States Southern Command, a cocaine seizure effectiveness rate, which is the percentage resulting from dividing—
(A) the amount of cocaine seized by the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection by—
(B) the total documented cocaine flow rate at ports of entry along the Southern land border;
(C) the inflow into the United States of inadmissible border crossers who evade apprehension;
and
(D) the number of attempted inadmissible border crossers; and
(E) a probability of detection, which compares the ability of the maritime security components of the Department of Homeland Security to respond to known maritime threats, whether inside and outside a transit zone, by placing assets on-scene, to the total number of events with respect to which the Department has known threat information.
(b) METRICS CONSULTATION.—In developing the metrics required under subsection (a), the Assistant Commissioner for Air and Marine shall consult with staff members of the Office of Field Operations at the Department of Homeland Security and staff members of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security.

SEC. 5. AIR AND MARINE SECURITY METRICS.
(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Air and Marine for U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall implement metrics, informed by situational awareness, to measure the effectiveness of security in the aviation environment. The metrics developed under this subsection shall include—
(1) a requirement effectiveness rate, which compares U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Office of Air and Marine flight hours requirements to the number of flight hours actually flown by such Office;
(2) a funded flight hour effectiveness rate, which compares the number of funded flight hours appropriated to U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Office of Air and Marine to the number of actual flight hours flown by such Office;
(3) a readiness rate, which compares the number of aviation missions flown by U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Office of Air and Marine to the number of unmanned aerial systems; and
(4) the number of subjects detected by U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Office of Air and Marine through the use of unmanned aerial systems.

SEC. 6. METRICS FOR SECURING THE BORDER ON FEDERAL LANDS.
(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Chief of the Border Patrol shall develop metrics, informed by situational awareness, to measure the effectiveness of security between ports of entry on Federal lands. The metrics developed under this subsection shall include—
(1) an unlawful border crossing effectiveness rate, which is informed by situational awareness,
(2) a probability of detection, which compares the estimated total unlawful border crossing attempts not detected by the Border Patrol to the unlawful border crossing effectiveness rate,
(3) a weight-to-frequency rate, which compares the average weight of marijuana seized...
per seizure by the Border Patrol in any fiscal year to such weight-to-frequency rate for the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years;

4. a situational awareness achievement metric, which measures the amount of situational awareness achieved in each Border Patrol sector;

5. an illicit drugs seizure rate, which compares the total number of seizures seized by the Border Patrol in any fiscal year to an average of the amount and type of illicit drugs seized by the Border Patrol in the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years;

6. in consultation with the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the United States Southern Command, a cocaine seizure effectiveness rate, which is the percentage resulting from dividing—

(A) the amount of cocaine seized by the Border Patrol; by

(B) the total documented cocaine flow rate between ports of entry on Federal lands along the Southern border;

7. estimates, using alternative methodologies, including recidivism data, survey data, known-flow data, and technologically measured data, of—

(A) total attempted unlawful border crossings;

(B) the rate of apprehension of attempted unlawful border crossings; and

(C) the inflow into the United States of unlawful border crossers who evade apprehension.

(b) METRICS CONSULTATION.—In developing the metrics required under subsection (a), the Chief of the Border Patrol shall consult with the Office of Policy of the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security.

7. EVALUATION BY THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The metrics required under sections 2 through 6, and the data and methodology used to develop such metrics, shall be provided annually to—

(1) the appropriate congressional committees;

(2) the Comptroller General of the United States; and

(3) the head of a national laboratory within the Department of Homeland Security laboratory network with prior experience in border security and management that is selected by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after receiving the data and methodology referred to in subsection (a), and annually thereafter for the following 10 years, the Comptroller General of the United States, in consultation with the individual selected under subsection (a)(3), shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(1) analyzes the suitability and statistical validity of such data and methodology; and

(2) includes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security for other suitable metrics that may be used to measure the effectiveness of border security.

SA 1633. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill S. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1. BORDER SECURITY ON FEDERAL LANDS ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BORDER SECURITY.—The term ‘‘border security’’ means—

(A) the functioning and operational capability to conduct continuous and integrated manned or unmanned, monitoring, sensing, or surveillance of 100 percent of Southern border mileage within the Tucson and Yuma sectors of the Southern Border within the Tucson and Yuma Sectors; and

(B) the apprehension or turn back of illegal entries across the Southern border in the Tucson and Yuma sectors.

(2) FEDERAL LANDS.—The term ‘‘Federal lands’’ includes all land under the control of the Secretary concerned that is located—

(A) within 100 miles of the international border between the United States and Mexico; and

(B) within the Tucson and Yuma sectors of United States Border Patrol.

(3) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term ‘‘Secretary concerned’’ means—

(A) within the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(B) with respect to land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) SUPPORT FOR BORDER SECURITY NEEDS.

(1) IN GENERAL.—To achieve border security on Federal lands—

(A) notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary concerned shall provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel with immediate access to Federal lands for border security activities, including—

(i) routine motorized patrols; and

(ii) the deployment of communications, surveillance, and detection equipment;

(B) the Secretary concerned may provide education and training to U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel on the natural and cultural resources present on individual Federal land units; and

(C) the security activities described in subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) be conducted to the maximum extent practicable, in a manner that the Secretary concerned determines will best protect the natural and cultural resources on Federal lands.

(2) INTERMINGLED STATE AND PRIVATE LAND.—Paragraph (1) shall apply to any private or State-owned land within the boundaries of Federal lands.

(3) SUNSET.—The requirements under this subsection shall terminate on the date that is 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days before the date on which the requirements under subsection (b) are scheduled to terminate, the Secretary concerned shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that—

(1) analyzes the effectiveness of the actions taken pursuant to such subsection, including the impact of such actions on—

(A) border security activities; and

(B) the natural and cultural resources on impacted Federal lands;

(2) an assessment of the 2006 Memos of Understanding between the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Interior regarding access to Federal and Indian lands for border security activities, including—

(A) how such memoranda, as in force on the date of the enactment of this Act, impacted border security; and

(B) the best way to improve such memoranda and their application;

(C) specific ways in which such memoranda could be used to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security receives timely access to Federal lands for critical border security activities; and

(D) the number of agency personnel required to effectively and efficiently execute such memoranda;

or surveillance of 100 percent of Southern border mileage within the Tucson and Yuma sectors of the Southern Border within the Tucson and Yuma Sectors; and

(B) the apprehension or turn back of illegal entries across the Southern border in the Tucson and Yuma sectors.

C. the inflow into the United States of unlawful border crossers who evade apprehension.

(b) METRICS CONSULTATION.—In developing the metrics required under subsection (a), the Chief of the Border Patrol shall consult with the Office of Policy of the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security.

7. EVALUATION BY THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The metrics required under sections 2 through 6, and the data and methodology used to develop such metrics, shall be provided annually to—

(1) the appropriate congressional committees;

(2) the Comptroller General of the United States; and

(3) the head of a national laboratory within the Department of Homeland Security laboratory network with prior experience in border security and management that is selected by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after receiving the data and methodology referred to in subsection (a), and annually thereafter for the following 10 years, the Comptroller General of the United States, in consultation with the individual selected under subsection (a)(3), shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(1) analyzes the suitability and statistical validity of such data and methodology; and

(2) includes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security for other suitable metrics that may be used to measure the effectiveness of border security.

SA 1634. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 796. INCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT SUBJECTED OR EXPOSED TO OPERATIONAL RISK FACTORS IN REQUIRED MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT.

Section 1074a(2) of title 10, United States Code is amended by striking ‘‘determines that—’’ and all that follows through ‘‘and inserting ‘determines that providing such assessment’’.”

SA 1635. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, add the following:
At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 706. ENHANCEMENT OF ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1074n(b) of title 10, United States Code is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

(2) by inserting the following new paragraph:

“(3) the majority of mild traumatic brain injury; and

(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the annual mental health assessment for members of the Armed Forces provided under section 1074n of such title can be improved by providing members undergoing such assessment with such an assessment with a record of events, including non-combat related events, to substantiate latent mental health issues that appear months or years after the causal incident; and

(2) some members do not know how to ask for help with mental health concerns in connection with such assessment as conducted as of the date of the enactment of this Act and not all health care providers adequately discuss mental health during such assessment;”.

SEC. 1230. CERTIFICATION ON ACTIONS TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF DISIDENTS HOUSED AT CAMP LIBERTY, IRAQ.

Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall certify, in writing, to the congressional defense committees whether the Central Government of Iraq is taking appropriate and sufficient actions to ensure the safety and security of disidents housed at Camp Liberty, Iraq.

SEC. 1231. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO ARM OR EQUIP THE IRAQI MILITARY PENDING CERTIFICATION ON ACTIONS TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF DISIDENTS HOUSED AT CAMP LIBERTY, IRAQ.

No amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise available for the Department of Defense may be used to arm or equip any personnel or units of the military forces of Iraq, or of another department or agency of the Government, unless a certification that appropriate actions have been taken to ensure the safety and security of disidents housed at Camp Liberty, Iraq.

SEC. 1232. AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY BRIEFCASE.

At the end of section 1232 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as redesignated, redesignate subsection (d), (e), (f), and (g), respectively.

SEC. 1233. AUTHORITY FOR UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO CHARGE TUITION AMOUNTS FOR INSTRUCTION OF PERSONS OTHER THAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL DETAINED TO THE INSTITUTE.

(a) INSTRUCTION IN PERSONS OTHER THAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL.

(b) FEEDBACK TO THE INSTITUTE.

(c) NONDETAILED PERSONS.

(1) The Secretary of the Air Force may permit persons other than a civilian employee of the Department of Defense, or of another Federal agency who is detailed to receive instruction at the United States Air Force Institute of Technology that is received by members of the armed forces detailed for that instruction by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and Homeland Security, respectively.

(2) Members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard may be detailed for instruction at the Institute on a space-available basis. The Secretary of the Air Force shall charge the Secretary concerned for such costs in connection with such instruction as the Secretary of the Air Force considers appropriate. Amounts received by the Institute for such instruction shall be retained by the Institute to defray the cost of instruction.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to any of the following persons:

(A) A member of the armed forces not detailed for that instruction by the Secretary concerned.
A A citizen employed by a military department, of another component of the Department of Defense, of another Federal agency, or of the National Guard of a State not designated for that instruction by the Secretary concerned or head of the other Department of Defense component, other Federal agency, or the National Guard.

"(C) A United States citizen who is the recipient of a competitively selected Federal or Department of Defense sponsored scholarship or fellowship with a defense focus in areas immediately related to the academic disciplines offered by the Institute and which requires a service commitment to the Federal government in exchange for educational financial assistance.

"(3) If a scholarship or fellowship described in paragraph (2) is included in the stipend, the Institute may accept the stipend payment from the scholarship or fellowship sponsor and make a direct payment to the individual.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO REDISIGNATION AND OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is further amended—

(1) in subsection (d), as redesignated by subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "ADMISSION AUTHORIZED" and inserting "DEFENSE INDUSTRY EMPLOYES:";

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "subsection (b)" and inserting "paragraph (4)";

and

(C) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by subsection (a)(2), by striking "ELIGIBLE DEFENSE INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES:";

(2) in subsection (f)(1), as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), by striking "subsection (a)(1)" and inserting "subsection (d)(1)";

(3) in subsection (g)(1), as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), by striking "under this section and inserting "under subsections (c) and (d)"; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end of the following: "who are detailed to receive instruction at the Institute under subsection (b)"; and

(4) in subsection (h), as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), by striking "persons enrolled under this section who are not members of the armed forces or Government civilian employees" and inserting "persons enrolled under this section who are not members of the armed forces or Department of Defense sponsored civilian employees.

(c) CONDITIONS ON ADMISSION OF DEFENSE INDUSTRY CIVILIANS.—Subsection (e)(2) of section 9314 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

"(2) The discretion to authorize transportation under paragraph (1) shall not apply, and the Secretary of the military department concerned is not required to provide such transportation, whenever the death of the member overseas occurs in the line of duty in a combat or humanitarian relief operation or in combat zone designated by the Secretary of Defense."

SA 1640. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII, add the following:

SEC. 2815. COORDINATION OF HUNTING, FISHING, AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON MILITARY LAND.

(a) POLICY REQUIRED.—The Secretaries of the military departments shall establish a joint policy under which military installation lands that are open to public access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities coordinate with State fish and wildlife managers, tribes, local governments, and hunting, fishing, and recreational user groups the periods during which such lands shall be open and closed to the public. To the maximum extent practicable under this section, such lands shall be opened and closed to the public sufficiently in advance of the commencement of traditional hunting, fishing, and recreational use seasons in order for State fish and wildlife managers can plan for the opening and closing dates of seasons and the conditions under which fish and wildlife can be taken during the season.

(b) INSTALLATION LEVEL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—The policy established under subsection (a) may authorize the creation of installation level advisory committees on the use of military lands for hunting, fishing, and recreational uses. Any such advisory committee shall not be subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

SA 1641. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 622. GUARANTEED TRANSPORTATION FOR NEXT OF KIN TO ATTEND TRANSFER CEREMONY OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIE OVERSEAS.

Section 481(e) of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesigning paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

"(2) The discretion to authorize transportation under paragraph (1) shall not apply, and the Secretary of the military department concerned is not required to provide such transportation, whenever the death of the member overseas occurs in the line of duty in a combat or humanitarian relief operation or in combat zone designated by the Secretary of Defense."

SA 1644. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:
At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1257. APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSES AND LETTERS OF REQUEST TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary of State shall provide the specified congressional committees with a detailed list of all export license applications, including requests for marketing licenses, for the sale of defense articles and defense services to Ukraine. The list shall include the date when the application or request was first submitted, the current status of each application or request, and the estimated timeline for adjudication of such applications or requests. The Secretary should give priority to processing these applications and requests.

(2) LETTERS OF REQUEST.—The Secretary of State shall also provide the specified congressional committees with a detailed list of all pending Letters of Request for Foreign Military Sales to Ukraine, including the date when the letter was first submitted, the current status, and the estimated timeline for adjudication of such letters.

(b) LIMITS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to the specified congressional committees a report outlining the status of the applications, requests for marketing licenses and Letters of Request described under subsection (a). The report shall terminate upon certification by the President that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Government of Ukraine has been restored or 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever occurs first.

(c) SPECIFIED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term "specified congressional committees" means—

(1) the congressional defense committees; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

SA 1645. Mr. MARKEY proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 1258. SENSE OF SENATE ON THE REBALANCE TO THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

SA 1649. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 1264. SENSE OF SENATE ON THE RELANCE TO THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

It is the sense of the Senate that—
(1) the rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region is right for the United States, and the United States Army is essential to this effort given the importance of land armies in the region; (2) the Army is the most important regional partner and ally of the United States; (3) the spending limits in the Budget Control Act of 2011 impose hard choices on the Department that could force the Army to make strategically unwise cuts to its end strength; (5) it is the responsibility of Congress to remove defense and non-defense spending limits to give Federal agencies the certainty they need to make sound budgetary decisions; and (6) despite fiscal pressure, the Army should strengthen its posture in the Asia-Pacific region and make future force structure decisions in line with the commitment of the United States to rebalance to the region.

SA 1650. Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOWEN) submitted an amendment to the Army to make strategically unwise cuts to the 10 largest armies in the world, and 21 of the 27 chiefs of defense in the region are army officers; (3) the dynamic security environment in the Asia-Pacific region demands capabilities the Army has to offer, from supporting humanitarian operations to conducting military exercises with most important regional partners and allies of the United States; (4) the spending limits in the Budget Control Act of 2011 impose hard choices on the Department that could force the Army to make strategically unwise cuts to its end strength; (5) it is the responsibility of Congress to remove defense and non-defense spending limits to give Federal agencies the certainty they need to make sound budgetary decisions; and (6) despite fiscal pressure, the Army should strengthen its posture in the Asia-Pacific region and make future force structure decisions in line with the commitment of the United States to rebalance to the region.

SEC. 524. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE CHARACTERIZATION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES DISCHARGED UNDER THE DONT ASK, DONT TELL POLICY.

(a) In General.—In accordance with this section, each appropriate discharge board—

(1) shall review the discharge characterization of covered members at the request of the covered member; and

(2) on receipt of any request for a review, the appropriate discharge board shall determine if the request is appropriate to review, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the discharge; and

(b) Criteria.—In changing the discharge characterization to honorable under subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that such changes are carried out consistently and uniformly across the military departments using the following criteria:

(1) The original discharge must be based on Don’t Ask Don’t Tell (in this section referred to as DADT) as a similar policy in place prior to the enactment of DADT.

(2) Such discharge characterization shall be so changed if, with respect to the original discharge, there were no aggravating circumstances, such as misconduct, that would have independently led to a discharge characterization that was any characterization except honorable. For purposes of this paragraph, such aggravating circumstances may not include—

(A) an offense under section 925 of title 10, United States Code (as implemented by the Uniform Code of Military Justice), committed by a covered member against a person of the same sex with the consent of such person; or

(B) consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation or identity, or the disclosure of such statements, conduct, or acts, that were prohibited at the time of discharge but after the date of such discharge became permitted.

(3) When requesting a review, a covered member, or the member’s representative, shall be required to provide either—

(A) documents consisting of—

(i) a copy of the DD-214 form of the member;

(ii) a personal affidavit of the circumstances surrounding the discharge; and

(iii) any relevant records pertaining to the discharge characteristic;

(B) an affidavit certifying that the member, or the member’s representative, does not have the documents specified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph within the records of the Department of Defense; and

(4) If a covered member provides an affidavit described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3)—

(A) the appropriate discharge board shall make every effort to locate the documents specified in subparagraph (A) of such paragraph within the records of the Department of Defense; and

(B) the absence of such documents may not be considered a reason to deny a change of the discharge characterization under subsection (a)(2).

(c) Request for Review.—The appropriate discharge board shall review all relevant laws, records of oral testimony previously taken, service records, or any other relevant information regarding the discharge characterization of the covered member.

(d) ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.—If additional materials are necessary for the review, the appropriate discharge board—

(1) may request additional information from the covered member or the member’s representative, in writing, and specifically detailing what is being requested; and

(2) shall be responsible for obtaining a copy of the necessary files of the covered member from the member, or when applicable, from the member’s representative, or from the Secretary of Defense.

(e) Change of Characterization.—The appropriate discharge board shall change the discharge characterization of a covered member if the Secretary of Defense determines it to be appropriate after a review is conducted under subsection (d) pursuant to the criteria under subsection (b). A covered member, or the member’s representative, may appeal a decision by the appropriate discharge board to not change the discharge characterization by using the regular appeals process of the board.

(f) Change of Records.—For each covered member whose discharge characterization is changed under subsection (e), or for each covered member who was honorably discharged but whose DD-214 form reflects the sexual orientation of the member, the Secretary of Defense shall reissue to the member or the member’s representative a revised DD-214 form that reflects the following:

(1) For each covered member discharged, the separation category, the Discharge Authority, and Separation Authority shall not reflect the sexual orientation of the member and shall be placed under secretarial authority with codes, authorities, and language applicable at the time of discharge.

(g) Status.—

(1) Review.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a review of the consistency and uniformity of the reviews conducted under subsection (a).

(2) Reports.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter for a four-year period, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the reviews conducted under paragraph (1). Such reports shall include any comments or recommendations for corrective action.

(h) Historical Review.—The Secretary of each military department shall ensure that oral historians of the department—

(1) review the facts and circumstances surrounding the estimated 100,000 members of the Armed Forces discharged from the Armed Forces between World War II and September 2011 because of the sexual orientation of the member; and

(2) receive oral testimony of individuals who personally experienced discrimination and discharge because of the actual or perceived sexual orientation of the individual so that such testimony may serve as an official record of those discriminatory policies and their impact on American lives.

(j) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate discharge board” means one of the three boards for correction of military records under section 1531 of title 10, United States Code, or the discharge review boards under section 1533 of such title, as the case may be.

(2) The term “covered member” means any former member of the Armed Forces who was discharged from the Armed Forces because of the sexual orientation of the member.

(3) The term “discharge characterization” means the characterization under which a member of the Armed Forces is discharged or released, including “dishonorable,” “general,” “other than honorable,” and “honorable.”

(4) The term “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” means sections 654 of title 10, United States Code, as in effect before such section was repealed pursuant to the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Repeal Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–321).

The term “representative” means the surviving spouse, next of kin, or legal representative of a covered member.

SA 1651. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year,
and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1283. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES RELATED TO THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF MINE RESISTANT AMBUSH PROTECTED VEHICLES MRAPs TO STRATEGIC PARTNERS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) it is in the national security interest of the United States to build relationships with strategic partners through security assistance programs, including the Foreign Military Sales, Excess Defense Articles, and Foreign Military Financing of Direct Commercial Contracts programs;

(2) these security assistance programs incentivize partners to meet the requirements of United States law in order to purchase United States military equipment, secure special access privileges for the United States military, and reassure allies of United States security commitments;

(3) as the United States deepens security ties in key regions, it remains vital that it strike an even balance between an attractive security partner and establishing robust oversight over all security assistance programs;

(4) absent robust oversight, sales and transfers of sensitive weapon systems to foreign countries and military units with human rights violations carry the risk of harming United States interests;

(5) Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles are a highly sensitive weapon system that have the potential to be used for repressive purposes, including to suppress legitimate domestic civil unrest and peaceful protests; and

(6) the Defense Security Cooperation Agency and the State Department should submit the transfer of MRAP vehicles to foreign countries to the Enhanced End-Use Monitoring process in order to ensure an added layer of compliance and accountability with United States assistance and to deter the misuse of this weapon system.

SA 1652. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

Subtitle D—Improvement of Health Care for Women Members of the Armed Forces

SEC. 741. CONTRACEPTION COVERAGE PARITY UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—Subsection 1074c(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “for Members and Former Members” after “Servicemembers”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (d); and

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) CARE RELATED TO PREVENTION OF PREGNANCY.—Female covered beneficiaries shall be entitled to care related to the prevention of pregnancy described by subsection (d)(3),

“(c) PROHIBITION ON COST-SHARING FOR CERTAIN SERVICES.—Notwithstanding section 1074c(d) of such title, or any other provision of law, cost-sharing may not be imposed or collected for care related to the prevention of pregnancy provided pursuant to subsection (a) or (b), including for any method of contraception provided, whether provided through a facility of the uniformed services, the TRICARE program, or any other facility of the Department of Defense, is consistent with regulations that require health care providers at military treatment facilities to consult with survivors of sexual assault once a month regarding options for emergency contraception and any necessary follow-up care, including the provision of emergency contraception.

(b) NATURE OF INFORMATION.—The information required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of how changing conditions on military installations, including expected increased water shortages and instances of wildfire due to increased drought and flooding due to sea level rise and coastal erosion from storm surges, and efforts to mitigate the associated national security risk and ensure optimal military readiness shall be provided in language that is clear and concise, is readily comprehensible, and is not overly complex or jargonized, and includes all reasonable, necessary, and appropriate descriptions, terminology, and definitions to effectively communicate both the need for increased preparedness and resilience initiatives, and the impacts of these changing conditions.

(c) EXPANSION OF DUTIES OF UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS.

Section 136(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “health affairs” and inserting “health affairs, and the coordination, use, acquisition, or exchange of joint requirements and resources with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the coordination, use, acquisition, or exchange of joint requirements and resources with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the coordination, use, acquisition, or exchange of joint requirements and resources with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs”.

SEC. 742. ACCESS TO BROAD RANGE OF METHODS OF CONTRACEPTION APPROVED BY TIES FOR WOMEN WHO ARE SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS.

(a) In General.—(b) COVERED BENEFICIARY DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘‘covered beneficiary’’ has the meaning in section 1072(5) of title 10, United States Code.

(b) FEMALE MILITARY PERSONNEL.—The assistance specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The prompt provision by appropriate and knowledgeable personnel of the facility that she is a victim of sexual assault or is accompanied by another individual who states that the woman is a victim of sexual assault.

(2) The prompt provision by appropriate and knowledgeable personnel of the facility that she is a victim of sexual assault or is accompanied by another individual who states that the woman is a victim of sexual assault.

(3) The prompt provision by appropriate and knowledgeable personnel of the facility that she is a victim of sexual assault or is accompanied by another individual who states that the woman is a victim of sexual assault.

(c) ASSISTANCE.—In general.—The assistance specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The prompt provision by appropriate and knowledgeable personnel of the facility that she is a victim of sexual assault or is accompanied by another individual who states that the woman is a victim of sexual assault.

(2) The prompt provision by appropriate and knowledgeable personnel of the facility that she is a victim of sexual assault or is accompanied by another individual who states that the woman is a victim of sexual assault.

(d) Expansion of Duties of Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Section 136(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “and the coordination, use, acquisition, or exchange of joint requirements and resources with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs” and inserting “health affairs, and the coordination, use, acquisition, or exchange of joint requirements and resources with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs”.

SA 1654. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 355. BRIEFING ON CHANGING CLIMATE CONDITIONS AND MILITARY INSTALLATION READINESS.

(a) In General.—Not later than March 1, 2016, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to interested Senators on the Department of Defense’s strategy and initiatives to address the impacts of changing climate conditions on military installations, including expected increased water shortages and instances of wildfire due to increased drought and flooding due to sea level rise and coastal erosion from storm surges, and efforts to mitigate the associated national security risk and ensure optimal military readiness.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) An assessment of how changing conditions are affecting operations and military readiness at military installations.

(2) A description of efforts to disseminate and implement best practices across military installations.

(3) An assessment whether the Department of Defense faces challenges in carrying out preparedness and resilience initiatives, and the impact of changing conditions on military installations, including expected increased water shortages and instances of wildfire due to increased drought and flooding due to sea level rise and coastal erosion from storm surges, and the impact of changing conditions on military readiness.

(4) A description of opportunities for effective public私人 partnerships or contracts with industry to address and mitigate the effects of these changing conditions.

(5) A description of challenges faced by military personnel, and recommendations for legislative action that would address and mitigate these effects.
SEC. 1251. UKRAINE SECURITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.

(a) Authority To Provide Assistance.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2016 by title XV and available for overseas contingency operations as specified in the funding tables in division D, $300,000,000 shall be made available to the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to provide appropriate security assistance and intelligence support, including training and logistical support, supplies and services, to military and other security forces of the Government of Ukraine pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of section 1207 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as follows:

(1) To enhance the capabilities of the military and other security forces of the Government of Ukraine to defend against further aggression.

(2) To assist Ukraine in developing the combat capability to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

(b) Appropriate Security Assistance and Intelligence Support.—For purposes of subsection (a), appropriate security assistance and intelligence support includes the following:

(1) Real time or near real time actionable intelligence, including by lease of such capabilities from United States commercial companies.

(2) Cyber capabilities.

(3) Counter-electronic warfare capabilities such as secure communications equipment and other electronic protection systems.

(4) Unmanned aerial surveillance systems.

(5) Counter-artillery radars, including medium-range and long-range counter-artillery radars that can detect and locate long-range Russian artillery.

(6) Other electronic warfare capabilities.

(7) Training required to maintain and employ systems and capabilities described in paragraphs (1) through (6).

(c) Funding Availability and Limitation.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the sale or transfer, or the provision of systemic, intelligence, logistics, countering improvised explosive devices, battlefront aid, and medical evacuation.

(d) End Items.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to include an end item that is subject to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

(e) Reporting Requirements.—The Secretary of Defense is required to submit to Congress a report on the security assistance and intelligence support provided pursuant to this section, including a detailed description of the assistance and support provided.

(f) Annual Review.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the security assistance and intelligence support provided pursuant to this section are aligned with the Government of Ukraine’s needs and priorities.

(g) Termination of Authority.—This authority expires on January 1, 2018.

SEC. 1252. UKRAINE SECURITY ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT.

(a) In General.—The amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2016 by title XV and available for overseas contingency operations as specified in the funding tables in division D, $100,000,000 may be available to the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to support the Ukraine Security Assistance Institute established pursuant to section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as follows:

(1) To address the urgent and pressing security needs of Ukraine and the region, including by providing assistance to support the Ukraine Security Assistance Institute established by the Secretary of Defense.

(b) Appropriations.—Appropriations made available pursuant to paragraph (a) may be used for the purposes described in subsection (a).

(c) Interagency Review.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to Congress on the implementation of this section, including a detailed description of the security assistance and intelligence support provided.

SEC. 1253. UKRAINE SECURITY ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) In General.—The amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2016 by title XV and available for overseas contingency operations as specified in the funding tables in division D, $100,000,000 may be available to the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to support the Ukraine Security Assistance Institute established pursuant to section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as follows:

(1) To address the urgent and pressing security needs of Ukraine and the region, including by providing assistance to support the Ukraine Security Assistance Institute established by the Secretary of Defense.

(b) Appropriations.—Appropriations made available pursuant to paragraph (a) may be used for the purposes described in subsection (a).

(c) Interagency Review.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to Congress on the implementation of this section, including a detailed description of the security assistance and intelligence support provided.
to reduce and eliminate the safe havens from which terrorist activity can be perpetrated; (3) support the long-term capacity of the Government of Nigeria to provide security for its citizens and to assist in an education, and to combat gender-based violence and gender inequality; (4) coordinate United States Government and other international and intergovernmental organizations to increase contributions for rescue and recovery efforts and better leverage those contributions to enhance the capacity of the law enforcement and military services of the Government of Nigeria; and (5) strengthen the operational capacity of the civilian system in Nigeria to enhance public safety and prevent crime and gender-based violence, while strengthening accountability measures to prevent the threat posed by Boko Haram.

(b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General may provide logistic support, supplies, and services, communications, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets to foreign countries participating in operations to (i) eliminate the threat posed by Boko Haram; (ii) mitigate the threat posed by Boko Haram; (iii) support the establishment of the formulary under subsection (b); (iv) support the formulary under subsection (b); (v) protect the security forces of regional partners, as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, to train, advise, and assist the military forces of a country determined to be eligible for such support under that subsection until the Secretary notifies the appropriate committees of Congress of the eligibility of the country for such support; and (vi) support the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a notice setting forth the following:

(1) The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—
(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 1659. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1663 proposed by Mr. McCaın to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 1209. SUPPORT OF FOREIGN FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATIONS TO PREVENT AND END ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY BOKO HARAM.

(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the United States Government to—

(1) provide timely civilian and military assistance to the Government of Nigeria and regional partners for efforts to assist civilians harmed by Boko Haram;

(2) permit appropriate members and units of the Armed Forces to train, advise, and assist the military forces of regional partners, including Nigeria, as they conduct operations against Boko Haram and operations to reduce and eliminate the safe havens from which terrorist activity can be perpetrated; (3) support the long-term capacity of the Government of Nigeria to provide security for its citizens and to assist in an education, and to combat gender-based violence and gender inequality; (4) coordinate United States Government and other international and intergovernmental organizations to increase contributions for rescue and recovery efforts and better leverage those contributions to enhance the capacity of the law enforcement and military services of the Government of Nigeria; and (5) strengthen the operational capacity of the civilian system in Nigeria to enhance public safety and prevent crime and gender-based violence, while strengthening accountability measures to prevent the threat posed by Boko Haram.

(b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General may provide logistic support, supplies, and services, communications, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets to foreign countries participating in operations to (i) eliminate the threat posed by Boko Haram; (ii) mitigate the threat posed by Boko Haram; (iii) support the establishment of the formulary under subsection (b); (iv) support the formulary under subsection (b); (v) protect the security forces of regional partners, as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, to train, advise, and assist the military forces of a country determined to be eligible for such support under that subsection until the Secretary notifies the appropriate committees of Congress of the eligibility of the country for such support; and (vi) support the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a notice setting forth the following:

(1) The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—
(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 1660. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1663 proposed by Mr. McCaın to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1209. SUPPORT OF FOREIGN FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATIONS TO PREVENT AND END ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY BOKO HARAM.

(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the United States Government to—

(1) provide timely civilian and military assistance to the Government of Nigeria and regional partners for efforts to assist civilians harmed by Boko Haram;

(2) permit appropriate members and units of the Armed Forces to train, advise, and assist the military forces of regional partners, including Nigeria, as they conduct operations against Boko Haram and operations to reduce and eliminate the safe havens from which terrorist activity can be perpetrated; (3) support the long-term capacity of the Government of Nigeria to provide security for its citizens and to assist in an education, and to combat gender-based violence and gender inequality; (4) coordinate United States Government and other international and intergovernmental organizations to increase contributions for rescue and recovery efforts and better leverage those contributions to enhance the capacity of the law enforcement and military services of the Government of Nigeria; and (5) strengthen the operational capacity of the civilian system in Nigeria to enhance public safety and prevent crime and gender-based violence, while strengthening accountability measures to prevent the threat posed by Boko Haram.

(b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General may provide logistic support, supplies, and services, communications, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets to foreign countries participating in operations to (i) eliminate the threat posed by Boko Haram; (ii) mitigate the threat posed by Boko Haram; (iii) support the establishment of the formulary under subsection (b); (iv) support the formulary under subsection (b); (v) protect the security forces of regional partners, as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, to train, advise, and assist the military forces of a country determined to be eligible for such support under that subsection until the Secretary notifies the appropriate committees of Congress of the eligibility of the country for such support; and (vi) support the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a notice setting forth the following:

(1) The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—
(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 1661. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Kaine) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1663 proposed by Mr. McCaın to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title II, add the following:

SEC. 236. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEVELOPING SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY.

It is the sense of Congress that railgun and other developing weapons technologies are vital to the future of national security and should be provided the necessary infrastructure support for the development of such weapons systems, including all secure space (SCIFs) necessary to incorporate cyber security into weapons systems during development.

SA 1662. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1663 proposed by Mr. McCaın to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, add the following:

SEC. 1614. COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE UNITED STATES OVERHEAD SATELLITE ARCHITECTURE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The current approach to the overhead satellite architecture of the United States is increasingly unsustainable in the long run
due to high and growing costs, long design
time, over reliance on large, expensive vehi-
cles that need heavy launch and represent
costly and complex systems, and the vulner-
bility to anti-satellite attack without an adequate capability to
replace and replenish lost or damaged spacecraft.

(2) The overhead satellite capabilities of the United States
are in grave peril due to an over reliance on central-
ized planning, and an acquisition model based on a series of 10-year plans.

(3) In past years, the National Reconnaissance
Office of the United States model for
excellence in acquisition and program man-
agement. This was in no small part due to
competition within the National Reconna-
sissance Office between Program A (the Air
Force satellite reconnaissance element),
Program B (the Central Intelligence Agency
satellite reconnaissance element), and Pro-
gram C (the National Reconnaissance
Agency), for the best, most innovative, and most cost-
effective satellite and aircraft reconnaissance
systems, which were delivered on time
and under budget. Programs A, B, and C ex-

(4) On September 23, 1971, National Secu-
ritv Adviser Henry Kissinger issued a memo
regarding the President’s decision to
pursue the first electro-optical imaging (EOI) satellite, to be undertaken “under a re-
alistic funding program, with a view toward
achieving an operational capability in 1976.”
It took almost exactly 5 years to design and
launch the first KH–11 satellite into orbit on
December 15, 1976. United States intelligence needs to
get back to this kind of timeline in de-
signing and launching United States over-
head reconnaissance satellites.

(5) The United States cannot afford to wait
a decade or more from design to launch of a
satellite if the United States is to maintain
its technological edge.

(6) The culture of innovation and competi-
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requirements, planning, design, and research
and development processes for the United States
satellite reconnaissance architecture, to take into account and prioritize—
(A) the intelligence requirements of United States
warfighters and national policymakers;
(B) the need for resiliency and rapid recon-
stitution of the architecture in an increas-
ingly contested environment;
(C) the ability to leverage rapid develop-
ments and innovation in commercial sector
satellite, processing, and sensor technology.

(7) The United States can no longer ignore an unexplored en-
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tions such as distributed, disaggregated ar-
chitectures that allow for rapid resiliency against the space threat, and also allow for ready reconstitution, constant re-
plenishment, and frequent technological re-
fresh.

(8) The current cost-constrained budget en-
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no longer ignore the costs of systems and potentially less expensive alternatives.

(9) In April 2009, Secretary of Defense Rob-
ert Gates said that the United States needed
to reform acquisition across the Department of Defense, that the costs of the “exquisite
solution” were making defense unaffordable, and that “we needed to shift away from the
99-percent exquisite service-centric plat-
form architecture and so configured that they take forever to build and only then in
very limited quantities. With the pace of
technological and geopolitical change and the range of possible contingencies, we must
look more to the 80 percent multi-service so-
lution that can be produced on time, on budget, and within the limitations of expenditure.

(10) The National Space Policy of the United States of America issued on June 28, 2010, states “To promote a robust domestic
space capability, commercial and government agencies, and the vulnerability to anti-sat-
ellite attack without an adequate capability to
replace and replenish lost or damaged spacecraft.

(2) The overhead satellite capabilities of the United States
are in grave peril due to an over reliance on central-
ized planning, and an acquisition model based on a series of 10-year plans.

(3) In past years, the National Reconnaissance
Office of the United States model for
excellence in acquisition and program man-
agement. This was in no small part due to
competition within the National Reconna-
sissance Office between Program A (the Air
Force satellite reconnaissance element),
Program B (the Central Intelligence Agency
satellite reconnaissance element), and Pro-
gram C (the National Reconnaissance
Agency), for the best, most innovative, and most cost-
effective satellite and aircraft reconnaissance
systems, which were delivered on time
and under budget. Programs A, B, and C ex-

(4) On September 23, 1971, National Secu-
ritv Adviser Henry Kissinger issued a memo
regarding the President’s decision to
pursue the first electro-optical imaging (EOI) satellite, to be undertaken “under a re-
alistic funding program, with a view toward
achieving an operational capability in 1976.”
It took almost exactly 5 years to design and
launch the first KH–11 satellite into orbit on
December 15, 1976. United States intelligence needs to
get back to this kind of timeline in de-
signing and launching United States over-
head reconnaissance satellites.

(5) The United States cannot afford to wait
a decade or more from design to launch of a
satellite if the United States is to maintain
its technological edge.

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tion must be fostered and reinforced in the
requirements, planning, design, and research
and development processes for the United States
satellite reconnaissance architecture, to take into account and prioritize—
(A) the intelligence requirements of United States
warfighters and national policymakers;
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solution” were making defense unaffordable, and that “we needed to shift away from the
99-percent exquisite service-centric plat-
form architecture and so configured that they take forever to build and only then in
very limited quantities.
SEC. 884. USE OF ORGANIC INDUSTRIAL BASE FOR PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS.

(a) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, shall issue feasible policy recommendations that could increase the efficiency and effectiveness within the existing capabilities of the organic industrial base.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report describing implementation of the guidance issued under subsection (a) and including recommendations to increase efficiency and effectiveness within the existing capabilities of the organic base.

SA 1666. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaskill to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 1085. OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.

(a) TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE.—Chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 145. Veterans Day.

"(b) The President shall issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe two minutes of silence on Veterans Day in honor of the sacrifices and service of all who have served, and calling on the people to remember the history of the Nation, beginning at—

"(1) 3:11 p.m. Atlantic standard time;

"(2) 2:11 p.m. eastern standard time;

"(3) 1:11 p.m. central standard time;

"(4) 12:11 p.m. mountain standard time;

"(5) 11:11 a.m. Pacific standard time;

"(6) 10:11 a.m. Alaska standard time; and

"(7) 9:11 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian standard time."

"(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"‘145. Veterans Day.’"

SA 1667. Mr. McCaskill (for himself and Mr. Blunts) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaskill to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 332. REPORT ON AIR NATIONAL GUARD MISSION CHANGE AND IMPACTS TO PUBLIC AIRPORTS.

(a) REPORT.—

(1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report detailing the number of Air National Guard units that have undergone a mission change in the previous 5 years and who are tenants at a public airport.
SA 1670. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 653, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

(D) Australia.
(E) Japan.

SA 1671. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1264. SPECIAL FOREIGN MILITARY SALES STANDARDS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

The Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in sections 3(d)(2)(B), 3(d)(3)(A)(i), 3(d)(b), 21(e)(2)(A), 36(b), 36(c), 36(d)(2)(A), 35(b)(1), and 36(a)(2), by inserting “the Philippines” before “or New Zealand” each place it appears;

(2) in section 3(c)(2), by inserting “the Government of the Philippines” before “or the Government of New Zealand”; and

(3) in section 21(h), by inserting “the Philippines” before “or Israel” each place it appears.

SA 1672. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 881. ASSESSMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL BASE TO MANUFACTURE CERTAIN AUXILIARY SHIP COMPONENTS.

(a) Assessment.—The Secretary of the Navy shall conduct an assessment of the ability of the industrial base to manufacture and support the following components for auxiliary ships:

(1) Auxiliary equipment, including pumps, for all shipboard services.

(2) Propulsion system components, including engines, reduction gears, and propellers.

(3) Shiplifts and cranes for shipboard crane towers.

(b) Scope.—In conducting the assessment required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall:

(1) Comply with all laws, regulations, and performance impacts by ship class if procurement of the components described in such subsection were limited to manufacturers in the National Technology and Industrial Base.

(c) Determination Required.—Upon completion of the assessment required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall make a determination whether manufacturers of the components described in such subsection should be included in the National Technology and Industrial Base.

(d) Report.—Not later than February 15, 2016, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the assessment required under subsection (a) and the determination required under subsection (c).

SA 1673. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 73A. STUDY ON PROVIDING CONCURRENT CURTAILMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE PHYSICIANS SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of providing any member of the Armed Forces on active duty as a physician with certification to practice as a physician for the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to facilitate the transition of such member to employment in the Department of Veterans Affairs upon the retirement, separation, or release of such member from the Armed Forces.

(b) Report.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to Congress a report on the feasibility and advisability of providing members of the Armed Forces on active duty as physicians with the certification described in section 721.

SA 1674. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 721. PILOT PROGRAM ON SHARING OF PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE AMONG DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly conduct a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of following medical facilities of the Department of Defense and medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs that are located within 40 miles of each other to share primary care physicians for the purpose of performing routine medical care.
(b) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS NECESSARY.—In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly determine the administrative action required to be taken by each Secretary—

(1) to ensure the sharing of scheduling records and medical records between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs;

(2) to minimize the impact of the pilot program on wait times and patient load at each medical facility participating in the pilot program; and

(3) to maintain a high quality of care at each such medical facility.

(c) Location of care.—To the maximum extent possible, health care provided to a patient under the pilot program shall be provided at the location in which the patient would have been provided health care care if the pilot program was not being carried out.

SA 1675. Mr. UDALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title II, add the following:

SEC. 230. AUTHORIZATION FOR CONDUCT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PILOT PROGRAMS.

The Secretary of Defense may carry out one or more pilot programs through the research laboratories of the Department of Defense to expand technology transfer activities with health and research universities and nonprofit research corporations to spur innovation, economic growth, and a high-tech, diverse workforce.

SA 1676. Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR POST-WWII EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE SERVICE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN ENTRY LEVEL AND SKILL TRAINING IN ORDER TO MEET CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

(a) For individuals who serve between 18 and 24 months.—Section 331(b)(5)(A) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ‘‘excluding’’ and inserting ‘‘including’’.

(b) For individuals who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Certain Other Contingency Operations.—Section 331(b) of such title is amended in paragraphs (6)(A) and (7)(A) by striking ‘‘excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training’’ and inserting ‘‘including service on active duty in entry level and skill training for individuals who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, or any other contingency operation (as that term is defined in section 101 of title 10) and excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training for all other individuals’’.

SA 1677. Mr. UDALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 738. SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION TO SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATING TO EXPOSURE TO AIRBORNE HAZARDS AND OPEN BURN PITS.

(a) In general.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and periodically thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs such information in the possession of the Secretary that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers necessary to supplement and support—

(1) the development of information to be included in the Burn Pit Registry established by the Department of Veterans Affairs under section 201 of the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note); and

(2) research and development activities conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to explain the health risks of exposure by members of the Armed Forces to environmental factors in Iraq and Afghanistan, in particular the connection of such exposure to respiratory illnesses such as chronic cough, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, constrictive bronchiolitis, and pulmonary fibrosis.

(b) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall include in the information submitted to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under subsection (a) information on any research and surveillance efforts conducted by the Department of Defense to evaluate the incidence and prevalence of respiratory illnesses among members of the Armed Forces who were exposed to open burn pits while deployed overseas.

SA 1678. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 4781. Natural gas production, treatment, management, and use, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

(a) In general.—Section 101 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end of the following:

‘‘4781. Natural gas production, treatment, management, and use, Fort Knox, Kentucky (Army).—The Secretary of the Army (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’) may provide, by contract or otherwise, for the production, treatment, management, and use of natural gas located under Fort Knox, Kentucky, without regard to section 3 of the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 352).

(b) LIMITATION ON USES.—Any natural gas produced pursuant to subsection (a)—

(1) may only be used to support activities and operations at Fort Knox; and

(2) may not be sold for use elsewhere.

(c) OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES.—The Secretary may take ownership of any gas production and treatment equipment and facilities and associated services from a contractor in accordance with the terms of a contract or other agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (a).

(d) NO APPLICATION ELSEWHERE.—

(1) In general.—The authority provided by this section applies only with respect to Fort Knox, Kentucky.

(2) Effect of section.—Nothing in this section authorizes the production, treatment, management, or use of natural gas resources underlying any area of the Armed Forces installation other than Fort Knox.

(e) APPLICABILITY.—The authority of the Secretary under this section is effective beginning August 2, 2015.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections of chapter 449 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘‘7481. Natural gas production, treatment, management, and use, Fort Knox, Kentucky.’’

SA 1680. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year,
and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:


Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and subject to subsection (b), the President shall declassify and release to the public the previously redacted portions of the report on the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities before and after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

(b) ODDR.-—Subject to the amount of the reduction to be applied to amounts available for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund for Staff and Infrastructure.

SA 1683. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BLUNT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

SECTION 706. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.

(a) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.--Section 1077 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

`(g)(1) Subject to paragraph (4), in providing health care under subsection (a), the treatment of developmental disabilities (as defined in section 102(b) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002(b)), including autism spectrum disorders, shall include behavioral health treatment, including applied behavior analysis, when prescribed by a physician or psychologist.

`(2) In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure that—

`(A) except as provided by subparagraph (B)—

`(i) in the case of a State that requires licensing or certification of applied behavioral analysis by an individual who is licensed or certified to provide such analysis under State law, the treatment is provided by an individual who is licensed or certified to provide such analysis or treatment in accordance with the laws of the State; and

`(ii) in the case of a State other than a State described in clause (i), applied behavior analysis or other behavioral health treatment is provided by an individual who is licensed or certified to provide such analysis or treatment in accordance with State law;

`(B) The Department of Defense shall ensure that—

`(i) to the extent feasible, treatment is provided by an individual who is licensed or certified to provide such analysis or treatment.

SA 1684. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. PETERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

Subtitle D—Reproductive and Fertility Preservation Assistance for Members of the Armed Forces

SEC. 741. PROVISION OF FERTILITY TREATMENT AND COUNSELING TO SPOUSES, PARTNERS, ESTATE REPRESENTATIVES, AND COUNSELORS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) FERTILITY TREATMENT AND COUNSELING.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide fertility treatment and counseling for military personnel and the eligible spouse, partner, or gestational surrogate of a severely
wounded, ill, or injured member of the Armed Forces who has an infertility condition incurred or aggravated while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces.

(2) FERTILITY TREATMENT AND COUNSELING.—Fertility treatment and counseling shall be furnished under paragraph (1) to a spouse, partner, or gestational surrogate of a member of the Armed Forces, as described in such paragraph without regard to the sex or marital status of such member.

(3) IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.—In the case of in vitro fertilization treatment furnished under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish not more than three completed cycles or six attempted cycles of in vitro fertilization, whichever first occurs, to a partner, or gestational surrogate described in such paragraph.

(b) PROCEDURES FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF GAMETES.—If a member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (a) is unable to provide their gametes for purposes of fertility treatment under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, at the election of such member, allow such member to receive such treatment with donated gametes and pay or reimburse such member the reasonable costs of procuring gametes from a donor.

(c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the Secretary—

(1) to connect a gestational surrogate for a member of the Armed Forces or to connect a gestational surrogate with a member of the Armed Forces;

(2) to find or certify gametes from a donor for a member of the Armed Forces or to connect a member of the Armed Forces with gametes from a donor.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FERTILITY TREATMENT.—The term ‘‘fertility treatment’’ includes the following:

(A) Procedures that use assisted reproductive technology.

(B) Sperm retrieval.

(C) Egg retrieval.

(D) Artificial insemination.

(E) Embryo transfer.

(2) Gametes.—Gametes retrieved from a member of the Armed Forces of members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty in the Armed Forces.

(3) Partner.—The term ‘‘partner’’, with respect to a member of the Armed Forces, means an individual selected by the member who agrees to share with the member the parental responsibilities with respect to any child born as a result of the use of any fertility treatment furnished under this section.

(4) Consent for retrieval of gametes.—Gametes may be retrieved from a member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (a) unless the medical professional determines that—

(A) the future fertility of the member is potentially jeopardized as a result of an injury or illness described in subsection (a) or will be potentially jeopardized as a result of treating such injury or illness; or

(B) the member lacks the capacity to consent to the retrieval of gametes and is likely to regain such capacity; and

(C) the retrieval of gametes under this section is in the medical interest of the member.

(5) Consent for use of retrieved gametes.—Gametes retrieved from a member of the Armed Forces of members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty in the Armed Forces.

(6) Disposal of gametes.—In accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary for purposes of this subsection, the Secretary shall dispose of gametes retrieved from a member of the Armed Forces under subsection (a) in such manner as to protect the identity of the person from whom such gametes were retrieved.

 SEC. 743. CRYOPRESERVATION AND STORAGE OF GAMETES OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON ACTIVE DUTY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide members of the Armed Forces of members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty in the Armed Forces with the opportunity to cryopreserve and store their gametes prior to deployment to a combat zone.

(b) PERIOD OF TIME.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide for the cryopreservation and storage of gametes of any member of the Armed Forces under subsection (a), at no cost to the member, in a facility of the Department of Defense or of a private entity pursuant to a contract under subsection (d) until the date that is one year after the retirement, separation, or death of the member from the Armed Forces.

(2) CONTINUED CRYOPRESERVATION AND STORAGE.—At the end of the one-year period described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall permit an individual whose gametes were cryopreserved and stored in a facility of the Department as described in that paragraph to select, pursuant to advance medical directive or military testamentary instrument executed by the member, to—

(A) Transfer the gametes to a private cryopreservation and storage facility selected by the individual.

(B) Transfer the gametes to a private cryopreservation and storage facility selected by the individual.

(c) AGREEMENTS.—To carry out this section, the Secretary may enter into agreements with private entities that provide cryopreservation and storage services for gametes.

 SEC. 744. COORDINATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ON FURNISHING OF FERTILITY TREATMENT AND COUNSELING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall share best practices and facilitate referrals, as they consider appropriate, on the furnishing of fertility treatment and counseling to individuals eligible for the receipt of such counseling and treatment from the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

(b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter into a memorandum of understanding—

(1) providing that the Secretary of Defense will ensure access by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to any gametes of veterans stored by the Department of Defense for purposes of furnishing fertility treatment; and

(2) authorizing the Department of Veterans Affairs to compensate the Department of Defense for the cryopreservation and storage of gametes of veterans under section 743.

SA 1685. Mr. NELSON for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of part II of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 643. THREE-YEAR EXTENSION OF PAYMENT OF SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ALLOWS FOR THE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN.

Section 1690(r) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking ‘‘fiscal year 2015’’ and inserting ‘‘each of fiscal years 2015 through 2017’’; and

(2) in paragraph (6)—

(A) by striking ‘‘September 30, 2014’’ and inserting ‘‘September 30, 2017’’; and

(B) by striking ‘‘September 30, 2014’’ and inserting ‘‘October 1, 2020’’.

SA 1686. Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of part II of subtitle H of title VI, add the following:
SEC. 583. REPORT ON EXEMPTION FROM FURLOUGH DURING A LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR POSITIONS FILLED BY INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND WEAPON SYSTEM MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) Report Required.—Not later than March 1, 2016, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the exemption from furlough during a lapse in appropriations for positions filled by individuals engaged in military equipment and weapon system maintenance within the Department of Defense, including the positions of an individual in military technician (dual status) and positions of field and depot level maintenance and engineers.

(b) Report.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of the Department of Defense positions described in subsection (a), and the personnel, that were exempted from furlough during the most recent lapse in appropriations for the Department.

(2) An analysis of positions filled by individuals engaged in military equipment and weapon system maintenance within the Department of Defense, and the personnel, that were not exempted from the furlough described in paragraph (1).

(3) A cost analysis of the exemption of positions from furlough as described in paragraph (1).

SA 1687. Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANSKOFF, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. __. PROTECTION AND RECOVERY OF GREATER SAGE GROUSE.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) The term ‘‘Federal resource management plan’’ means—

(A) a land use plan prepared by the Bureau of Land Management for public lands pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712); or

(B) a land and resource management plan prepared by the Forest Service for National Forest System lands pursuant to section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1611 et seq.).

(2) The term ‘‘Greater Sage Grouse’’ means a sage grouse of the species Centrocercus urophasianus.

(3) The term ‘‘State management plan’’ means a State-approved plan for the protection and recovery of the Greater Sage Grouse.

(b) Purpose.—The purpose of this section is—

(1) to facilitate implementation of State management plans over a period of multiple, consecutive sage grouse life cycles; and

(2) to demonstrate the efficacy of the State management plans for the protection and recovery of the Greater Sage Grouse.

(c) Endangered Species Act of 1973 Findings.—

(1) Delay Required.—Any finding by the Secretary of the Interior under clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of section 4(b)(3)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(b)(3)(B)) that the Greater Sage Grouse made during the period beginning on September 30, 2015, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act shall have no force or effect, and the Secretary of the Interior may not make any such finding during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on such date as the Secretary shall determine.

(2) Effect on Other Laws.—The delay imposed by paragraph (1) is, and shall remain, effective without regard to any other statute, rule, settlement, or any other provision of law or in equity.


(d) Coordination of Federal Land Management and State Conservation and Management Plans.—

(1) Prohibition on Modification of Federal Resource Management Plans.—In order to foster coordination between a State management plan and Federal resource management plans that affect the Greater Sage Grouse, upon notification by the Governor of a State with a State management plan, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may not amend or otherwise modify any Federal resource management plan applicable to Federal lands in the State in a manner inconsistent with the State management plan, to be specified by the Governor in the notification, of at least five years beginning on the date of the notification.

(2) Retroactive Effect.—In the case of any State that provides notification under paragraph (1), if any amendment or modification of a Federal resource management plan applicable to Federal lands in the State was issued during the one-year period preceding the date of the notification and the amendment or modification of the Greater Sage Grouse, upon notification of the Governor of a State with a management plan, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may not amend or otherwise modify any Federal resource management plan applicable to Federal lands in the State in a manner inconsistent with the State management plan, to be specified by the Governor in the notification, of at least five years beginning on the date of the notification.

(e) Retroactive Effect.—In the case of any State that provides notification under paragraph (1), if any amendment or modification of a Federal resource management plan applicable to Federal lands in the State was issued during the one-year period preceding the date of the notification and the amendment or modification of the Greater Sage Grouse, upon notification of the Governor of a State with a State management plan, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may not amend or otherwise modify any Federal resource management plan applicable to Federal lands in the State in a manner inconsistent with the State management plan, to be specified by the Governor in the notification, of at least five years beginning on the date of the notification.

(f) Enforcement.—In the case of any State that provides notification under paragraph (1), if any amendment or modification of a Federal resource management plan applicable to Federal lands in the State was issued during the one-year period preceding the date of the notification and the amendment or modification of the Greater Sage Grouse, upon notification of the Governor of a State with a State management plan, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may not amend or otherwise modify any Federal resource management plan applicable to Federal lands in the State in a manner inconsistent with the State management plan, to be specified by the Governor in the notification, of at least five years beginning on the date of the notification.

(g) Judicial Review.—Notwithstanding any other provision of statute or regulation, this section, including determinations made under subsection (d)(3), shall not be subject to judicial review.

SEC. __. IMPLEMENTATION OF LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN RANGE-WIDE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER CONSERVATION MEASURES.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) CANDIDATE CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS.—The terms ‘‘Candidate Conservation Agreement’’ and ‘‘Candidate and Conservation Agreement With Assurances’’ have the meaning given those terms in—

(A) the announcement of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce entitled ‘‘Announcement of Final Policy for Candidate Conservation Agreements With Assurances’’ (46 Fed. Reg. 25726 (June 17, 1991)); and

(B) sections 17.22(d) and 17.32(d) of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

(2) RANGE-WIDE PLAN.—The term ‘‘Range-Wide Plan’’ means the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Program of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, as endorsed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on October 21, 2013, and published for comment on January 29, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 4652).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘‘Secretary’’ means the Secretary of the Interior.


(c) Monitoring of Progress of Conservation Programs.—The Secretary shall monitor and annually submit to Congress a report on progress in conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken under the Range-Wide Plan and all related—

(1) Candidate Conservation Agreements and Candidate and Conservation Agreements With Assurances;

(2) other Federal conservation programs administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of the Interior; and

(3) State conservation programs; and

(d) Private Conservation Efforts.

SEC. __. REMOVAL OF ENDANGERED SPECIES STATUS FOR AMERICAN BURYING BEETLE.

burying beetle shall not be listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

SA 1688. Mr. HOOEVEN (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill S. 1735, to authorize an additional $400 million for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.

(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that the United States should establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process for the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of oil and natural gas pipelines and electric transmission facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity to and from Canada and Mexico, in pursuit of a more secure and efficient North American energy market.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CROSS-BORDER SEGMENT.—The term "cross-border segment" means the portion of an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility that is located at the national boundary of the United States with Canada or Mexico.

(2) INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR.—The term "Independent System Operator" has the meaning given the term in section 215(a) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

(c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES.—In the case of a request for a certificate of crossing for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of a cross-border segment of an electric transmission facility, the Secretary of Energy shall require, as a condition of issuing the certificate of crossing for the request under subparagraph (A), that the cross-border segment of the electric transmission facility be constructed, operated, or maintained consistent with all applicable policies and standards of—

(A) the Electric Reliability Organization and the applicable electric entity; and

(B) any Regional Transmission Organization or Independent System Operator with operational or functional control over the cross-border segment of the electric transmission facility.

(d) EXCLUSIONS.—This section shall not apply to any connection, construction, operation, or maintenance of a cross-border segment of an oil pipeline or electric transmission facility for the import or export of oil or the transmission of electricity to or from Canada or Mexico as of the date of enactment of this Act;

(A) if the cross-border segment is operating for the import, export, or transmission as of the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) if a permit described in subsection (f) for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance has been issued; or

(C) if a certificate of crossing for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance has previously been issued under this subsection; or

(D) if an application for a permit described in subsection (f) for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance is pending on the date of enactment of this Act, until the earlier of—

(i) the date on which the application is denied; or

(ii) July 1, 2016.

(e) EFFECT OF OTHER LAWS.—

(A) APPLICATION TO PROJECTS.—Nothing in this subsection or subsection (g) affects the application of any other Federal law to a project for which a certificate of crossing for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of a cross-border segment is sought under this subsection.

(B) ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT.—Nothing in this subsection or subsection (g) affects the authority of the President under section 163(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6212(a)).

(f) IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS TO CANADA AND MEXICO.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717h(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking "(c) For purposes" and inserting the following:

"(c) EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.

(1) In general.—For purposes; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS RELATING TO CANADA AND MEXICO.—In the case of an application for the importation or exportation of natural gas to or from Canada or Mexico, the President shall approve the application not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the application.”.

(g) MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING PROJECTS.—No certificate of crossing under subsection (c), or permit described in subsection (f), shall be required for a modification to the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility—

(1) that is operating for the import or export of oil or natural gas, or for the transmission of electricity to or from Canada or Mexico as of the date of enactment of the Act; and

(2) for which a certificate described in subsection (f) for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance has been issued; or

(3) for which a certificate of crossing for the cross-border segment of the pipeline or facility has been previously issued under subsection (c).

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE; RULEMAKING DEADLINES.—

(1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (c) through (g), and the amendments made by those subsections, take effect on July 1, 2016.
(2) RULEMAKING DEADLINES.—Each relevant official described in subsection (c)(2)(B) shall—

(a) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, publish in the Federal Register notice of a proposed rulemaking to carry out the applicable requirements of subsection (c); and

(b) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, publish in the Federal Register a final rule to carry out the applicable requirements of subsection (c).

SEC. 1274. REPORT ON ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN SYRIA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and again not later than 180 days after the cessation of hostilities in Syria, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) A description of violations of internationally recognized human rights, war crimes, and crimes against humanity perpetrated during the civil war in Syria, including—

(A) an account of incidents that may constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the regime of President Bashar al-Assad and all forces fighting on its behalf;

(B) an account of incidents that may constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by violent extremist groups, anti-government forces, and any other combatants in the conflict;

(C) any incidents that may violate the principle of medical neutrality and, when possible, an identification of the individual or individuals who engaged in or organized such violations; and

(D) where possible, a description of the conventional and unconventional weapons used for such crimes and the origins of the weapons.

(2) A description of efforts by the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development to ensure accountability for violations of internationally recognized human rights, international humanitarian law, and crimes against humanity perpetrated against the people of Syria by the regime of President Bashar al-Assad, violent extremist groups, and other combatants involved in the conflict, including—

(A) a description of initiatives that the United States and other governments have undertaken to train investigators in Syria on how to document, investigate, and develop findings of war crimes, including the number of United States or contract personnel currently designated to work full-time on these issues and an identification of the authorities and appropriations being used for such efforts; and

(B) a description and assessment of Syrian and international efforts to ensure account-

ability for crimes committed during the Syrian conflict, including efforts to promote a transitional justice process that would include criminal accountability and the establishment in Syria of a judicial tribunal to prosecute the perpetrators of war crimes committed during the civil war in Syria; and

(C) an assessment of the influence of accounts and measures that would—

(a) develop a strategy to keep family members informed of the status of hostages and inform such family members of updates, procedures, and policies that do not compromise the national security of the United States; and

(b) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Coordinator shall be limited to hostage cases outside the United States.

(c) QUARTERLY REPORT.—On a quarterly basis, the Coordinator shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and the members of Congress described in paragraph (2) a report on the implementation of each hostage situation described in subsection (a)(1) and efforts to secure the release of all hostages in such hostage situations are properly resourced and correct lines of authority are established and maintained.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the Federal Government to make concessions to a state sponsor of terrorism or an organization that the Secretary of State has designated as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189) or any other hostage-takers.

SEC. 1283. EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON AGGRE
gATE ANNUAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACT SERVICES.


(1) in subsection (a) and (b), by striking “2015” and inserting “2015, or 2016”;

(2) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “and 2015” and inserting “2015, and 2016”;

(3) in subsection (d), by striking “or 2015” and inserting “2015, or 2016”;

(4) in subsection (e), by striking “2015” and inserting “2015, or 2016”.

SEC. 1291. INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE RECOVERY COORDINATOR.

(a) INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE RECOVERY COORDINATOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall designate an existing Federal officer to coordinate efforts to secure the release of United States persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism. For purposes of carrying out the duties described in paragraph (2), such officer shall have the title of “Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator”.

(2) DUTIES.—The Coordinator shall have the following duties:

(A) Coordinate and direct all activities of the Federal Government relating to each hostage situation described in paragraph (1) to ensure security for the release of all hostages in the hostage situation are properly resourced and correct lines of authority are established and maintained.

(B) Establish and direct a fusion cell consisting of appropriate officers of the Federal Government with purview over each hostage situation described in paragraph (1).

(C) Develop a strategy to keep family members of hostages of each hostage situation informed of the status of each hostage and inform such family members of updates, procedures, and policies that do not compromise the national security of the United States.

SEC. 1292. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016
for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1049. SUNSET OF 2001 AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE.

The Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) shall expire on the date that is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, unless reauthorized.

SA 1693. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURES BY THOSE PROFITING FROM DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.

(a) In General.—Section 304 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(1) Disclosure by Defense Contractors.—

"(i) In general.—Every covered entity which makes covered disbursements and received covered transfers in an aggregate amount in excess of $10,000 during any calendar year shall, within 48 hours of each disclosure date, file with the Commission a statement containing the information described in paragraph (2).

"(2) Contents of statement.—Each statement filed under this subsection shall be made under penalty of perjury and shall contain the following information:

"(A) The identification of the person making the disbursement or receiving the transfer, of any person sharing or exercising direction or control over the activities of such person, and the custodian of the books and accounts of the person making the disbursement or receiving the transfer.

"(B) The principal business of the person making the disbursement or receiving the transfer, if not an individual.

"(C) The amount of each disbursement or transfer of more than $200 during the period covered in the statement and the identification of the person to whom the disbursement was made or from whom the transfer was received.

"(D) The elections to which the disbursements or transfers pertain and the names (if known) of the candidates involved.

"(E) If the disbursements were paid out of a segregated bank account which consists of funds contributed solely by individuals who are United States citizens or nationals or lawfully admitted for permanent residence (as defined in section 101(a)(20)) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(20)) directly to this account for electioneering communications, the names and addresses of all contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of $1,000 or more to that account during—

"(i) in the case of a statement under paragraph (1)(A), during the period described in such paragraph, and

"(ii) in the case of a statement under paragraph (1)(B), the period beginning on the first day of the preceding calendar year and ending on the disclosure date.

Nothing in this subparagraph is to be construed to be a prohibition on the use of funds in such a segregated account for a purpose other than covered disbursements.

"(F) If the disbursements were paid out of funds not described in subparagraph (E), the names and addresses of all contributors who contributed an aggregate amount of $1,000 or more to the person making the disbursement during—

"(i) in the case of a statement under paragraph (1)(A), during the period described in such paragraph, and

"(ii) in the case of a statement under paragraph (1)(B), the period beginning on the first day of the preceding calendar year and ending on the disclosure date.

"(3) Covered entity.—For purposes of this subsection:

"(A) In general.—The term 'covered entity' means—

"(i) any person who is described in subparagraph (B), and

"(ii) any person who owns 5 percent or more of any person described in subparagraph (B).

"(B) Person described.—A person is described in this subparagraph if such person has been awarded a contract from the Department of Defense for the procurement of goods or services during the previous two fiscal years.

"(4) Covered disbursement.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'covered disbursement' means a disbursement for any of the following:

"(A) An independent expenditure.

"(B) A broadcast, cable, or satellite communication (other than a communication described in subsection (f)(3)(B)) which—

"(i) refers to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office;

"(ii) is made in writing;

"(iii) in the case of a communication which refers to a candidate for an office other than President or Vice President, during the period beginning on January 1 of the calendar year in which the general or runoff election is held and ending on the date of the general or runoff election (or in the case of a special election, during the period beginning on the date on which the announcement with respect to such election is made and ending on the date of the special election); or

"(iv) in the case of a communication which refers to a candidate for the office of President or Vice President, is made in any State during the period beginning 120 days before the first primary election, caucus, or preference election held for the selection of delegates to a national nominating convention of a political party which is held in any State (or, if no such election is held in any State, the first convention or caucus of a political party which has the authority to nominate a candidate for the office of President or Vice President) and ending on the date of the general election; and

"(iii) in the case of a communication which refers to a candidate for an office other than President or Vice President, is targeted to the relevant electorate (within the meaning of subsection (f)(3)(C)).

"(C) A transfer to another person for the purposes of making a disbursement described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

"(D) Covered transfer.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'covered transfer' means a covered entity for the purposes of making a covered disbursement.

"(6) Disclosure date.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'disclosure date' means—

"(A) The first date during any calendar year by which a person has made covered disbursements and received covered transfers aggregating in excess of $10,000; and

"(B) Any other date during such calendar year by which a person has made covered disbursements and received covered transfers aggregating in excess of $10,000 since the most recent disclosure date for such calendar year.

"(7) Contracts to disburse; coordination with other requirements; etc.—Rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of subsection (f) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.

"(b) Effective date.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to disbursements or transfers made or received after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 1694. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

SEC. 314. SECURE ENERGY INNOVATION PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a program to develop and support projects designed to foster secure and reliable sources of energy for military installations, including incorporation of advanced energy meters, renewable energy, energy storage, and redundant power systems.

(b) Metrics.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop metrics for assessing the costs and benefits associated with secure energy projects proposed or implemented as part of the program conducted under subsection (a). The metrics shall take into account financial and operational costs associated with sustained losses of power resulting from natural disasters or attacks that damage electrical grids serving military installations.

SA 1695. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

SEC. 314. AUTHORITY TO USE ENERGY SAVINGS INVESTMENT FUND FOR ENERGY MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES.

Section 2519(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking "-, to the extent provided for in an appropriations Act,".

SA 1696. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military...
activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

SEC. 314. PLAN TO ENHANCE MISSION READINESS THROUGH GREATER ENERGY SECURITY AT CRITICAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) IDENTIFICATION OF CRITICAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall identify ten military installations that are—

(1) critical to mission readiness, and

(2) susceptible to interruptions of power due to geographic location, dependence on connections to the electric grid, or other factors determined by the Secretary.

(b) Report.—(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30, 2016, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report with a plan for integrating energy storage, microgrid technologies, and on-site power generation systems at the military installations identified under subsection (a) to enhance mission readiness.

(2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex as necessary.

SA 1697. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

SEC. 314. STUDY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUEL LOGISTICS SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS, REQUIREMENTS DEPLOYMENT, AND ACQUISITION FOR MANDATORY PLANNING.

(a) Report Required.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report regarding the implementation of section 332 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4420; 10 U.S.C. 2911 note (in this section referred to as “section 332”)), including a description of the implementation of the requirements for consideration of fuel logistics support requirements in the planning, requirements development, and acquisition processes.

(b) Elaborate.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) A list of acquisition solicitations that incorporate analysis established and developed under section 332.

(2) An analysis of the extent to which Department of Defense planning, requirements development, and acquisition processes incorporate or rely on the fully burdened cost of energy and energy key performance parameters in relation to other metrics.

(3) An estimate of the total fuel costs avoided as a result of inclusion of the fully burdened cost of energy and energy key performance parameters in acquisition decisions, including an estimate of monetary savings and fuel volume savings.

(4) An analysis of the extent to which energy security requirements of the Department of Defense are enhanced by incorporation of section 323 requirements in the acquisition process. The Secretary shall for further improving section 323 requirements to further enhance energy security and mission capability requirements.

(c) Energy Security Defined.—In this section, the term “energy security” has the meaning given in the section in 202(b)(3) of title 10, United States Code.

SA 1698. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ISHOPE, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 1533, add the following:

(1) PROVIDE PROVISION TO CERTAIN FOREIGN FORCES THROUGH OTHER UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.—

(1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should increase efforts to combat the use of the term isotopic shift in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) of improvised explosive devices and the illicit smuggling of improvised explosive device precursor materials.

(2) PROVISION THROUGH OTHER AGENCIES.—If jointly agreed upon by the Secretary of Defense and the head of another department or agency of the United States Government, the Secretary of Defense may transfer funds available under subsection (a) to such department or agency for the provision by such department or agency of training, equipment, supplies, and services to ministries and other entities of the Government of Iraq and nations that border Iraq (other than Iran and Syria), as described in that subsection.

SA 1699. Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 117, insert between lines 12 and 13, the following:

(b) LOCATION OF REPERTORY.—Subsection (f) of such section is further amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively; and

(2) by inserting “1’’ before “If the Secretary’’;

(3) in paragraph (1), as designated by paragraph (2) of this subsection—

(A) by striking ‘‘, and no suitable adoption is available at the military facility where the dog is located,’’; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), as designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “‘within the United States’’ after “‘to another location’’; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraph (2):

“2’’ Paragraph (1) shall not apply if a United States citizen living abroad adopts the dog at the time of retirement.

SA 1700. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

SEC. 314. STUDY ON POWER STORAGE CAPACITY REQUIREMENT.

Not later than September 30, 2016, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressionals defense committees a report on the benefits and benefits associated with requiring 25 percent of National Guard and Reserve facilities to have at least a 21-day on-site power storage capacity to assist with providing support to civil authorities in cases of manmade or natural disasters.

SA 1701. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 117, insert between lines 12 and 13, the following:

(b) RETIREMENT.—Subsection (f) of such section is further amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively; and

(2) by inserting “1’’ before “If the Secretary’’;

(3) in paragraph (1), as designated by paragraph (2) of this subsection—

(A) by striking ‘‘, and no suitable adoption is available at the military facility where the dog is located,’’; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), as designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “‘within the United States’’ after “‘to another location’’; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraph (2):

“2’’ Paragraph (1) shall not apply if a United States citizen living abroad adopts the dog at the time of retirement.

SA 1702. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such
fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1264. MILITARY EXCHANGES BETWEEN SENIOR OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense should carry out a program of exchanges of senior military officers and senior officials between the United States and Taiwan designed to improve military to military relations between the United States and Taiwan.

(b) EXCHANGES DESCRIBED.—For the purposes of this section, an exchange is an activity, exercise, event, or observation opportunity between members of the Armed Forces and officials of the Department of Defense, on the one hand, and armed forces personnel and officials of Taiwan, on the other hand.

(c) FOCUS OF EXCHANGES.—The exchanges under the program carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall include exchanges focused on the following:

(1) Threat analysis.
(2) Military doctrine.
(3) Force planning.
(4) Logistical support.
(5) Intelligence collection and analysis.
(6) Operational tactics, techniques, and procedures.
(7) Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

(d) CIVIL-MILITARY AFFAIRS.—The exchanges under the program carrying out pursuant to subsection (a) shall include activities focused on civil-military relations, including parliamentary relations.

(e) EMERGENCY.—The exchanges under the program carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall be conducted in both the United States and Taiwan.

(f) DEPLOYMENT.—In this section:

(1) The term “senior military officer”, with respect to the Armed Forces, means a general or flag officer of the Armed Forces on active duty.

(2) The term “senior official”, with respect to the Department of Defense, means a civilian official of the Department of Defense in the level of Assistant Secretary of Defense or above.

SA 1706. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaskill to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

(c) CONSULTATION REGARDING PRESENTATION.—To ensure that the information required under subsection (a) is presented in the most useful and effective way possible for service members, the Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Secretary of Education, the Board of Consumer Financial Protection, and service member and consumer advocates.

SA 1705. Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaskill to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1264. MILITARY EXCHANGES BETWEEN SENIOR OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense should carry out a program of exchanges of senior military officers and senior officials between the United States and Taiwan designed to improve military to military relations between the United States and Taiwan.

(b) EXCHANGES DESCRIBED.—For the purposes of this section, an exchange is an activity, exercise, event, or observation opportunity between members of the Armed Forces and officials of the Department of Defense, on the one hand, and armed forces personnel and officials of Taiwan, on the other hand.

(c) FOCUS OF EXCHANGES.—The exchanges under the program carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall include exchanges focused on the following:

(1) Threat analysis.
(2) Military doctrine.
(3) Force planning.
(4) Logistical support.
(5) Intelligence collection and analysis.
(6) Operational tactics, techniques, and procedures.
(7) Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

(d) CIVIL-MILITARY AFFAIRS.—The exchanges under the program carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall include activities focused on civil-military relations, including parliamentary relations.

(e) EMERGENCY.—The exchanges under the program carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall be conducted in both the United States and Taiwan.

(f) DEPLOYMENT.—In this section:

(1) The term “senior military officer”, with respect to the Armed Forces, means a general or flag officer of the Armed Forces on active duty.

(2) The term “senior official”, with respect to the Department of Defense, means a civilian official of the Department of Defense in the level of Assistant Secretary of Defense or above.

SA 1706. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaskill to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 465, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(4) At the 2006 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit in Riga, North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries agreed that “allies currently meeting the NATO guideline to spend a minimum of 2% of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on defense will: halve any decline in defense expenditure; aim to increase defense expenditure in real terms as GDP grows; aim to move towards the two percent guideline within a decade with a view to meeting their NATO Capability Targets and filling NATO’s capability shortfall.”

(5) In 2015, four out of the 28 North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries, including the United States, meet the two percent target.

On page 464, strike line 16 and insert the following:

spending; and

(6) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries are strongly urged to meet their commitment under the Wales Summit Declaration to spend two percent of their Gross Domestic Product on defense.

SA 1707. Mr. GARDNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaskill to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. CIVILIAN AVIATION ASSET MILITARY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, may participate in the Civil-Military Aircraft Asset Military Partnership Pilot Program (in this section referred to as the “Program”) in accordance with this section.

(b) COMPLETION.—Subject to the availability of appropriations to carry out this section, the Secretary, in coordination with the Administrator, may make a grant under the Program, on a competitive basis, to an eligible airport to assist a project—

(1) to improve aviation infrastructure; or

(2) to repair, replace, or otherwise improve an eligible tower facility at that airport.

(c) NUMBER.—Not more than three eligible airports may receive a grant under the Program for a fiscal year.

(d) AMOUNT.—The amount provided to each eligible airport that receives a grant under the Program may not exceed $2,500,000.

(e) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under the Program, an eligible airport shall submit to the Secretary of Defense an application at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Secretary, in coordination with the Administrator, determines is appropriate. An application shall include, at a minimum, a description of the project the proposed purpose of which is to—

(a) the development or support of an instrument approach to which a grant is requested, including estimated costs;
(2) the need for the project at the eligible airport, including how the project will assist both civil aircraft and military aircraft; and
(3) the non-Federal funding available for the project.

(f) SELECTION AND TERMS.—The Secretary and the Administrator shall jointly—
(1) select eligible airports to receive grants under the Program; and
(2) establish the terms of each grant made under the Program.

(g) FINDING.—
(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project assisted with a grant under the Program may not exceed 70 percent. That portion of Federal share shall be paid by the Administrator and 50 percent shall be paid by the Secretary.
(2) COORDINATION.—With respect to the Federal share of the cost of a project assisted with a grant under the Program, 50 percent of that Federal share shall be paid by the Administrator and 50 percent shall be paid by the Secretary.

(h) TERMINATION.—The Program shall terminate at the end of the third fiscal year in which a grant is made under the Program.

(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
(1) AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term "aviation infrastructure" means any activity defined under the term "airport development" in section 47102 of title 49, United States Code.
(2) ELIGIBLE AIRPORT.—The term "eligible airport" means an airport at which—
(A) military aircraft conduct operations; and
(B) civil aircraft operations are conducted.
(3) ELIGIBLE TOWER FACILITY.—The term "eligible tower facility" means a tower facility that—
(A) is located at an eligible airport;
(B) is greater than 30 years of age; and
(C) has demonstrated failings.

SA 1708. Mr. GARDNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strength for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. PROTECTION AND RECOVERY OF GREATER SAGE-GROUSE.

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—
(1) to allow States—
(A) to determine the appropriate management of sage-grouse species and the habitat of sage-grouse species; and
(B) to demonstrate that those Statewide plans will protect and recover sage-grouse species within the States; and
(2) to provide for the development or implementation of the Statewide plan that contains the strategy developed under subsection (a) and includes implementing guidance to such departments and agencies.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
(1) COVERED WESTERN STATE.—The term "covered Western State" means each of the States of California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
(2) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND.—The term "National Forest System land" means the Federal land within the National Forest System, as described in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1602(a)).
(3) PUBLIC LAND.—The term "public land" has the meaning given the term "public lands" in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).
(4) SAGE-GROUSE SPECIES.—The term "sage-grouse species" means—
(A) the greater sage-grouse (Centrocercus urophasianus) (including all distinct population segments); and
(B) the Gunnison sage-grouse (Centrocercus minimus).
(5) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means—
(A) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National Forest System land; and
(B) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to public lands.
(6) STATEWIDE PLAN.—The term "Statewide plan" means a conservation and management plan or plans developed and submitted to the Secretary by a covered Western State for the protection and recovery of any sage-grouse species and the habitat of the sage-grouse species within the covered Western State in response to invitations from the Secretary of the Interior in December 2011 to submit to the Secretary those plans.
later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a covered Western State shall submit to the Secretary a notice described in subparagraph (B).

(2) Access to information.—Not later than 60 days after the date of receipt from a covered Western State of a notice described in paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall provide to the covered Western State all relevant scientific data, research, and information regarding sage-grouse species and habitat within the covered Western State for use by appropriate Federal or Indian tribes to assist the covered Western State in the development and implementation of the Statewide plan.

(d) DEFINITION OF STATEWIDE PLAN.—If the Secretary receives from a covered Western State a Statewide plan by the date that is 1 year after the date of receipt of a notice under subsection (c)(1) from the covered Western State, the Secretary shall—

(1) when taking any action that could impact the sage grouse or the habitat of the species, make a good faith effort to consult with the covered Western State and in accordance with this section;

(2) use the Statewide plan as the basis for all relevant determinations under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

(3) by repealing section 25.


(4) immediately reverse any withdrawals or land use restrictions carried out for purposes of protecting or conserving sage-grouse on public land or National Forest System land that are not consistent with a Statewide plan; and

(5) use State annual reports regarding the implementation of the Statewide plan, including relevant data regarding—

(A) operations carried out pursuant to the Statewide plan; and

(B) population trends, fuel reductions, predator control, invasive species control, the condition of sage-grouse habitat, and other parameters that address the primary threats to sage-grouse species in the covered Western State.

(e) SECRETARIAL ACTIONS.—Not later than 6 years after the date of submission of the Statewide plan and in accordance with application of scientific protocols, a report that includes—

(1) a description of the status of implementation of the Statewide plan and progress made in achieving the objectives and goals of the Statewide plan, including relevant data regarding sage-grouse species population trends, fuel reductions, predator control, invasive species control, the condition of sage-grouse habitat, and other parameters that address the primary threats to sage-grouse in the covered Western State;

(2) additional time, if any, for implementation of the Statewide plan; and

(iii) necessary modifications to the Statewide plan as the Secretary deems necessary to the achievement of the objectives and goals of the Statewide plan; and

(7) assist the covered Western State in monitoring and collecting relevant data on Federal land to assess sage-grouse species population trends, fuel reductions, predator management, impacts of climate change on sage-grouse species habitat, and other parameters that address the primary threats to sage-grouse in the covered Western State.}

SEC. 1204. EXTENSION OF IRAN SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996.

Section 13(b) of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

(1) in section 1(w), by striking paragraph (2); and

(2) in section 6, by striking subsection (b); and

(g) ACTIONS PURSUANT TO NEPA.—An action proposed to be carried out pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) in a covered Western State may not be denied or restricted solely on the basis of the effectiveness of protection of sage-grouse species in the covered Western State, if the action is consistent with the Statewide plan of the covered Western State.

(h) AUTHORITY TO EXTEND PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.—On review of the report of a covered Western State under subsection (c)(5) of this section, the Secretary may extend the provisions of this Act for a period not to exceed an additional 6 years with the consent of the covered Western State.

SEC. 1710. Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1242. EXTENSION OF IRAN SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996.

Section 13(b) of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

(1) in section 1(w), by striking paragraph (2); and

(2) in section 6, by striking subsection (b); and

(3) by repealing section 25.

SEC. 1711. Ms. AYOTTE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1242. EXTENSION OF IRAN SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996.

Section 13(b) of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

(1) in section 1(w), by striking paragraph (2); and

(2) in section 6, by striking subsection (b); and

(3) by repealing section 25.

SEC. 1712. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 213.

SEC. 1713. Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II of this Act, add the following:

SEC. 314. LIMITATION ON FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE FUEL CONTRACTS.

(a) Definition of Alternative Fuel.—In this section, the term ‘‘alternative fuel’’ has

Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II of this Act, add the following:

SEC. 314. LIMITATION ON FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE FUEL CONTRACTS.

(a) Definition of Alternative Fuel.—In this section, the term ‘‘alternative fuel’’ has
(b) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise available for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for research and development alternative fuel awards or Department of Defense alternative fuel contracts.

SA 1714. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of part I of subtitle H of title V, add the following:

SEC. 1084. CONSOLIDATION OF FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS AND TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report setting forth a plan for the consolidation of the current financial training programs of the Department of Defense and the military departments for members of the Armed Forces into a single program of financial training for members that—  
(1) eliminates duplication and costs in the provision of financial training to members; and  
(2) ensures that members receive effective training in financial literacy in as few training sessions as is necessary for the receipt of effective training.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall commence implementation of the plan required by subsection (a) 90 days after the date of the submittal of the plan as required by that subsection.

SA 1715. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of part I of subtitle H of title V, add the following:

SEC. 1085. RESTRICTIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS.—

Section 320101 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) RESTRICTIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AREAS.—The President shall not establish a national monument under this section on land that is located under the lateral boundaries of a military operations area (as the term is defined in section 1.1 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (successor regulations)) unless the President—  
"(1) the proclamation includes language that ensures that the establishment of the national monument would not place any new limitations on—  
"(A) low-level overflights of military aircraft;  
"(B) the designation of a new unit of special use airspace;  
"(C) the use or establishment of a military flight training route;  
"(D) any flight operations of military aircraft; or  
"(E) any ground-based operations in support of military flight operations; and  
"(2) the Secretary of Defense certifies that the establishment of the national monument—  
"(A) would not negatively impact any military flight operations in airspace above the national monument; and  
"(B) would not reduce the ability of any ground-based operations in support of military flight operations.".

SA 1716. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XV, add the following:

SEC. 1535. REPROGRAMMING OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.

(a) REPROGRAMMING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a reprogramming or transfer request in the amount of $1 billion that would be obligated for operation and maintenance for overseas contingency operations, account.

(b) TREATMENT OF REPROGRAMMING.—The transfer of an amount pursuant to subsection (a) shall not be deemed to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2016 for operation and maintenance for overseas contingency operations by section 1505.

SA 1717. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

SEC. 314. INSTALLATION RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT DATABASE.

(a) LIMITATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a searchable database to uniformly report information regarding installation renewable energy projects undertaken since 2010.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The database established under subsection (a) shall include, for each installation energy project—  
(1) the estimated payback period;  
(2) total project costs;  
(3) actual power generation;  
(4) actual cost savings to date;  
(5) energy operation and maintenance costs; and  
(6) access to relevant business case documents, including the economic viability assessment.

(c) NON-DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may, on a case-by-case basis, withhold from inclusion in the database established under subsection (a) information pertaining to individual projects if the Secretary determines that the disclosure of such information would jeopardize operational security.

(2) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—In the event the Secretary withholds information related to one or more renewable energy projects under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include in the database—  
(A) a statement that information has been withheld; and  
(B) an aggregate amount for each of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (5), and (6) of subsection (b) that includes amounts for all renewable energy projects described under subsection (a), including those with respect to which information has been withheld under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

SEC. 2807. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN AREAS OF CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter I of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2804 the following new section:

"2804a. Certification requirement for military construction projects in areas of contingency operations.

"(a) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may not obligate or expend funds to carry out a military construction project overseas in connection with a contingency operation (as defined in section 101(a)(13) of this title) unless the combatant commander of the area of operations in which such project is to be constructed has certified to the Secretary of Defense that the project is needed for direct support of a contingency operation within that combatant command.

"(2) The restriction under paragraph (1) does not apply to planning and design activities or activities carried out under the authority of section 2805 of this title.

"(b) CERTIFICATION GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Defense shall publish guidance regarding the certification required under subsection (a)."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections in the beginning of such subchapter is amended by adding after the item relating to section 2804 the following new item:

"2804a. Certification requirement for military construction projects in areas of contingency operations."
SA 1719. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XXVIII, add the following:

SEC. 2007. USE OF PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS IN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS.

(a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 2852 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(d)(1) The Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments awarding a construction contract on behalf of the Government, in any solicitations, bid specifications, project agreements, or other controlling documents, shall not—

"(A) require or prohibit bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations; and

"(B) discriminate against or give preference to bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations; and

"(2) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a contractor or subcontractor from voluntarily entering into such an agreement, as is protected by the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 151 et seq.)."

(b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply to construction contracts awarded before the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 1720. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 622. TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER CERES.

(a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 2852 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking subdivision (C) and inserting the following:

"(C) the Secretary of Defense shall take into account—

"(1) the reliability of the energy source, with a preference afforded to sources that offer a constant, non-interruptible supply of power; and

"(2) the cost of the energy source in comparison with other available and reliable energy sources, with a preference afforded to energy sources that are demonstrated to be more cost-effective in the near term.

(b) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL REQUIREMENTS.—

"(1) GOALS ON USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TO MEET ELECTRICITY NEEDS.—Section 2991 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (e).


"(3) STRENGTHENING FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY, AND TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT.—The Department of Defense shall be exempt from Executive Order 13423 (42 U.S.C. 4321 note; relating to strengthening Federal environmental, energy, and transportation management).

"(4) FEDERAL FLEET CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS.—The Department of Defense shall be exempt from Federal fleet conservation requirements established under section 400P of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6737).

"(5) FEDERAL LEADERSHIP ON ENERGY MANAGEMENT.—The Department of Defense shall be exempt from the renewable energy consumption target established by the memorandum entitled "Leadership on Energy Management: Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies" and published December 10, 2001 (76 Fed. Reg. 78744).

"(6) PLANNING FOR FEDERAL SUSTAINABILITY IN THE NEXT DECADE.—The Department of Defense shall be exempt from Executive Order No. 13853 dated March 19, 2015.

SA 1723. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of part II of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 643. EQUAL BENEFITS UNDER SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN FOR SURVIVORS OF RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS WHO SERVE ON INACTIVITY-DUTY TRAINING.

(a) TREATMENT OF INACTIVITY-DUTY TRAINING IN SAME MANNER AS ACTIVE DUTY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1440(c)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

"(A) in clause (i)—

"(i) by striking "or 1448(f)" after "section 1448(d);" and

"(ii) by striking "and (iii)" after clause "(ii)";

"(B) in clause (ii)—

"(i) by striking "section 1448(f)(1) of this title" and inserting "section 1448(f)(1)(A) of this title by reason of the death of a member or former member not in line of duty"; and

"(ii) by striking "active"

(b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—No annuity benefit under the Survivor Benefit Plan shall accrue to any person by reason of the amendments made by paragraph (1) for any period before the date of the enactment of this Act. With respect to an annuity under the Survivor Benefit Plan for a death occurring on or after September 19, 2001, and before the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall recompute the benefit amount to reflect such amendments, effective for months beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) CONSISTENT TREATMENT OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—Section 1448(f) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(3) DEPENDENT CHILDREN ANNUITY.—

"(A) ANNUITY WHEN NO ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE.—In the case of a person described in paragraph (1), if the Secretary concerned shall pay an annuity under this subchapter to the dependent children of that person under section 1450(a)(2) of this title as applicable.

"(B) OPTIONAL ANNUITY WHEN THERE IS AN ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE.—The Secretary may pay an annuity under this subchapter to the dependent children of a person described in paragraph (1) who dies on or after September 19, 2001, and before the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall determine it to appropriate to provide an annuity for the dependent children under this paragraph instead of an annuity for the surviving spouse under paragraph (1).

"(C) DEEMED ELECTIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1448(f) of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section (b), is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(6) DEEMED ELECTION TO PROVIDE AN ANNUITY FOR DEPENDENT.—In the case of a person described in paragraph (1) who dies after November 26, 2001, the Secretary concerned may, if no other annuity is payable on behalf of that person under this subchapter, pay an
annuity to a natural person who has an insurable interest in such person as if the annuity were elected by the person under subsection (b)(1). The Secretary concerned may pay such an annuity under this paragraph only in the case of a person who is a dependent of that deceased person (as defined in section 1072(2) of this title). An annuity under this paragraph shall be computed in the same manner as provided under subparagraph (B) of subsection (d)(6) for an annuity under that subsection.

(2) Availability.—An annuity payment under paragraph (6) of section 1448(f) of title 10, United States Code, as added by paragraph (1) of this subsection, may be made for any period before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) Availability of Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance.

(1) Availability.—Section 1450(m)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting ‘‘or (D) after ‘subsection (d)’.

(2) Effective Date.—No payment under section 1450(m)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, by reason of the amendment made by paragraph (1) may be made for any period before the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 1724. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill S. R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 315, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SEC. 1040. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO COUNTRIES COVERED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRAVEL WARNINGS.

(a) Finding.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The Department of State issues travel warnings regarding travel to foreign countries that are issued solely on the basis of one or more of the following:

(1) Countries that pose such a significant travel threat to United States citizens that the Department of State feels obliged to issue a travel warning should not be considered an appropriate recipient of any detainee transferred by United States Department of State officials, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 652. REPORT AND ASSESSMENT ON COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PRIVATIZING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMMISERIES.

(a) In General.—Not later than February 1, 2016, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report assessing the viability of privatizing, in whole or in part, the Department of Defense commissary system. The report shall be submitted to Congress before the development of any plan to privatize defense commissaries or the defense commissary system.

(b) Elements.—The assessment required by subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) A methodology for defining the total number and status of privatizing defense commissaries.

(2) An evaluation of commissary use by low-income military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 315, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

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(a) Finding.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The Department of State issues travel warnings regarding travel to foreign countries that include “unstable government, civil war, ongoing intense crime or violence, or frequent terrorist attacks”.

(2) These travel warnings are issued to highly traveled countries for specific travel-related concerns and are left in place until the situation in the country concerned improves.

(b) Sense of Senate.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) countries that pose such a significant travel threat to United States citizens that the Department of State feels obliged to issue a travel warning should not be considered an appropriate recipient of any detainee transferred by United States Department of State officials, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 1257. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE AND THE EUROPEAN PEACE AND STABILITY INITIATIVE.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) continued United States commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and our allies in Europe is critical to peace and stability in the region and critical to United States national security;

(2) actions by Russia, including the invasion and occupation of territories of Georgia, the invasion of Ukraine and annexation of Crimea, continued violations of allied air- space by Russian military aircraft, and continued unprofessional and potentially dangerous close passes with civilian and military aircraft and vessels by Russia threaten the peace and stability in the region and stability in Central and Eastern Europe;

(3) Operation Atlantic Resolve, launched in April 2014, demonstrates the steadfast commitment of the United States to our allies in the region against any threat to territorial integrity or sovereignty;

(4) the European Reassurance Initiative, signed into law in December 2014, has improved United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization capability and readiness in Central and Eastern Europe;

(5) pre-positioning ammunition, fuel, and equipment in Europe to support joint military exercises, as well as improving infrastructure, will enhance North Atlantic Treaty Organization operations and enable Eastern European allies to rapidly receive reinforcement;

(6) increasing the presence of United States forces in the region, including naval forces in the Black Sea, Baltic Sea, and other theaters, through stepped-up rotations, training, and exercises will enhance and improve United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization interoperability and cooperation; and

(7) it is in the United States national interest to continue to make these efforts while the threat to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of our allies persists.

SA 1728. Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MIKULSKI, Mr. Kaine, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 315, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

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(b) Elements.—The assessment required by subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) A methodology for defining the total number and status of privatizing defense commissaries.

(2) An evaluation of commissary use by low-income military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 315, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

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(6) increasing the presence of United States forces in the region, including naval forces in the Black Sea, Baltic Sea, and other theaters, through stepped-up rotations, training, and exercises will enhance and improve United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization interoperability and cooperation; and

(7) it is in the United States national interest to continue to make these efforts while the threat to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of our allies persists.
(3) An evaluation of commissary use in locations outside the continental United States and in remote and isolated locations in the continental United States when compared to other locations.


(5) A description of potential savings and efficiencies to be achieved through implementation of some or all of recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

(6) A description and evaluation of the strategy of the Defense Commissary Agency for privatization of the defense commissary system.

(7) A description and evaluation of the transportation strategy of the Defense Commissary Agency for products sold at commissaries.

(8) A description and evaluation of the formula for the Defense Commissary Agency for calculating savings for its customers as a result of its pricing strategy.

(9) An evaluation of the average savings per household garnered by commissary use.

(10) A description and evaluation of the use of privatization as a source of personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following:

**SEC. 152. ADDITIONAL SENSOR SUITES FOR F–22 AND F–35 AIRCRAFT CROSS-SECTION FACILITIES.**

(a) ASSESSMENT OF FEASIBILITY OF INCLUSION OF SENSORS.

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct an assessment of the feasibility of the inclusion of additional sensor suites to the current radar cross-section facilities for the F–22 aircraft and the F–35 aircraft in order to obtain a prognostic facility capability, benefitting life cycle logistics and serviceable air asset management.

(2) DISCHARGE OF ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary shall conduct the assessment through the F–22 Program Office and the Joint Strike Fighter Programs Office.

(b) NATURE OF SENSORS ASSESSED.—The additional sensors assessed for purposes of subsection (a) shall be sensors that use the electromagnetic spectrum to automatically capture signature and maintenance data related to system and subsystem health, structural integrity, and signature performance of an aircraft, including structural (surface and subsurface) changes effecting the radar signature to enable precise repairs to its coatings and shape.

(c) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment conducted pursuant to subsection (a) shall also include an assessment of the incorporation of prognostic health management, autonomic logistics, and sustainability functions for the additional sensor suite capacity capability described in subsection (a).

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Senate a report containing the results of the assessment conducted pursuant to this section.

**SA 1729. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:**

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

**Subtitle F—Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement**

**SEC. 891. SHORT TITLE.**

(a) Short Title.—This subtitle may be cited as the "Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2015".

**SEC. 892. DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION PROCESS IMPROVEMENT.**

(a) Civilian Contracts.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3009 of title 41, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

(b) Criteria for Use.—

(1) CONTRACTS WITH A VALUE OF AT LEAST $750,000.—Two-phase selection procedures shall be used for entering into a contract for the design and construction of a public building, facility, or work when a contracting officer determines that the contract has a value of $750,000 or greater, as adjusted for inflation in accordance with section 1908 of this title.

(2) CONTRACTS WITH A VALUE LESS THAN $750,000.—For projects that a contracting officer determines have a value of less than
$750,000, the contracting officer shall make a determination whether two-phase selection procedures are appropriate for use for entering into a contract for the design and construction of a public building, facility, or work when—

(A) the contracting officer anticipates that 3 or more offers will be received for the contract;

(B) every offeror must comply with the cost and pricing procedures of the Federally mandated contract awarding agency. A contracting officer shall make a determination whether two-phase selection procedures are appropriate for use for entering into a contract for the design and construction of a public building, facility, or work when—

(A) the contracting officer anticipates that 3 or more offers will be received for the contract;

(B) design work must be performed before an offeror can develop a price or cost proposal for the contract;

(C) the offerors will incur a substantial amount of expense in preparing the offer; and

(D) the contracting officer has considered information such as—

(i) the extent to which any potential contractors have been adequately defined;

(ii) the time constraints for delivery of the project;

(iii) the capability and experience of potential contractors;

(iv) the suitability of the project for use of the two-phase selection procedures;

(v) the capability of the agency to manage the two-phase selection process; and

(vi) other criteria established by the agency.; and

(B) in subsection (d), by striking "The maximum number specified in the solicitation shall not exceed 5 unless the head of the agency determines that the contract has a value of less than $750,000, the contracting officer shall make a determination whether two-phase selection procedures are appropriate for use for entering into a contract for the design and construction of a public building, facility, or work when—

(A) the contracting officer anticipates that 3 or more offers will be received for the contract;

(B) design work must be performed before an offeror can develop a price or cost proposal for the contract;

(C) the offerors will incur a substantial amount of expense in preparing the offer; and

(D) the contracting officer has considered information such as—

(i) the extent to which any potential contractors have been adequately defined;

(ii) the time constraints for delivery of the project;

(iii) the capability and experience of potential contractors;

(iv) the suitability of the project for use of the two-phase selection procedures;

(v) the capability of the agency to manage the two-phase selection process; and

(vi) other criteria established by the Department of Defense.;’’ and

(B) in subsection (d), by striking ‘‘The maximum number specified in the solicitation shall not exceed 5 unless the head of the contracting activity approves the contracting officer’s justification that an individual solicitation must have greater than 5 finalists to be in the Government’s interest.’’ and

(C) in subsection (d), by striking ‘‘The maximum number specified in the solicitation shall not exceed 5 unless the head of the contracting activity approves the contracting officer’s justification that an individual solicitation must have greater than 5 finalists to be in the Government’s interest.’’ and

The contracting officer shall provide written documentation of how a maximum number of offerors exceeding 5 is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the two-phase selection process.”.

(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than November 30 of each of the fiscal years ending in such calendar year, in which—

(i) more than 5 finalists were selected for phase-two requests for proposals; or

(ii) the contract was awarded without using two-phase selection procedures.

(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall facilitate public access to the reports, including by posting them on a publicly available Internet website. A notice of the availability of each report shall be published in the Federal Register.

(b) DEFENSE CONTRACTS.—

(1) GENERAL.—Section 2305a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

‘‘(b) CRITERIA FOR USE.—

‘‘(1) CONTRACTS WITH A VALUE OF AT LEAST $750,000.—Two-phase selection procedures shall be used for entering into a contract for the design and construction of a public building, facility, or work when a contractor officer determines that the contract has a value of $750,000 or greater, as adjusted for inflation in accordance with section 1908 of title 41, United States Code.

(2) CONTRACTS WITH A VALUE LESS THAN $750,000.—For projects that a contracting officer determines have a value of less than $750,000, the contracting officer shall make a determination whether two-phase selection procedures are appropriate for use for entering into a contract for the design and construction of a public building, facility, or work when—

(A) the contracting officer anticipates that 3 or more offers will be received for the contract;

(B) design work must be performed before an offeror can develop a price or cost proposal for the contract;

(C) the offerors will incur a substantial amount of expense in preparing the offer; and

(D) the contracting officer has considered information such as—

(i) the extent to which any potential contractors have been adequately defined;

(ii) the time constraints for delivery of the project;

(iii) the capability and experience of potential contractors;

(iv) the suitability of the project for use of the two-phase selection procedures;

(v) the capability of the agency to manage the two-phase selection process; and

(vi) other criteria established by the Department of Defense.’’.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(1) the term ‘‘design and construction services’’ means—

(A) site planning and landscape design;

(B) architectural and engineering services (including surveying and mapping defined in section 1101 of title 40, United States Code);

(C) interior design;

(D) performance of construction work for facility, infrastructure, and environmental restoration projects;

(E) delivery and supply of construction materials to construction sites; and

(F) construction or repair of public buildings or public works; and

(2) the term ‘‘reverse auction’’ means, with respect to procurement by an agency—

(A) a real-time auction conducted through an electronic medium between a group of offerors who compete against each other by bidding online in order to submit revised bids throughout the course of the auction; and

(B) a contract or task order to the offeror who submits the lowest bid.

SEC. 894. ASSURING PAYMENT PROTECTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS UNDER AN ALTERNATIVE TO A MILLER ACT BOND PAYMENT.

Chapter 38 of subtitle VI of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by adding at the end the following new section:

‘‘§3101. Individual sureties

‘‘If another applicable law or regulation permits the acceptance of a bond from a surety that is not subject to sections 2906 and 9306 and is based on a pledge of assets by the surety, the assets pledged by such surety shall—

(1) consist of eligible obligations described under section 9303(a); and

(2) be submitted to the official of the Government required to approve or accept the bond. The bond shall be issued in the form of a depository described under section 9303(b).’’;

and

(2) in the table of sections for such chapter, by adding at the end the following new item:

‘‘§3101. Individual sureties.’’.

SEC. 885. SBA SURETY BOND GUARANTEE PROGRAM.

Section 1110(a)(1) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 648k(a)(1)) is amended by striking ‘‘70’’ and inserting ‘‘90’’.

SA 1732. Mr. DAINES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, which is ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:
SEC. 1065. REPORT ON THE LOCATION OF C-130 MODULAR AIRBORNE FIREFIGHTING SYSTEM UNITS.

Not later than October 30, 2016, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to Congress a report setting forth an assessment of the locations of C-130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System (MAFFS) units. The report shall include the following:

(1) A list of the C-130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units of the Air Force.

(2) An evaluation of the rates of unit loss of such units listed under paragraph (1).

(3) An assessment of opportunities to expand coverage of C-130 Modular Airborne Firefighting System units in States most prone to wildfires.

SA 1733. Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. CASSIDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle P of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1065. REPORT ON PLANS FOR THE USE OF DOMESTIC AIRFIELDS FOR HOME- LAND DEFENSE AND DISASTER RESPONSE.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Transportation, submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report setting forth an assessment of the plans for airfields in the United States that are required to support homeland defense and local disaster response missions.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The report shall include the following items:

(1) A methodology to determine the capabilities and locations of airfields in the United States needed to support safe operations of military aircraft in the execution of homeland defense and local disaster response missions.

(2) A description of the processes and procedures in place to ensure that contingency plans for the use of airfields in the United States that support both military and civilian air operations are coordinated among the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies with jurisdiction over those airfields.

(3) An assessment of the impact, if any, to logistics and resource planning as a result of the reduction of certain capabilities of airfields in the United States that support both military and civilian air operations.

(4) A review of the existing agreements and authorities between the Commander of the United States Northern Command and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration that allow for consultation on decisions that impact the capabilities of airfields in the United States that support both military and civilian air operations.

(c) FORM.—The report submitted under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term ‘‘appropriate committees of Congress’’ means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

(2) CAPABILITIES OF AIRFIELDS.—The term ‘‘capabilities of airfields’’ means the length and width of runways, taxiways, and aprons, the operation of refueling services, the maintenance and lighting, the operation of fuel storage, distribution, and refueling systems, and the availability of air traffic services.

(3) AIRFIELDS IN THE UNITED STATES THAT SUPPORT BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AIR OPERATIONS.—The term ‘‘airfields in the United States that support both military and civilian air operations’’ means the following:

(A) Airports that are designated as joint use facilities pursuant to section 4715 of title 49, United States Code, in which both the military and civil aviation have shared use of the airfield.

(B) Airports used by the military that have a permanent military aviation presence at the airport pursuant to a memorandum of agreement or tenant lease with the airport owner that is in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 1734. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. CARDIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1066. REPORT ON COUNTER-DRUG EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a report to Congress that outlines—

(1) the criteria used to determine the capabilities of the Department of Defense in Afghanistan; and

(2) how the Secretary of Defense will coordinate the counter-drug efforts of the Departments of Defense and Treasury, the Federal agencies to ensure an integrated, effective counter-narcotics strategy is implemented in Afghanistan.

(b) COVERAGE.—The report submitted under subsection (a) shall—

(1) include information as to how the Secretary of Defense will evaluate the counter-drug efforts of the Department of Defense for success in Afghanistan; and

(2) outline the process by which the Secretary of Defense will determine whether there is a need to update in the counter-drug initiatives of the Department of Defense in Afghanistan.

SA 1735. Ms. HEITKAMP submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for military activities of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2016 for military operations of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 738. STUDY ON REDUCING STIGMA AND IMPROVING TREATMENT OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS.

(a) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly conduct a study on reducing the stigma and improving the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder among members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

(2) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study required by paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall consult with individuals with relevant experience relating to post-traumatic stress disorder, the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, and the impact of post-traumatic stress disorder on members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families, including the following:

(A) Representatives of military service organizations.

(B) Representatives of veterans service organizations.

(C) Health professionals with experience in treating members of the Armed Forces and veterans with mental illness, including those who have experienced trauma, who are veterans, who are retired, or who are employed by Federal Government and those who do not.

(D) Whether using the term ‘‘disorder’’ on the stigma attached to post-traumatic stress disorder among members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

(E) Whether there is a need to update the next version of the VA/DOD Clinical Practice Guideline for Management of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder published by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(F) Whether there is a need to update information provided to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, including information on Internet websites of the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs, on post-traumatic stress disorder to reduce the stigma and more accurately describe the medical conditions for which members of the Armed Forces and veterans are receiving treatment.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of the study required by subsection (a), including recommendations for any actions that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs can take to reduce the stigma and improve the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder among members of the Armed Forces and veterans.
SEC. 1085. VOLUNTARY NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF VETERANS.

(a) Program Required.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall establish a program to facilitate outreach to veterans by covered entities.

(2) Covered entities.—For purposes of this section, a covered entity is any of the following:

(A) The Department of Veterans Affairs.

(B) The agency or department of a State that is the primary agency or department of the State for the administration of benefits and services for veterans in the State.

(C) An Indian tribe or organization recognized by the Secretary for the representation of veterans described in subsection (a)(3).

(D) An Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)).

(2) Program.—To carry out the program required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) establish a national directory of veterans as described in subsection (b); and

(B) share information in the directory in accordance with subsection (c).

(b) National Directory.

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish the national directory required by subsection (a)(3) using information received from the Secretary of Defense under subsection (d)(4).

(2) Updates.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that the national directory is current by which a participating individual can update the information in the national directory that pertains to the participating individual.

(c) Privacy and security.—The Secretary shall—

(A) provide a form for the collection of information regarding the privacy and security of individuals participating in the program, a participating entity shall agree not to use any information received under the program for any nonrelated commercial purpose, and in addition to the provisions of clause (i), a program described in subsection (a)(3) shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(d) Collection of Contact Information.—

(1) Program.—Under the program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the provisions of this subsection, information about participating individuals with the programs they could be eligible for or services, support, and information they may be interested in receiving, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the program established under subsection (a)(1), information in the directory concerning such individuals with entities applicable to participating individuals.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.

(iv) Under the program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the provisions of this subsection, information about participating individuals with the programs they could be eligible for or services, support, and information they may be interested in receiving, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the program established under subsection (a)(1), information in the national directory concerning such individuals with entities applicable to participating individuals.

(B) Elements.—The form developed under paragraph (A) shall include notice of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The e-mail address of a participating individual.

(iii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iv) The phone number of a participating individual.

(v) Under the program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the provisions of this subsection, information about participating individuals with the programs they could be eligible for or services, support, and information they may be interested in receiving, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Defense, shall develop the form provided under paragraph (1).

(2) Prohibition on Sale of Information.—The Secretary may not sell any information collected under this section.

(3) Privacy and Security.—The Secretary shall—

(A) provide for the collection of information regarding the privacy and security of individuals participating in the program, a participating entity shall agree not to use any information received under the program for any nonrelated commercial purpose, and in addition to the provisions of clause (i), a program described in subsection (a)(3) shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.

(C) Consent to Use of Information.—The Secretary may use the system and architecture of the eBenefits Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs to support and operate the national directory as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) Outreach.—

(1) Sharing of Directory Information.—

(A) In General.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), in order to connect participating individuals with the programs they could be eligible for or services, support, and information they may be interested in receiving, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the program established under subsection (a)(1), information in the national directory concerning such individuals with entities applicable to participating individuals.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.

(iv) Under the program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the provisions of this subsection, information about participating individuals with the programs they could be eligible for or services, support, and information they may be interested in receiving, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the program established under subsection (a)(1), information in the national directory concerning such individuals with entities applicable to participating individuals.

(2) Prohibition on Sale of Information.—The Secretary may not sell any information collected under this section.

(3) Privacy and Security.—The Secretary shall—

(A) provide for the collection of information regarding the privacy and security of individuals participating in the program, a participating entity shall agree not to use any information received under the program for any nonrelated commercial purpose, and in addition to the provisions of clause (i), a program described in subsection (a)(3) shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.

(iv) Under the program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the provisions of this subsection, information about participating individuals with the programs they could be eligible for or services, support, and information they may be interested in receiving, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Defense, shall develop the form provided under paragraph (1).

(2) Prohibition on Sale of Information.—The Secretary may not sell any information collected under this section.

(3) Privacy and Security.—The Secretary shall—

(A) provide for the collection of information regarding the privacy and security of individuals participating in the program, a participating entity shall agree not to use any information received under the program for any nonrelated commercial purpose, and in addition to the provisions of clause (i), a program described in subsection (a)(3) shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.

(4) Reenrollment.—The Secretary shall establish a mechanism by which a participating individual can indicate to the Secretary that the individual would no longer like to receive information from participating entities under the program.

(5) Disenrollment by Participating Entities.—The Secretary shall establish a mechanism by which a participating entity may indicate to the Secretary that the participating entity would no longer like to receive information about participating individuals from the national directory.

(6) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that covered entities described in subsection (a)(2)(C) should work with third parties, veterans service organizations, military community groups, and other entities with an interest in assisting veterans, to develop the information the covered entities receive from participating individuals under the program.

(7) Publicity.—The Secretary shall—

(A) provide for the collection of information regarding the privacy and security of individuals participating in the program, a participating entity shall agree not to use any information received under the program for any nonrelated commercial purpose, and in addition to the provisions of clause (i), a program described in subsection (a)(3) shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.

(iv) Under the program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the provisions of this subsection, information about participating individuals with the programs they could be eligible for or services, support, and information they may be interested in receiving, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the program established under subsection (a)(1), information in the national directory concerning such individuals with entities applicable to participating individuals.

(2) Prohibition on Sale of Information.—The Secretary may not sell any information collected under this section.

(3) Privacy and Security.—The Secretary shall—

(A) provide for the collection of information regarding the privacy and security of individuals participating in the program, a participating entity shall agree not to use any information received under the program for any nonrelated commercial purpose, and in addition to the provisions of clause (i), a program described in subsection (a)(3) shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.

(iv) Under the program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the provisions of this subsection, information about participating individuals with the programs they could be eligible for or services, support, and information they may be interested in receiving, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may share, under the program established under subsection (a)(1), information in the national directory concerning such individuals with entities applicable to participating individuals.

(2) Prohibition on Sale of Information.—The Secretary may not sell any information collected under this section.

(3) Privacy and Security.—The Secretary shall—

(A) provide for the collection of information regarding the privacy and security of individuals participating in the program, a participating entity shall agree not to use any information received under the program for any nonrelated commercial purpose, and in addition to the provisions of clause (i), a program described in subsection (a)(3) shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.

(4) Reenrollment.—The Secretary shall establish a mechanism by which a participating individual can indicate to the Secretary that the individual would no longer like to receive information from participating entities under the program.

(5) Disenrollment by Participating Entities.—The Secretary shall—

(A) provide for the collection of information regarding the privacy and security of individuals participating in the program, a participating entity shall agree not to use any information received under the program for any nonrelated commercial purpose, and in addition to the provisions of clause (i), a program described in subsection (a)(3) shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Entities Applicable to Participating Individuals.—For purposes of this paragraph, an entity that is applicable to a participating individual is any of the following:

(i) The name of a participating individual.

(ii) The postal address of a participating individual.

(iii) The phone number of a participating individual.
(iii) Information provided on the form developed under subparagraph (A) will never be sold, provided to a for-profit entity, or used to send any sort of political communication, or used to target that is inconsistent with the program.

(4) TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION TO SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which a number of the Armed Forces who submitted information to the Secretary of Defense under this subsection separates from service in the Armed Forces, the Secretary of Defense shall transmit such information to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(5) PRIVACY AND SECURITY.—The Secretary of Defense shall take such actions as the Secretary considers appropriate to—

(A) the privacy of individuals who submit information under this subsection; and

(B) the security of such information.

(i) while it is in the possession of the Secretary; and

(ii) if it is in transit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(6) INTEGRATION WITH TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor shall jointly take such actions as the agencies consider appropriate to integrate the collection of information under this subsection with the Transition Assistance Program.

(e) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the program established under subsection (a).

(2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include an examination and assessment of—

(A) the number of forms submitted under subsection (a); and

(B) the ways in which contact information is transferred from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under the program and any challenges the Secretary encountered in transferring such information.

(C) The number of covered entities described in subsection (a)(2)(C) participating in the program and any challenges the Secretary encountered in receiving the contact information from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under the program.

(D) The effectiveness of efforts of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to protect the personal information of participating individuals.

(E) The effectiveness of efforts of covered entities described in subsection (a)(2)(C) to protect the personal information of participating individuals.

(F) Any additional limitations on the use of information collected under the program are necessary to protect participating individuals from unwanted contact, or contact that is inconsistent with the program.

(G) Whether participating individuals are benefitting by participating in the program and whether changing the program would improve such participation and utilization could be improved.

(I) Such other matters as the secretaries consider appropriate.

(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means the following:

(A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

(B) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) PARTICIPATING ENTITY.—The term “participating entity” means a covered entity that has indicated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that the covered entity would like to receive information about participating individuals.

(2) PARTICIPATING INDIVIDUAL.—The term “participating individual” means an individual with respect to whom information is stored in the national directory and who has indicated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of Defense that the covered entity would like to stop receiving such information.

(3) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY CONSUMER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If a consumer who has provided appropriate proof to a consumer reporting agency that the consumer is an active duty military consumer, the consumer reporting agency shall notify the consumer, according to a frequency, manner, and timeliness determined by the Bureau or specified by the consumer—

(i) that the consumer has requested that the consumer be treated as a consumer who is not an active duty military consumer;

(ii) that the consumer has requested that the consumer be treated as a consumer who is not an active duty military consumer; and

(iii) that the consumer has requested that the consumer be treated as a consumer who is not an active duty military consumer.

(B) DIRECT REQUEST.—Unless the consumer opts out, the provision of appropriate proof that a consumer is an active duty military consumer shall be treated as a direct request for an active duty alert under paragraph (1).

(C) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that any person making use of a report that contains an item of adverse information should, if the action or inaction that gave rise to the item occurred when the consumer was an active duty military consumer, take steps to account when evaluating the creditworthiness of the consumer, and
(B) in subsection (e), by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following: (3) subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1), in the case of a referral under subsection (a), shall apply only if there is no conflict of interest between the investigator, any witness involved in the covered investigation, and the covered employee or member of the Armed Forces, as applicable, during the conduct of the covered investigation.

(2) STANDARDIZED FORM.—The Inspector General shall develop a standardized form to be used by each investigator to submit the certification required under paragraph (1).

(3) INVESTIGATION.—Each certification submitted under paragraph (1) shall be included in the file of the applicable covered investigation.

SA 1740. Mrs. McCaskill submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaskin to the bill S. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 884. PROTECTION FOR CONTRACTORS AND GRANTEES FROM REPRISAL FOR DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.

(a) ELIMINATION OF SUNSET PROVISION.—Section 4712 of title 41, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (i).

(b) EXTENSION OF PROTECTIONS TO GRANT RECIPIENTS.—Such subsection is further amended by striking paragraph (1) and adding the following at the end thereof:

"(g) DISCLOSURES WITH RESPECT TO ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—

(a) CONTRACTORS OF DOD AND RELATED AGENCIES.—Subsection (e) of section 2009 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(g) DISCLOSURES WITH RESPECT TO ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND INTELLIGENCE-RELATED ACTIVITIES.—(1) Any disclosure under this section by an employee of a contractor, subcontractor, or grantee of an element of the intelligence community reasonably believed evidenced—

(i) any violation of any law, rule, or regulation.

(ii) gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Each investigator involved in a covered investigation shall submit to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense or the Inspector General of the military department, as applicable, a certificate that there was no conflict of interest between the investigator, any witness involved in the covered investigation, and the covered employees or members of the Armed Forces, as applicable, during the conduct of the covered investigation.

(c) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each investigator involved in a covered investigation shall submit to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense or the Inspector General of the military department, as applicable, a certificate that there was no conflict of interest between the investigator, any witness involved in the covered investigation, and the covered employees or members of the Armed Forces, as applicable, during the conduct of the covered investigation.

(2) STANDARDIZED FORM.—The Inspector General shall develop a standardized form to be used by each investigator to submit the certification required under paragraph (1).

(3) INVESTIGATION.—Each certification submitted under paragraph (1) shall be included in the file of the applicable covered investigation.

(c) DUTIES.—The panel shall—

(1) review the acquisition regulations applicable to the Department of Defense with a view toward streamlining and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the defense acquisition system, maximizing the technology advantage, and protecting the best interests of the taxpayer; and

SA 1742. Mrs. McCaskill submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaskin to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 884. PROTECTION FOR CONTRACTORS AND GRANTEES FROM REPRISAL FOR DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.

(a) ELIMINATION OF SUNSET PROVISION.—Section 4712 of title 41, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (i).

(b) EXTENSION OF PROTECTIONS TO GRANT RECIPIENTS.—Such subsection is further amended by striking paragraph (1) and adding the following at the end thereof:
the court that the national security interests of the United States warrant the use of such summaries or submissions.”.

(b) PILOT PROGRAM ON OTHER CONTRACTOR EXTENSIONS.—Subsection (f) of section 4712 of title 41, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“...(f) DISCLOSURES WITH RESPECT TO ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE-RELATED ACTIVITIES.—

“(1) MANNER OF DISCLOSURES.—Any disclosure under this section by an employee of a contractor, subcontractor, or grantee of an agency of an element of the intelligence community (as defined in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4))) with respect to the intelligence community or an activity of an element of the intelligence community shall comply with applicable provisions of section 17(d)(5) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3171(d)(5)) and section 8H of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(2) TREATMENT BY COURTS.—Any disclosure described in paragraph (1) of information required by Executive order to be kept classified in the interests of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs that is made to a court shall be treated by the court in a manner consistent with the interests of the United States warrant the use of such summaries or submissions.”.

SA 1744. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR WHICH AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113–235) appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs—

(A) $35,000,000 to make seismic corrections to Building 205 in the West Los Angeles Medical Center of the Department in Los Angeles, California, which, according to the Department, is designated as having an exceptionally high risk of sustaining substantial damage or collapsing during an earthquake;

(B) Through an agreement with the community living center and mental health facilities of the Department in Long Beach, California, which, according to the Department, are designated as having an exceptionally high risk of sustaining substantial damage or collapsing during an earthquake;

(C) $187,500,000 to replace the existing special care unit of the Department in Long Beach, California, which, according to the Department, is designated as having an extremely high risk of sustaining major damages or collapse during an earthquake; and

(D) $122,400,000 to make renovations to address substantial safety and compliance issues at the medical center of the Department in Canandaigua, New York, and for the construction of a new clinic and community living center at such medical center.

(2) The Department shall obligate or expend the amounts described in paragraph (1) because it lacks an explicit authorization by an Act of Congress pursuant to section 904(a) of title 41, United States Code, to carry out the major medical facility projects described in such paragraph.

(3) Among the major medical facility projects described in paragraph (1), three are critical seismic safety projects in California.

(4) Every day that the critical seismic safety projects described in paragraph (3) are delayed punishes veterans and employees of the Department at risk.

(5) According to the United States Geological Survey—

(A) California has a 99 percent chance or greater of experiencing an earthquake of magnitude 6.7 or greater in the next 30 years;

(B) even earthquakes of less severity than magnitude 6.7 can cause life threatening damage to seismically unsafe buildings; and

(C) in California, earthquakes of magnitude 6.0 or greater occur on average once every 12 years.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the major medical facility projects in the Department of Veterans Affairs specified in the explanatory statement accompanying the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113–235) in the amounts and in the terms specified in such explanatory statement, including by obligating and expending such amounts.

SA 1745. Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

SEC. 314. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is established in the Treasury a fund to be known as the “Department of Defense Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Fund”.

(b) DEPOSITS.—The Fund shall consist of:

(1) Amounts appropriated to the Fund.

(2) Amounts earned through investment under subsection (c).

(3) Any other amounts made available to the Fund by law.

(c) INVESTMENTS.—The Secretary shall invest any amount the Secretary decides is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States Government, or an obligation that has its principal and interest guaranteed by the United States Government, that the Secretary determines has a maturity suitable for the Fund.

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, to enter into contracts under which the Secretary may carry out programs, projects, and activities necessary to fund alternative fuels programs of the Department.
human rights of the women and girls of Afghanistan. The National Action Plan states that "the engagement and protection of women as agents of peace and stability will be central to United States efforts to promote security, prevent, respond to, and resolve conflict, and rebuild societies".

(3) As stated in the Department of Defense’s October 2014 Report on Progress Toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense and the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) “maintain a robust program dedicated to improving the recruitment, retention, and treatment of women in the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), and to improving the status of female security officers within the Afghan National Police (ANP) billets within the Resolute Support Mission Gender Advisory Unit.” (c) PLAN TO PROMOTE SECURITY OF AFGHAN WOMEN.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, shall include in the report required under section 1225 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291; 128 Stat. 3550) an assessment of the security of Afghan women and girls, including information regarding efforts to increase the recruitment and retention of women in the ANSF; and

(2) PLAN REQUIRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall, in coordination with the Secretary of State, provide the efforts of the Government of Afghanistan to promote the security of Afghan women and girls during and after the security transition as part of their overall national security strategy and as reflected in relevant negotiations; and

(B) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Defense, working with the NATO-led Resolute Support mission, shall—

(i) training the Afghan Ministry of Interior; and

(ii) a plan to address the development of accountability mechanisms for ANA and ANP personnel who violate codes of conduct related to the treatment of women and girls, including female members of the ANSF; and

(iii) mechanisms to enhance the capacity for units of National Police’s Family Response Units to fulfill their mandate as well as indicators measuring the operational effectiveness of these units; for women in the ANSF, including appropriate equip-

(C) ENROLLMENT AND TREATMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in cooperation with the Afghan Ministry of Interior, shall seek to assist the Government of Afghanistan in including as part of the plan developed under subparagraph (A) the development and dissemination of the plans for the recruitment, integration, retention, training, treatment, and provision of appropriate facilities and transportation for women in the ANSF, including the challenges associated with such implementation and the steps being taken to address those challenges.

(D) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds available to the Department of Defense for the Afghan Security Forces Fund for Fiscal Year 2016, no less than $10,000,000 should be used for the recruitment, integration, retention, training, and treatment of women in the ANSF as well as the recruitment, training, and contracting of female security personnel for future elections.

(ii) TYPES OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.—Such programs and activities may include—

(I) efforts to recruit women into the ANSF, including the special operations forces;

(II) programs and activities of the Afghan Ministry of Defense Directorate of Human Rights and Gender Integration and the Afghan Ministry of Interior Office of Human Rights, Gender, and Child Rights;

(III) development and dissemination of gender and human rights educational and training materials and programs within the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the Afghan Ministry of Interior;

(IV) efforts to address harassment and violence against women in the ANSF;

(V) improvements to infrastructure that address the requirements of women serving in the ANSF, including appropriate facilities and transportation for policewomen to their station;

(VI) support for ANP Family Response Units; and

(VII) security provisions for high-profile female police and army officers.

SA 1748. Mr. PETERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following:

SEC. 524. REVIEW OF CHARACTERIZATION OR TERMS OF DISCHARGE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS ALLEGED TO AFFECT TERMS OF DISCHARGE.

Section 1553(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3)(A) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2), in the case of a former member described in subparagraph (B), the board shall—

(i) review medical evidence of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or a civilian health care provider that is presented by the former member; and

(ii) review the case with a presumption of administrative irregularity and place the burden on the Secretary concerned to prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that no error or injustice occurred.

(B) A former member described in this subparagraph is a former member described in paragraph (1) or a former member whose application for relief is based in whole or in part on matters relating to post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury as supported by a determination by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or a civilian health care provider that is presented by the former member; and

(C) ENROLLMENT AND TREATMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in cooperation with the Afghan Ministry of Interior, shall seek to assist the Government of Afghanistan in including as part of the plan developed under subparagraph (A) a plan to develop training for the ANA and ANP to increase awareness and responsiveness among ANA and ANP personnel regarding the unique security challenges women confront when serving in those forces.

(D) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds available to the Department of Defense for the Afghan Security Forces Fund for Fiscal Year 2016, no less than $10,000,000 should be used for the recruitment, integration, retention, training, and treatment of women in the ANSF as well as the recruitment, training, and contracting of female security personnel for future elections.

(ii) TYPES OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.—Such programs and activities may include—

(I) efforts to recruit women into the ANSF, including the special operations forces;

(II) programs and activities of the Afghan Ministry of Defense Directorate of Human Rights and Gender Integration and the Afghan Ministry of Interior Office of Human Rights, Gender, and Child Rights;

(III) development and dissemination of gender and human rights educational and training materials and programs within the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the Afghan Ministry of Interior;

(IV) efforts to address harassment and violence against women in the ANSF;

(V) improvements to infrastructure that address the requirements of women serving in the ANSF, including appropriate facilities and transportation for policewomen to their station;

(VI) support for ANP Family Response Units; and

(VII) security provisions for high-profile female police and army officers.

SA 1749. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:
SEC. 1085. SENSE OF SENATE ON MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARDS.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) by 2015 report of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense that personnel charged nearly $1,000,000 to government travel charge cards for personal use at casinos and adult entertainment establishments over a one year period demonstrates serious misuse of government travel charge cards, does not comport with the values of the Department, and requires additional oversight to prevent future misuse;

(2) the Director of the Defense Travel Management Office should work with the Armed Forces, the Defense Agencies, and representatives of financial institutions to determine how to prevent and identify the inappropriate personal use of the government travel charge cards under those and similar circumstances; and

(3) the Department of Defense should work to expeditiously address any outstanding recommendations in the report of the Inspector General described in paragraph (1).

SA 1750. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 721. PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION OF VETS4WARRIORS PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not terminate the peer support program under the VetS4Warriors program unless the Secretary determines, through a public process established by the Secretary, that members of the Armed Forces will receive adequate mental health care and resources in the absence of such program.

(b) EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of peer-to-peer counseling in assisting members of the Armed Forces and their families.

SEC. 755. STARBASE PROGRAM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) the budget of the President for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense's STARBASE program recognizes the importance of enriching bulk fuel cost savings is hereby decreased by $25,000,000.

(2) the amount available by reason of increased bulk fuel cost savings is hereby decreased by $25,000,000.

SEC. 1753. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1085. SENSE OF SENATE ON MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARDS.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(a) REQUIREMENT TO DEVELOP AND DEPLOY UAS TECHNOLOGIES.—The Secretary of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence shall work in conjunction with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the heads of other Federal agencies, existing UAS test sites designated by the Federal Aviation Administration, the private sector, and academia on the research and development of technologies to safely detect, identify, classify, and deconflict UAS in the national air space, integrate UAS, and deploy proven UAS mitigation technologies—

(1) to ensure that UAS operate safely in the national air space;

(2) to ensure that the commercial use of UAS technologies increase and are safely integrated into the national air space, the United States is taking full advantage of existing and developmental technologies to detect, identify, classify, track, and counteract UAS in and around restricted and controlled air space, such as airports, military training areas, National Security Events, and sensitive national security locations;

(3) to yield important insights for the Department of Defense, intelligence community, Department of Homeland Security, and civilian and private sector applications;

(4) to provide intelligence, reconnaissance, and surveillance capabilities over widely dispersed and expansive territories; and

(5) to improve methods for protecting privacy and civil liberties related to the use of UAS.

(b) UAS DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘‘UAS’’ means unmanned aerial systems.

SA 1754. Mrs. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1085. SENSE OF SENATE ON MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARDS.
OFFICERS AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT POLICY

(a) DEFENSE.—Section 1126 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c) PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT.—

"(1) REQUIREMENT.—Subject to the direction and approval of the Director, the Deputy Director for Management or designee shall—

"(A) adopt governmentwide standards, policies, and guidelines for program and project management for executive agencies;

"(B) advise and assist the Deputy Director for Management and Budget in coordination with the Program Management Policy Council established under section 1126(a)(1); and

"(D) issue regulations and establish standards and policies for executive agencies, in accordance with nationally accredited standards for program and project management planning and delivery issues;

"(E) engage with the private sector;

"(F) conduct portfolio reviews to address programs identified as high risk by the Government Accountability Office;

"(G) not less than annually, conduct portfolio reviews of agency programs in coordination with the Program Management Policy Council established under section 1126(a)(1); and

"(H) establish a 5-year strategic plan for program and project management.

"(2) APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the Department of Defense to the extent that the provisions of that paragraph are substantially similar to or duplicative of the provisions under section 810 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

(b) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT POLICY COUNCIL.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Office of Management and Budget a council to be known as the ‘Program Management Policy Council’ (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Council’).

"(2) PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS.—The Council shall—

"(A) advise and assist the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget;

"(B) review programs identified as high risk by the General Accountability Office and make recommendations for actions to be taken by the head of the Office of Management and Budget or designee;

"(C) discuss topics of importance to the workforce;

"(D) advise on the development and applicability of standards governmentwide for program management transparency; and

"(E) review the information published on the website of the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to section 1122.

"(3) MEMBERSHIP.—

"(a) COMPOSITION.—The Council shall be composed of the following members:

"(i) Five members from the Office of Management and Budget;

"(ii) The Director of Management and Budget of the Federal Personnel Standards Council; and

"(iii) Other individuals as determined appropriate by the Chairperson.

"(B) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Director for Management and Budget shall be the Chairperson of the Council. A Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the members and shall serve a term of not more than 1 year.

"(ii) DUTIES.—The Chairperson shall preclude the meetings of the Council, determine the agenda of the Council, direct the work of the Council, and direct subgroups of the Council as appropriate.

"(4) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet not less than twice per fiscal year and may meet at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of the members of the Council.

"(5) SUPPORT.—The head of each agency with a Program Management Improvement Officer serving on the Council shall provide administrative support to the Council, as appropriate, at the request of the Chairperson.

"(6) COMMITTEE DURATION.—Section 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Council.

(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the head of each agency described in section 901(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall submit to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget a report containing the strategy developed under section 126(a)(2)(B) of such title, as added by paragraph (1).

(c) PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICERS.—

"(1) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘agency’ means each agency described in section 901(b) of title 31, United States Code.

"(2) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall issue regulations that—

"(A) identify key skills and competencies needed for a program and project manager in an agency;

"(B) establish a new job series for program and project management within an agency; and

"(C) establish a new career path for program and project managers within an agency.

SA 1755. Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

SEC. 1085. DESIGNATION OF AMERICAN WORLD WAR II CITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall designate at least one city in the United States each year as an ‘American World War II City’.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Subject to the designation made under subsection (a), the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall make each designation under subsection (a) based on the following criteria:

"(1) Contributions by a city to the war effort during World War II, including those related to defense initiatives; the designation under subsection (a) is based on the following criteria:

"(2) Contributions by a city to the war effort during World War II, including those related to defense initiatives;
(2) Efforts by a city to preserve the history of the city’s contributions during World War II, including through the establishment of preservation organizations or museums, restoration of World War II facilities, and recognition of World War II veterans.

(c) First American World War II City.—The City of Wilmington, North Carolina, is designated as an “American World War II City.”

(d) Sunscreen.—The requirements of this section shall apply to the date that is five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 1756. Ms. Warren (for herself and Mr. Merkley) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 721. Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling Behavior Among Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans.

(a) Findings.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Problem gambling, when coupled with problem alcohol and drug use, results in serious personal and financial consequences to the member of the armed forces and to the family.

(2) The Department of Defense operates an estimated 3,000 slot machines at military installations overseas that are available to members of the Armed Forces.

(3) According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, it is estimated that between 36,000 and 48,000 members of the Armed Forces on active duty meet criteria for a gambling problem.

(4) The Department of Defense operates an estimated 3,000 slot machines at military installations overseas that are available to members of the Armed Forces and their families.

(5) It is estimated that these slot machines generate more than $100,000,000 in revenue for the Department of Defense, which is used for further recreational activities for members of the Armed Forces.

(6) The United States Army operates bingo games on military installations in the United States, which generate millions of dollars per year.

(7) The Department of Defense does not currently have treatment programs for members of the Armed Forces with problem gambling behaviors, although it does operate treatment programs for alcohol and drug abuse, and tobacco addiction.

(b) Definitions.—In this section—

(1) Prevention programs for veterans and their dependents; and

(2) Responsible gaming education for veterans and their dependents.

(c) Use of Certain Amounts by Department of Defense.—Of the aggregate amount collected each fiscal year by morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) facilities of the Department of Defense from the operation of slot machines and bingo games, an amount equal to one percent of such amount shall be paid to the Secretary of Defense to carry out the policy and programs described in subsection (b)(1)(D).

(d) Comptroller General Study on Gambling and Problem Gambling Among Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans.—

(1) In general.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on problem gambling among members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

(2) Matters included.—The study conducted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) With respect to gambling installations (including bingo) operated by each branch of the Armed Forces—

(i) the number, type, and location of such gambling installations;

(ii) the total amount of cash flow through such gambling installations;

(iii) the amount of revenue generated by such gambling installations; and

(iv) how such revenue is spent.

(B) An assessment of the prevalence of problem gambling among members of the Armed Forces and veterans, including recommendations for policies and programs to be carried out by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to address problem gambling.

(3) Report.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the study conducted under paragraph (1).

(e) Appropriate Committees of Congress Defined.—In this section, the term ‘‘appropriate committees of Congress’’ means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

SA 1757. Ms. Warren (for herself and Mr. Merkley) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 721. Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling Behavior Among Members of the Armed Forces.

(a) Findings.—Congress makes the following findings:
(1) Gambling addiction, or problem gambling, is a public health disorder characterized by increased preoccupation with gambling, loss of control, restlessness, or irritability leading to the stopping of gambling, and continuation of the gambling behavior in spite of mounting serious, negative consequences.

(2) Over 6,000,000 adults met criteria for a gambling problem in 2013.

(3) According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, it is estimated that between 36,000 and 48,000 members of the Armed Forces on active duty meet criteria for a gambling problem.

(4) The Department of Defense operates an estimated 3,000 slot machines at military installations overseas that are available to members of the Armed Forces and their families.

(5) It is estimated that these slot machines generate more than $100,000,000 in revenue for the Department of Defense, which is used for further recreational activities for members of the Armed Forces.

(6) The United States Army operates bingo games on military installations in the United States, which generate millions of dollars per year.

(7) The Department of Defense does not currently have treatment programs for members of the Armed Forces with problem gambling behaviors, although it does operate treatment programs for alcohol abuse, illegal substance abuse, and tobacco addiction.

(8) Individuals with problem gambling behaviors have higher incidences of bankruptcy, domestic abuse, and suicide.

(9) People who engage in problem gambling have high rates of co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders.

(10) Because many members of the Armed Forces members are often at high risk for co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders, it is critical that they receive adequate treatment for such disorders.

(11) The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Fifth Edition, published in May 2013) includes problem gambling as a behavioral addiction. This reflects research findings that gambling disorders are similar to substance-related disorders in clinical expression, brain origin, comorbidity, pathology, and treatment.

(12) P OLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT AND TREAT GAMBLING PROBLEMS.—

(A) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop policies on prevention, education, and treatment of problem gambling, including the following elements:

(i) Prevention programs for members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

(ii) Responsible gaming education for members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

(B) Establishment of a center of excellence for the residential treatment of the most severe cases of problem gambling among members of the Armed Forces.

(C) Policy and programs to integrate problem gambling into existing mental health and substance abuse programs of the Department of Defense in order to—

(i) prevent gambling among members of the Armed Forces and their families;

(ii) provide responsible gaming educational materials to members of the Armed Forces and their family members who gamble; and

(iii) train existing substance abuse and mental health counselors to provide treatment to members of the Armed Forces.

(D) Assessment of gambling problems among members of the Armed Forces, factors related to the development of such problems (including co-occurring disorders such as substance use, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, stress, and sensation seeking), and the social, health, and financial effects of gambling on members of the Armed Forces by incorporating questions on problem gambling behavior into ongoing research efforts as appropriate, including any research questions into the Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Active Duty Military Personnel conducted by the Department of Defense.

(E) The Secretary of Defense shall develop the policies described in paragraph (1) in coordination with the Interagency Task Force on Military and Veterans Mental Health.

(F) REPORTS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on efforts undertaken pursuant to paragraph (1).

(2) Use of Certain Amounts by Department of Defense.—Of the aggregate amount collected each fiscal year by morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) facilities of the Department of Defense from the operation of slot machines, an amount equal to one percent of such amount shall be available to the Secretary of Defense carry out the policy and programs described in subsection (b) and (c).

(3) COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON GAMBLING AND PROBLEM GAMBLING AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

(A) In General.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on problem gambling among members of the Armed Forces.

(B) Matters included.—The study conducted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(i) With respect to gambling installations (including bingo) operated by each branch of the Armed Forces—

(I) the number, type, and location of such gambling installations;

(II) the total amount of cash flow through such gambling installations;

(III) the amount of revenue generated by such gambling installations; and

(iv) how such revenue is spent.

(B) An assessment of the prevalence of problem gambling among members of the Armed Forces, including recommendations for policies and programs to be carried out by the Department of Defense to address problem gambling.

(C) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

(D) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(i) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(ii) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 1758. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 1469. LIMITATION ON PROVIDING CERTAIN MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TO THE HUMUSKY REPUBLIC.

(a) EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF LIMITATION ON PROVIDING CERTAIN SENSITIVE MISSILE DEFENSE INFORMATION.—Section 1243(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66; 127 Stat. 923), as amended by section 1243(2)/(A) of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291; 128 Stat. 3561), is further amended—

(1) by striking “INFORMATION.—No funds” and inserting the following: “INFORMATION.—(1) IN GENERAL.—No funds—”;

(2) by striking “for fiscal year 2014 or 2015” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “for any fiscal year for the Department of Defense may be used to provide the Russian Federation with sensitive missile defense information or information relating to velocity at burnout of, or telemetry information on, United States missile interceptors or targets.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the limitation under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense committees that the Russian Federation—

(i) is complying with the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles, signed at Washington December 8, 1987, and entered into force June 1, 1988 (commonly referred to as the ‘Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty’ or ‘INF Treaty’);

(ii) has verifiably pulled its regular and irregular military forces out of Ukrainian territory, including Crimea; and

(iii) has terminated its contract to sell the S-300 air defense system to the Islamic Republic of Iran.”;

(b) LIMITATION ON INTEGRATION OF MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to integrate in any way United States missile defense systems, including those of NATO, with missile defense systems of the Russian Federation.
(2)How Iran has used funds made available through sanctions relief, including the extent to which any such funds have facilitated the ability of Iran—
(A) to procure support for—
(1) any individual or entity designated for the imposition of sanctions for activities relating to international terrorism pursuant to an Executive order by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury on or before the enactment of this Act;
(ii) any organization designated by the Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist organization under section 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)) on or before the enactment of this Act;
(3) any other terrorist organization, including Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, or the regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria;
(B) to advance the efforts of Iran or any other country to develop nuclear weapons or ballistic missiles overtly or covertly; or
(C) to commit any violation of the human rights of the people of Iran.
(3)The extent to which any senior officials of the Government of Iran have diverted any funds from sanctions relief into their personal accounts.
(b)Form of Reports.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.
(c)Definitions.—In this section:
(1)Appropriate congressional committees.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” has the meaning given that term in section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).
(2)Joint Plan of Action.—The term “Joint Plan of Action” means the Joint Plan of Action, signed at Geneva November 24, 2013, by Iran and the United States, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the People’s Republic of China, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and all implementing materials and agreements related to the Joint Plan of Action, including the technical understandings reached on January 12, 2014, the extension thereto agreed to on July 18, 2014, and the extension thereto agreed to on November 24, 2014.
SA 1760. Mrs. CAPITO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 540. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO DISESTABLISH SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS PROGRAMS.

No amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be used to—
(1) disestablish, or prepare to disestablish, a Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction Number 1235.08, dated June 26, 2006; or
(2) disestablish, or prepare to disestablish, a Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program in accordance with the Information paper of the Department of Defense titled “Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (SROTC) Program Review and Criteria” and dated

January 27, 2014, or any successor information paper or policy of the Department of the Army.

SA 1761. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SECTION 1085. INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE RECOVERY COORDINATOR.
(a) Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator.—
(1) In general.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall designate an existing Federal officer to coordinate efforts to secure the release of United States persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism. For purposes of carrying out the designation in paragraph (2), such officer shall have the title of “Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator”.
(2) Duties.—The Coordinator shall have the following duties:
(A) Coordinate and direct all activities of the Federal Government relating to each hostage situation described in paragraph (1) to ensure efforts to secure the release of all hostages in the hostage situation are properly resourced and correct lines of authority are established and maintained.
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(C) Develop a strategy to keep family members of hostages described in paragraph (1) informed of the status of such hostages and inform such family members of updates, procedures, and policies that do not compromise the national security of the United States.
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(a) Findings.—Congress makes the following findings:
(1) An attack on the United States using an electromagnetic pulse weapon could have devastating effects on critical infrastructure and, over time, could lead to the death of millions of people of the United States.
(2) The threat of an electromagnetic pulse attack on United States non-military infrastructure remains a serious vulnerability for the United States.
(3) Reduced or non-existent Federal, state, and local government resources and capabilities, as well as inadequate planning efforts, could significantly exacerbate and prolong the effects of an electromagnetic pulse attack on United States critical infrastructure.

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(2) The threat of an electromagnetic pulse attack on United States non-military infrastructure remains a serious vulnerability for the United States.
(3) Reduced or non-existent Federal, state, and local government resources and capabilities, as well as inadequate planning efforts, could significantly exacerbate and prolong the effects of an electromagnetic pulse attack on United States critical infrastructure.
SA 1764. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 884. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN APPROPRIATE ENTITY FOR THE PROVISION OF RELOCATION SERVICES.

The Secretary of Defense may authorize the commander of a military base to enter into a contract with an appropriate entity for the provision of relocation services to members of the Armed Forces.

SA 1765. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___ FUNDING FOR THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there are hereby authorized such sums as necessary, for fiscal years 2016 through 2023, to fully fund the compact of free association between the United States and the Republic of Palau.

SA 1766. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___ MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM FUNDING.

There is authorized to be appropriated for expenses necessary to preserve and defend the United States-national security needs of the United States under chapter 531 of title 46, United States Code, $300,000,000.

SA 1767. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___ PAYMENT FOR MARITIME SECURITY FLEET VESSELS.

(a) PER-VEssel AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding section 53111(c) of title 46, United States Code, and subject to the availability of appropriations, there is authorized to be paid to each contractor for an operating agreement (as those terms are used in that section) for fiscal year 2016, $5,000,000 for each vessel that is covered by the operating agreement.

(b) REPEAL OF OTHER AUTHORIZATION.—Section 53111(3) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “2016.”

(c) FUNDING.—The Secretary is authorized to be appropriated for expenses to maintain and preserve a United States-flag merchant marine to serve the national security needs of the United States under chapter 531 of title 46, United States Code, is hereby increased by $114,000,000.

SA 1768. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE.

For each State or local community in which military families comprise at least 10 percent of the total population, the Secretary of Defense shall work to provide a military family coordinated community response, that includes coordination with State and local law enforcement, the Family Advocacy Program of the Department of Defense, and non-profit civilian service providers, to ensure that military families experiencing domestic violence receive appropriate services from either military or civilian service providers.

SA 1769. Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XXVIII, add the following:

SEC. 2915. EXEMPTION OF ARMY OFF-SITE USE ONLY NON-MOBILE PROPERTIES FROM CERTAIN EXCESS PROPERTY PROVISIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Excess or unutilized or underutilized non-mobile property of the Army that is situated on non-excess land shall be exempt from the requirements of title V of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411 et seq.) upon a determination by the Secretary of the Army that—

(1) the property is not feasible to relocate;

(2) the property is not suitable for public access;

(3) the exemption would facilitate the efficient disposal of excess property or result in more efficient real property management.

(b) the subsection that contains the provisions described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection (a) shall expire on September 30, 2017.

SA 1770. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 884. ANNUAL REPORT ON DEFENSE CONTRACTING FRAUD.

(a) ANNUAL STUDY AND REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct an annual study of defense contracting fraud and submit a report containing the findings of such study to the congressional defense committees.

(b) REPORT CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include with respect to the most recent reporting period the following elements:

(1) An assessment of the total value of Department of Defense contracts entered into with contractors that have been convicted of fraud in connection with any contract or other transaction entered into with the Federal Government.

(2) Recommendations by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense or other appropriate Department of Defense official regarding how to penalize contractors repeatedly involved in fraud in connection with contracts or other transactions entered into with the Federal Government, including an update on implementation by the Department of any previous such recommendations.

SA 1771. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. REINSTATEMENT OF OVERNIGHT SERVICE STANDARDS.

During the 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the United States Postal Service shall apply the service standards for first-class mail and periodicals under part 121 of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, that were in effect on July 1, 2012.
amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subsection E of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 844. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON BERRY-COMPATIBLE FOOTWEAR.

It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should, not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, expedite the purchase of and availability to enlisted initial entrants of the United States Armed Forces, either as an in-kind issue or by cash allowance, such Berry Amendment-compliant athletic footwear as has been qualified for use during initial entrant training to the exclusion of similar non-Berry-compliant footwear.

SA 1773. Mr. NELSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was qualified for use during initial entrant training to the exclusion of similar non-Berry-compliant footwear.

SA 1774. Ms. AYOTTE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCain to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was qualified for use during initial entrant training to the exclusion of similar non-Berry-compliant footwear.

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pay that the member or former member would have been entitled to receive as of the date of the certification—

(A) if the member or former member’s eligibility for retired pay had not been terminated as described in paragraph (2)(A); and

(B) if, in the case of a member or former member not in receipt of retired pay immediately prior to the date of the certification, amounts payable under this subsection, and payments under this subsection in the same manner as such paragraphs apply to such matters under subsection (h).

“(B) If a spouse or former spouse or a dependent child eligible or entitled to receive payments under this subsection is eligible or entitled to receive benefits under subsection (h), the eligibility or entitlement of that spouse or former spouse or dependent child to such benefits shall be determined under subsection (h) of this subsection.

“(6)(A) A spouse or former spouse of a member or former member of the armed forces referred to in paragraph (2)(A), while receiving payment under this subsection, has the meaning given in paragraph (2)(A) of such section.

“(B) If a spouse or former spouse or a dependent child of a member or former member referred to in paragraph (2)(A) was entitled to retired pay.

“(C) If a spouse or former spouse or a dependent child eligible or entitled to receive a particular benefit under this paragraph is eligible or entitled to receive that benefit under another provision of law, the eligibility or entitlement of that spouse or former spouse or dependent child shall be determined under such other provision of law instead of this paragraph.

“(7) In this subsection, the term ‘Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals’ has the meaning given in subsection (d)(1) of section 1182 of title 8, United States Code.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (f) of section 504 of title 8, United States Code, is amended by inserting ‘subsection (j)’ each place it appears and inserting ‘subsection (j)’.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply to a spouse or former spouse, or a dependent child of a member or former member of the armed forces, whose eligibility for, or receipt of, retired pay is terminated on or after that date as a result of misconduct while a member.

SA 1775. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. Kirk) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, to direct that the fact that a person was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subsection G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. REQUIREMENT THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF VETERANS AFFAIRS POST REPORTS ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Section 312 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

(1) Whenever the Inspector General submits to the Secretary a report or audit (or any portion of any report or audit) in final form, the Inspector General shall, not later than 3 days after such submittal, post such report or audit (or portion of report or audit), as the case may be, on the Internet website of the Inspector General.

“(2) Notice of such submission shall be construed to authorize the public disclosure of information that is prohibited from disclosure by any other provision of law.

SA 1776. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was or-

SEC. 524. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENLISTMENT IN THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED PERSONS.—Paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of section 504 of title 8, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D), and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraphs:

“(D) A person who, at the time of enlistment in an armed force, has resided continuously in a lawful status in the United States for at least two years.

“(E) A person at the time of enlistment in an armed force, possesses an employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Labor on behalf of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services that contains the requirements of the department.

(b) ADMISSION TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF CERTAIN ENLISTED.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(1) A person described in subsection (b) who, at the time of enlistment in an armed force, is not a citizen or other national of the United States or lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the provisions of section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255), except that the alien need not—

“(A) establish that he or she entered the United States under paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)), and

“(B) comply with section 212(e) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(e)).

“(2) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall rescind the lawful permanent resident status of a person whose status was adjusted under paragraph (1) if the person is separated under honorable conditions before the person served for a period or periods aggregating five years. Such grounds for rescission are in addition to any other grounds provided by law. The fact that the person was separated from the armed forces under other than honorable conditions shall be proved by a duly authenticated certification from the armed forces in which the person last served.

“(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to alter the process prescribed by sections 328, 329, and 329A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439, 1440, 1440–1) by which a person may naturalize through service in the armed forces.”.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section Heading.—The heading of such section is amended to read as follows:

“§ 504. Persons not qualified; citizenship or residency requirements; exceptions”.

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections preceding this section is further amended by adding the following:

“§ 504. Persons not qualified; citizenship or residency requirements; exceptions”.

SEC. 525. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS AS HAVING SATISFIED ENGAGEMENT AND CONTINUING CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.) is amended by inserting and section 329A (8 U.S.C. 1440–1) the following:

SEC. 329B. PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR ENGAGEMENT IN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMBAT.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of naturalization and continuing citizenship under the following provisions of law, a person who has received an award described in subsection (b) shall—

“(A) as having satisfied the requirements under sections 312(a) and 316(a)(5), and subsections (b)(3), (c), and (e) of section 328; and

“(B) except as provided in paragraph (2), under sections 328 and 329—

“(1) as having served honorably in the Armed Forces for (in the case of section 328) a period or periods aggregating 1 year; and

“(ii) if separated from such service, as having been separated under honorable conditions.

“(2) REVOCATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(B), any person who separated from the Armed Forces under other than honorable conditions may be subject to revocation of citizenship under section 328(f) or 329(c) if the other requirements under such section are met.

“(3) APPLICATION.—This section shall apply with respect to the following awards from the Armed Forces of the United States:

“(1) The Combat Infantryman Badge from the Army.

“(2) The Combat Medical Badge from the Army.

“(3) The Combat Action Badge from the Navy, the Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard.

“(6) Any other award that the Secretary of Defense determines to be an equivalent award for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 329A the following:

“Sec. 329B. Persons who have received an award for engagement in active combat or active participation in combat.”.

SA 1777. Mr. DAINES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 213, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

“(3) PRESERVATION OF CURRENT BAH FOR CERTAIN OTHER MARRIED MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding section 403 of the Uniformed Services Housing Act of 2000, the amount of basic allowance for housing payable to a member of the uniformed services under section 403 of title 37, United States Code, as of September 30, 2015, shall not be reduced by reason of the amendment made by subsection (a) unless—

(A) the member and the member’s spouse undergo a permanent change of station;

(B) the member and the member’s spouse move into or commence living in on-base housing; or

(C) the member and the member’s spouse change residence from the residence as of that date.”

SA 1778. Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 607, strike “submit to the congressional committees that includes the” and insert the following:

“submit to the congressional committees that includes a detailed description of—

(A) the security situation in the East and South China Seas, including a peaceful resolution of the situation; and

(B) the situation in the West, including the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the appropriation acts, insert the following:

DIVISION E—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZATIONS

SEC. 5001. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the “Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016”.

SEC. 5002. DEFINITIONS.

In this division:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of State.

(3) PEACEKEEPING CREDITS.—The term “peacekeeping credits” means the amounts by which United States payments that are made to the United Nations under United Nations peacekeeping operations by the United Nations reduce United States peacekeeping fiscal year.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of State.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 5101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SEC. 5102. CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

SEC. 5103. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Subtitle A—Basic Authorities and Activities

SEC. 5201. AMERICAN SPACES REVIEW.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that contains the findings of such review.

(b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—The report described in subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a list of all commitments agreed to by the United States and China at each of the first 6 rounds of meetings;

(2) an assessment of the status of each commitment agreed to by the United States and China at each of the first 6 rounds of meetings, including a detailed description of—

(A) any actions that have been taken with respect to such commitments;

(B) any aspects of such commitments that remain unfulfilled; and

(C) any actions that remain necessary to fulfill any unfulfilled commitments described in subparagraph (B);

(3) an assessment of the effectiveness of the Dialogue in achieving and fulfilling significant commitments on United States priorities in the bilateral relationship including—

(A) the security situation in the East and South China Seas, including a peaceful resolution of maritime disputes in the region;
SEC. 5205. REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN BURMA.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives that—

(1) describes in detail all known widespread or systematic civil or political rights violations, including violations that may constitute crimes against humanity against ethnic, racial, or religious minorities in Burma, including the Rohingya people; and

(2) provides recommendations for holding perpetrators accountable for their actions.

SEC. 5206. COMBATTING ANTI-SEMITISM.

Of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Public Law 97–195 and Complementary Programs, $500,000 shall be made available to the Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor to support efforts by American and European Jewish and other civil society organizations, focusing on youth, to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of religious, ethnic, or racial intolerance in Europe.

SEC. 5207. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GRANTS AUTHORIZED TO THE BUREAU OF OCEANS, ENVIRONMENT, AND SCIENCE.

Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.), is amended by adding at the end the following:

**SEC. 5209. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FELLOWSHIPS.**

Section 504 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1979 (22 U.S.C. 2286d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(1) grants and cooperative agreements related to science and technology fellowships programs of the Department of State.

(2) recruitment; stipends—assistance authorized under paragraph (1) may be used—

(A) to recruit fellows; and

(B) to pay stipends, travel, and other appropriate expenses for fellows.

(3) classification of stipends—stipends paid under paragraph (2)(B) shall not be considered compensation for purposes of section 209 of title 18, United States Code.

(4) limitation—The total amount of assistance provided under this subsection may not exceed $500,000 in any fiscal year.

SEC. 5210. NAME CHANGES.

(a) PUBLIC LAW 87–195.—Section 607(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2357(d)) is amended by striking “Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs” and inserting “Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment, and Science”.

(b) PUBLIC LAW 88–206.—Section 617(a) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671(a)) is amended by striking “Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs” and inserting “Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment, and Science.”

(c) PUBLIC LAW 98–457.—Section 9(a) of the Department of State Appropriations Authorization Act of 1973 (22 U.S.C. 2655a) is amended—

(1) by striking “Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs” and inserting “Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science”; and

(2) by inserting “Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs”. and inserting “Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment, and Science.”

(d) PUBLIC LAW 106–113.—Section 112(a) of the Mortgage Assistance and Consumer Credit Protection Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 (22 U.S.C. 2655c) is amended by striking “Verification and Compliance,” and inserting “Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance (referred to in this section as the ‘Assistant Secretary’).”,

SEC. 5211. ANTI-PIRACY INFORMATION SHARING.

The Secretary is authorized to provide for the participation of the United States in the Information Sharing Centre located in Singapore, as established by the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia, done at Singapore on November 11, 2004.

SEC. 5212. REPORT REFORM.

(a) HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT.—Section 549 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2379h) is repealed.

(b) ROUGH DIAMONDS ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 12 of the Clean Diamond Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 3911) is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 12. REPORTS.**

For each country that, during the preceding 12-month period, exported rough diamonds to the United States and was exporting rough diamonds not controlled through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, if the failure to do so has significantly increased the likelihood that those diamonds not so controlled are being imported into the United States, the President shall submit a semi-annual report to Congress that explains what actions have been taken by the United States or such country since the previous report to ensure that diamonds, the exportation of which was not controlled through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, have been prevented from entering the United States. A country shall be included in the report required under this section until the country is controlling the importation and exportation of rough diamonds through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.”.

Subtitle B—Additional Matters

SEC. 5221. ATROCITIES PREVENTION BOARD.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President is authorized to establish, within the Executive Office of the President, an Interagency Atrocities Prevention Board (referred to in this section as the “Board”).

(b) DUTIES.—The Board is authorized—

(1) to coordinate an interagency approach to preventing mass atrocities; and

(2)(A) to propose policies to integrate the early warning systems of national security agencies, including the Departments of Justice, State, and Defense, with respect to incidents of mass atrocities; and

(B) to coordinate the policy response to such incidents.

(3) to identify relevant Federal agencies, which shall track and report on Federal funding spent on atrocity prevention efforts;

(4) to coordinate the development and implementation of comprehensive atrocity prevention and response strategies;

(5) to identify available resources and policy options necessary to prevent the emergence or escalation of mass atrocities;

(6) to identify and propose policies to close gaps in expertise, readiness, and planning for atrocity prevention and early action across Federal agencies, including training for employees at relevant Federal agencies;

(7) to engage relevant civil society and nongovernmental organization stakeholders in regular consultations to solicit current information on countries of concern; and

(8) to conduct an atrocity-specific expert review of policy and programing of all countries at risk for mass atrocities.

(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Senior Director shall have primary responsibility for—

(A) recommending and promoting United States Government policies on preventing mass atrocities; and

(B) carrying out the duties described in subsection (b).

(c) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be composed of—

(1) representatives from—

(A) the Department of State;

(B) the United States Agency for International Development;

(C) the Department of Defense;

(D) the Department of Justice;

(E) the Department of the Treasury;

(F) the Department of Homeland Security;

(G) the Central Intelligence Agency;

(H) the Office of the Director of National Intelligence;

(I) the United States Mission to the United Nations; and

(J) the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

(2) such other individuals as the President may appoint.
(e) COORDINATION.—The Board is authorized to coordinate with relevant officials and govern-
ment agencies responsible for foreign pol-
icy with respect to particular regions and coun-
tries to assist in the development of an effec-
tive response and policy direction to
emerging and ongoing atrocities.

(f) Location.—Not later than 90 days after the
date of the enactment of this Act, the President
shall submit to the appropriate congressio-
nal committees a classified report, with
an unclassified annex, which shall in-
clude—
(1) an update on the interagency review
mandated by Presidential Study Directive
10 that includes
(A) an evaluation of current mechanisms and
and capacities for government-wide detec-
tion, early warning, information-sharing,
contingency planning, and coordination of
efforts to prevent and respond to situations
of genocide, mass atrocities, and other mass
violence, including such mass gender-
and ethnicity-based violence;
(B) an assessment of the funding spent by
relevant Federal agencies on atrocity pre-
vention activities;
(C) an annual global assessments of
sources of conflict and instability;
(D) recommendations to further strengthen
United States capabilities to improve the
mechanisms described in subparagraph (A); and
(E) evaluations of the various approaches to
enhancing capabilities and improving the
mechanisms described in subparagraph (A).

(2) recommendations to ensure burden
sharing by—
(A) improving international cooperation
and coordination to enhance multilateral
mechanisms for preventing genocide and
atrocity, including improving the role of
regional and international organizations in
conflict prevention, mitigation, and re-
response; and
(B) strengthening regional organizations;
and
(3) the implementation status of the rec-
ommendations contained in the interagency
review described in paragraph (1).

(g) MATERIALS AND BRIEFINGS.—The Senior
Director and the members of the Board shall
brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of
the Senate and the Committee on Foreign
Affairs of the House of Repre-
sentatives, including regional experts, includ-
ing leaders and experts of the Indo-Pacific region;
and
(b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment submitted
under subsection (a) shall include—
(1) a review of current and emerging
United States diplomatic, national security,
and economic interests and trends in the
Indo-Pacific region;
(2) a review of resources devoted to
United States diplomatic, economic, trade, develop-
ment, and cultural engagement and plans in
the Indo-Pacific region during the 10-year pe-
riod ending on the date of the enactment of
this Act;
(3) options for the realignment of United
States engagement in the Indo-Pacific re-
igion to respond to new opportunities and
challenges, including United States
strategy more broadly across the Indo-Pa-
cific region; and
(4) the views of noted policy leaders and
regional experts, including leaders and experts
in the Indo-Pacific region, on the opportuni-
ties and challenges to United States engage-
ment in the Indo-Pacific region across the
Asian-Pacific region.

(c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary, as ap-
propriate, shall consult with
(1) other United States Government agen-
cies; and
(2) independent, nongovernmental orga-
nizations with recognized credentials and ex-
pertise in foreign policy, national security,
and international affairs that have
access to policy experts throughout the
United States and from the Indo-Pacific re-
region.

SEC. 5225. JOINT ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT PREJ-
UDICE AND DISCRIMINATION AND TO FOSTER INCLUSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is author-
ized to enter into a joint action plan with
the European Union to combat prejudice and
discrimination and to foster inclusion (referred to in this section as the
"Joint Action Plan") and
(b) CONTENTS OF JOINT ACTION PLAN.—The
Joint Action Plan shall—
(1) address anti-Semitism;
(2) address gender and race, and the
discriminatory treatment of, racial, ethnic,
and religious minorities;
(3) promote equality of opportunity for
access to quality education and economic oppor-
tunities; and
(4) promote equal treatment by the justice
system.

(c) COOPERATION.—In developing the Joint
Action Plan, the Secretary shall—
(1) leverage interagency policy expertise in
the United States and Europe;
(2) develop partnerships among civil soci-
ety and private sector stakeholders; and
(3) draw upon the extensive work done by
the Organization for Security and Co-oper-
ation in Europe to address anti-Semitism.

(d) INITIATIVES.—The Joint Action Plan
may include initiatives for promoting equal-
ity of opportunity and methods of elimi-
nating prejudice and discrimination based on
religion, race, or ethnicity, including—
(1) training programs;
(2) regional initiatives to promote equality
of opportunity through the strengthening of
democratic institutions;
(3) public-private partnerships with enter-
prises and nongovernmental organizations;
(4) exchanges of experts;
(5) scholarships and fellowships; and
(6) political empowerment and leadership
initiatives.

(e) DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The
Secretary shall delegate, to a Deputy Assistant
Secretary, the responsibility for coordi-
nating the implementation of the Joint Ac-
tion Plan with his or her European Union
counterpart.

(f) LEGAL EFFECTS.—Any Joint Action
Plan adopted under this section—
(1) shall not be legally binding; and
(2) shall create no rights or obligations
under international or United States law.

(g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
this section may be construed to authorize—
(1) the Secretary to enter into a legally
binding agreement or Joint Action Plan with
the European Union; or
(2) the Secretary to enter into a legally
binding agreement or Joint Action Plan with
the United States and Europe;

(ii) the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Within 60 days of receipt
of rightsizing recommendations pursuant to a
review conducted by the Office of Manage-
ment, Policy, Rightsizing, and Innovation
relating to overseas staffing levels at United
States overseas posts, the relevant chief of
mission, in coordination with the relevant
regional bureau, shall provide to the Office
of Management, Policy, Rightsizing, and In-
novation, a response describing—
(1) any rightsizing recommendations that
are accepted by such chief of mission and re-
grai bureau;
(2) a detailed schedule for implementation of
any such recommendations;
(3) any recommendations that are rejected;
and
(4) a detailed justification providing the
basis for the rejection of any such rec-
mendations.

(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall
report annually to the appropriate congres-
ssional committees, at the time of submission
of the President’s annual budget request to
Congress, on the status of all rightsizing rec-
mendations and responses described in
subsection (a) from the preceding five years,
to include the following:

(1) A list of all such rightsizing rec-
mendations made, including whether each
such recommendation was accepted or re-
jected by the relevant chief of mission and
regional bureau.

(2) For any accepted recommendations, a
detailed description of the current status of
its implementation according to the sched-
ule provided pursuant to subsection (a)(2),
including an explanation for any departure
from, or changes to, such schedule.

(3) For any rejected recommendations, the
justification provided pursuant to subsection
(a)(4).

(c) REPORT ON REGIONAL BUREAU STAFF-
ING.—The Secretary shall provide an annual
report accompanying the report required by
subsection (b) that provides—
(1) an enumeration of the domestic staff positions in each regional bureau of the Department;
(2) a detailed explanation of the extent to which each regional bureau reflects the overseas requirements of the United States within each such region;
(3) if the Secretary determines there are any systems or programs being conducted at the regional level that duplicate the responsibilities of other regional bureaus or between any regional bureau and the overseas requirements of the United States within such region such that staffing and responsibilities are not requests for the purpose of integrating such foreign policy priorities of the United States or the effective conduct of the foreign affairs of the United States, a detailed plan for how the Department will rectify any imbalances, including a schedule for implementation; and
(4) a detailed description of the current status of implementation of any plan provided pursuant to paragraph (3) according to the schedule provided pursuant to such paragraph, including an explanation for any deviation from such schedule.

SEC. 5302. INTEGRATION OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Undersecretary of Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment, shall establish foreign economic policy priorities for each regional bureau, including for individual countries as appropriate, and shall establish policies and guidance for the purpose of integrating such foreign economic policy priorities throughout the Department.

(b) Tasking of Deputy Assistant Secretary.—Within each regional bureau of the Department, the Deputy Assistant Secretary shall take a Deputy Assistant Secretary, having appropriate training and background in economic and commercial affairs, with responsibility for considering economic matters and interests within the responsibilities of such regional bureau, including the integration of the foreign economic policy priorities established pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) Coordination.—The Deputy Assistant Secretary tasked with responsibility for economic matters and interests pursuant to subsection (b) within each bureau shall—
(1) at the direction of the relevant Assistant Secretary, review and report to the Assistant Secretary on all economic matters and interests; and
(2) serve as liaison with the office of the Undersecretary for Economic Growth.

SEC. 5303. REORGANIZATION OF BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND BUREAU OF NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS JURISDICTIONS.

(a) In General.—The Secretary shall, within 180 days of enactment of this Act, conduct a review of jurisdictional responsibility of the Bureau of African Affairs and that of the Bureau for Near Eastern Affairs as it specifically relates to the North African countries of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya, and report the findings of the review to the appropriate congressional committees, including recommendations on whether jurisdictional responsibility among such bureaus should be adjusted.

(b) Review duration.—The review required under subsection (a) shall—
(1) identify regional strategic priorities;
(2) assess regional dynamics between the North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa regions, including the degree to which the priorities identified pursuant to paragraph (1) are distinct between each such region, or have elements that span across such regions;
(3) identify current priorities and effectiveness of United States Government regional engagement in North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa; through security assistance, economic assistance, humanitarian assistance, and trade,
(4) assess the degree to which such engagement is inefficient, duplicative, or uncoordinated between the North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa regions, or is otherwise harmed or limited by the current division of jurisdictional responsibilities;
(5) assess the overall coherence and effectiveness of the current division of jurisdictional responsibilities between the Bureau of African Affairs and the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, including with regard to coordination with other United States government agencies; and
(6) assess any opportunities and costs in transferring jurisdictional responsibility of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya from the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs to the Bureau of African Affairs.

SEC. 5304. SPECIAL ENVOYS, REPRESENTATIVES, ADVISORS, AND COORDINATORS.

Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on special envoys, representatives, advisors, and coordinators of the Department, which shall include at minimum the following elements:
(1) a tabulation of the current names, ranks, positions, and responsibilities of all special envoys, representative, advisor, and coordinator positions at the Department, including any such special envoy, representative, advisor, and coordinator positions created pursuant to this section (a) facilitating the use of classified information and all known or suspected significant penetrations or compromises of such systems and networks that occurred since the time of such prior report.
(d) Content.—The report required under subsection (c) shall include—
(1) a description of the relevant information technology system or network penetrated or compromised;
(2) an assessment of the date and time such penetration or compromise occurred;
(3) an assessment of the duration for which such system or network was penetrated or compromised, including whether such penetration or compromise is ongoing;
(4) an assessment of the amount and sensitivity of information accessed and available to any unauthorized individual or state actor or other such systems and networks that occurred since the time of such prior report.
(e) The Secretary, in conjunction with the Administrator of the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team, shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress describing in detail all known or suspected penetrations or compromises of the systems and networks that occurred since the time of such prior report.
(f) Coordination.—Not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress describing in detail all known or suspected penetrations or compromises of the systems and networks that occurred since the time of such prior report.

SEC. 5305. CONFLICT PREVENTION, MITIGATION AND RESOLUTION, AND THE INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN.

Section 704 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4024) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:
"(e) The Secretary, in conjunction with the Administrator of the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team, shall ensure that all appropriate personnel responsible for, or deployed to, countries or regions of concern, be at risk of, undergoing, or emerging from violent conflict, including special envoys, members of mediation or negotiation teams, relevant members of the military, and civilian contractors, obtain training, as appropriate, in the following areas, each of which shall include a focus on women and ensuring women’s meaningful inclusion in such participation:
‘‘(1) conflict prevention, mitigation, and resolution;
‘‘(2) protecting civilians from violence, exploitation, and recruitment; and
‘‘(3) international human rights law and international humanitarian law.’’.

SEC. 5306. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM SECURITY.

(a) In General.—The Secretary shall review and report to the Director of the National Security Agency and any other departments or agencies the Secretary determines to be appropriate regarding the security of United States government information and information technology systems and networks operated, managed, or utilized by the Department, including any such systems or networks facilitating the use of sensitive or classified information.
(b) Consultation.—In performing the consultation required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall make all such systems and networks available to the Director of the National Security Agency and any other such departments or agencies to carry out such tests and procedures as are necessary to ensure adequate policies and protections are in place to prevent penetrations or compromises of such systems and networks, including by malicious intrusions by any unauthorized individual or state actor or other such systems and networks.

SEC. 5307. ANALYSIS OF EMBASSY COST SHARING.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that assesses the cost-effectiveness and performance of the International Cooperative Ad-

ministrative Support Services system (referred to in this section as the “ICASS system”), including by assessing—
(1) the general performance of the ICASS system in providing cost-effective, timely, efficient, appropriate, and reliable services that meet the needs of all departments and agencies involved; and
(2) the extent to which additional cost savings and greater performance can be
achieved under the current ICASS system and rules;
(3) the standards applied in the selection of the ICASS provider and the extent to which such standards are consistently applied;
(4) potential reforms to the ICASS system, including—
(A) the selection of more than one service provider, if applicable, and circumstances,
(B) options for all departments or agencies to opt out of ICASS entirely or to opt out of individual services, including by debundling services,
(C) increasing the reliance on locally employed staff or outsourcing to local firms where appropriate; and
(D) recommendations for modifications to the current ICASS system and rules that would incentivize greater effectiveness and cost efficiency.

SEC. 5309. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP TO PREVENT INTER- NATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTION.

Section 433(b)(1) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 241(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows—
``(b) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION—
(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall establish an interagency working group to prevent international parental child abduction.
(A) COMPOSITION.—The group shall be composed of presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed officials from—
(i) the Department of State;
(ii) the Department of Homeland Security, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and
(iii) the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
(B) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The Secretary shall convene an advisory committee to the interagency working group established pursuant to subparagraph (a) for the duration of the working group’s existence, which shall be composed of not less than three left-behind parents selected by the Secretary, serving for two-year terms, and which shall periodically consult with such advisory committee on all activities of the interagency working group, as appropriate.

SEC. 5321. REVIEW OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall commission an independent assessment of Foreign Service Officer compensation to ensure that such compensation is achieving its purposes and the goals of the Department to recruit, retain, and maintain the world’s premier diplomatic corps.
(b) REPORT.—The assessment required by subsection (a) shall be completed and submitted as a report to the appropriate congressional committees, accompanied by the views of the Secretary, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act.
(c) CONTENT.—The report required by subsection (b) shall include at minimum the following elements:
(1) A list of all compensation received by Foreign Service Officers assigned domestically or overseas, including base salary and benefits, allowances, differentials, or incentives.
(2) For each such form of compensation described in paragraph (1)—
(A) an explanation of its stated purpose;
(B) a description of all relevant authorities, including statutory authority; and
(C) an assessment of the degree to which its use matches its stated purpose.
(3) An assessment of the effectiveness of each such form of compensation in—
(A) achieving its stated purpose;
(B) achieving the recruiting and retention goals of the Department; and
(C) achieving the assignment placement needs of the Department.
process for employees to appeal any assignment restriction or preclusion.

(b) Certification.—The Secretary shall provide a certification to the appropriate congressional committees upon full implementation of a right and process to appeal an assignment restriction or preclusion accompanied by a written report that provides a detailed description of such process.

(c) Notice.—The Secretary shall publish the right and process established pursuant to subsection (a) in the Foreign Affairs Manual, and shall include a reference to such publication in the report required under subsection (b).

(d) Prohibiting Discrimination.—Section 502(a)(2) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3982(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) In making assignments under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall assure that a member of the Service is not assigned to, or restricted from, a position at a post in a particular geographic area, or domestically in a position working on issues relating to a particular geographic area, exclusively on the basis of the race, ethnicity, or religion of that member."

SEC. 5236. SECURITY CLEARANCE SUSPENSIONS.

(a) Suspension.—Section 610 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4010) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(c) In order to promote the efficiency of the Service, the Secretary may suspend a member of the Foreign Service without pay when the member’s security clearance is suspended or when there is reasonable cause to believe that the member has committed a crime for which a sentence of imprisonment may be imposed.

"(2) Any member of the Foreign Service for whom suspension is proposed shall be entitled to—

"(A) written notice stating the specific reasons for the proposed suspension;

"(B) a reasonable time to respond orally and in writing to the proposed suspension;

"(C) representation by an attorney or other representative; and

"(D) a final written decision, including the specific reasons for such decision, as soon as practicable.

"(3) Any member suspended under this section may appeal in accordance with the procedures applicable to grievances under chapter 11 of this title.

"(4) In the case of a grievance filed under paragraph (3),—

"(A) the review by the Foreign Service Grievance Board shall be limited to a determination of whether the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) have been fulfilled; and

"(B) the Foreign Service Grievance Board may not exercise the authority provided under section 1106(b) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 4516(b))."

"(5) In this subsection—

"(A) The term ‘reasonable time’ means—

"(i) a member of the Foreign Service assigned to duty in the United States, 15 days after receiving notice of the proposed suspension; and

"(ii) with respect to a member of the Foreign Service assigned to duty outside the United States, 30 days after receiving notice of the proposed suspension.

"(B) The term ‘suspended’ or ‘suspension’ means the placing of a member of the Foreign Service in a temporary status without duties and pay; ."

(b) Conforming and Clerical Amendments.—

(1) Amendment of Section Heading.—Such section, as amended by subsection (a), is further amended in the section heading by inserting "SUSPENSION" before the period at the end.

(2) Clerical Amendment.—The item relating to such section in the table of contents in section 2 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"Section 610. Separation for cause; suspension; ."

SEC. 5237. ECONOMIC STATECRAFT EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

(a) In General.—The Secretary shall establish curriculum at the Foreign Services Institute to develop the practical foreign economic policy expertise and skill sets of American foreign service officials in managing available distance-learning courses in commercial, economic, and business affairs, specifically including—

"(1) the global business environment;

"(2) the economics of development;

"(3) development and infrastructure finance; and

"(4) current trade and investment agreements;

"(5) implementing existing multilateral and World Trade Organization agreements, and United States trade and investment agreements;

"(6) best practices for customs and export procedures; and

"(7) market analysis and global supply chain management.

SEC. 5238. REPORT ON DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT, EMPLOYMENT, RETENTION, AND PROMOTION.

(a) In General.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit a comprehensive report to Congress that—

"(1) describes the efforts, consistent with existing law, including procedures, effects, and results of the Department of State since the time of the prior such report, to promote equal opportunity and inclusion for all Americans, including minority and personal service contractors status, particularly employees of the Foreign Service, to include equal opportunity for all races, ethnicities, ages, genders, and service-disabled veterans, with a focus on traditionally underrepresented minority groups;

"(2) includes a section on—

"(A) the diversity of selection boards;

"(B) the employment of minority and service-disabled veterans during the most recent 10-year period, including—

"(i) the number hired through direct hires, internships, and fellowship programs;

"(ii) the number promoted to senior positions, including FS-01, GS-15, Senior Executive Service, and Foreign Service;

"(iii) attrition rates by grade, civil and foreign services, and the senior level ranks listed in clause (ii); and

"(C) mentorship and retention programs; and

"(3) is organized in terms of real numbers and percentages at all levels.

(b) Content.—Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall describe the efforts of the Department of State—

"(1) to promote diversity, impartiality, and inclusion in the work environment domestically and abroad;

"(2) to eradicate harassment, intolerance, and discrimination;

"(3) to refrain from engaging in unlawful discrimination in any phase of the employment process, including recruitment, hiring, evaluation, assignments, promotion, retention, and training;

"(4) to eliminate illegal retaliation against employees for participating in a protected equal employment opportunity activity;

"(5) to provide reasonable accommodation for qualified employees and applicants with disabilities;

"(6) to resolve workplace conflicts, confrontations, and complaints in a prompt, impartial, constructive, and timely manner;

"(7) to improve demographic data availability and analysis regarding recruitment, hiring, promotion, training, length in service, assignment restrictions, and passage through programs;

"(8) to recruit a diverse staff by—

"(A) recruiting women, minorities, veterans, and undergraduate and graduate students;

"(B) recruiting at historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic serving institutions, women’s colleges, and colleges that historically serve majority minority populations;

"(C) sponsoring and recruiting at job fairs in urban communities;

"(D) placing job advertisements in newspapers, magazines, and job sites oriented toward women and people of color;

"(E) providing opportunities through the Foreign Service Internship Program and other hiring initiatives; and

"(F) recruiting mid- and senior-level professionals through programs such as—

"(i) the International Career Advancement Program;

"(ii) the Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship Program;

"(iii) the Institute for International Public Policy Fellowship Program;

"(iv) Seminar XXI at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Center for International Studies; and

"(v) other similar highly respected international leadership programs; and

"(9) to provide opportunities through—

"(A) the Charles R. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program;

"(B) the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program; and

"(C) the Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship Program.

(c) Scope of Initial Report.—The first report submitted to Congress under this section shall include the information described in subsection (b) for the 3 fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.


(a) Additional Fellowships Authorized.—Beginning in fiscal year 2016, the Secretary of State shall—

"(1) increase by 10 the number of fellows selected for the Charles R. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program;

"(2) increase by 10 the number of fellows selected for the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program; and

"(3) increase by 5 the number of fellows selected for the Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship Program.

(b) Payne Fellowship Program.—Undergraduate and graduate students of the Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship Program are authorized to conduct outreach to attract outstanding students who represent diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds with an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career.

SEC. 5330. RETENTION OF MID- AND SENIOR-LEVEL PROFESSIONALS THAT COME FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS.

(a) Retention.—Attention and oversight should also be applied to the retention and promotion of underrepresented groups to promote a diverse ethnic representation among mid- and senior-level career professionals through programs such as—

"(1) the International Career Advancement Program;
SEC. 5401. REPORT ON ALL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

Section 4(c) of the United Nations Participation Act (22 U.S.C. 287c(c)) is amended by inserting before paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

"(1) CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS.—A detailed description of all assessed and voluntary contributions, including in-kind contributions, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the United Nations, and to each of its affiliated agencies and related bodies during the preceding fiscal year, estimated for each fiscal year, and requested in the President’s budget request for such following fiscal year.

"(A) CONTENT.—Each report required under paragraph (1) shall, for each such fiscal year, include—

"(i) the total amount or value of all such contributions to the United Nations and to each such agency or body that could be applied toward offsetting future peacekeeping assessments in the following fiscal year;

"(ii) the approximate percentage of all such contributions to the United Nations and to each such agency or body when compared with all contributions to the United Nations and to each such agency or body from any source; and

"(iii) for each such United States Government contribution to the United Nations and to each such agency or body—

"(I) the amount or value of the contribution;

"(II) a description of the contribution, including whether it is assessed or voluntary; and

"(III) the purpose of the contribution;

"(IV) the United States Government or agency responsible for the contribution; and

"(V) the United States or United Nations affiliated agency or related body receiving the contribution.

"(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—Not later than 14 days after submitting a report required under subsection (a), the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall post a text-based, searchable version of the report on a publicly available Internet site.

SEC. 5402. AMENDING THE REPORT ON FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTER-NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. Section 406 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (U.S.C. 2877(b)) is amended by striking “in which the United States participates as a member.”, and by inserting at the end of the following:

"including a tabulation of assessed contributions, voluntary contributions, and the ratio of United States contributions to total contributions received among the following categories: the United Nations, Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and Other United Nations Funds, Programs, and Organizations; Inter-American Organizations; Regional Organizations; and Other International Organizations.”.

SEC. 5403. REPORTING ON PEACEKEEPING ARREARS AND CREDITS. Section 4(c) of the United Nations Participation Act (22 U.S.C. 287c(c)) is amended by inserting between paragraphs (2) and (3) the following new paragraph:

"(3) PEACEKEEPING CREDITS.—A complete and full accounting of United States peacekeeping assessments and contributions for the United Nations peacekeeping operations, to include the following elements:

"(A) A tabulation of annual United Nations peacekeeping assessment rates, the related authorized United States peacekeeping contribution rate, and the relevant United States public law that determines each such contribution rate for the United Nations peacekeeping budget for each fiscal year beginning in 1996 through the current and next fiscal year;

"(B) A tabulation of current United States accrued shortfalls and arrears in each respective ongoing or closed United Nations peacekeeping mission;

"(C) A tabulation of all peacekeeping credits, including in the categories of—

"(i) total peacekeeping credits determined by the United Nations to be available to the United States;

"(ii) total peacekeeping credits determined by the United Nations to be unavailable to the United States;

"(iii) total peacekeeping credits determined by the United Nations to be available to the United States from each open and closed mission;

"(iv) total peacekeeping credits determined by the United Nations to be unavailable to the United States from each open and closed mission;

"(v) total peacekeeping credits applied by the United Nations prior shortfalls apportioned to the United States;

"(vi) total peacekeeping credits applied by the United Nations toward offsetting future contributions of the United States; and

"(vii) total peacekeeping credits determined by the United Nations to be available to the United States, which could be applied toward offsetting United States contributions in the following fiscal year.

"(D) An explanation of any claim of unavailability by the United Nations of any peacekeeping credits described in subparagraph (C)(iv).

"(E) A description of any efforts by the United States to obtain reimbursement in accordance with the United Nations Participation Act (22 U.S.C. 287 et seq.), including but not limited to Department of Defense materiel and services, including an analysis of any failure to obtain any such reimbursement.

SEC. 5404. ASSESSMENT RATE TRANSPARENCY. The Secretary of State, through the United States Mission to the United Nations, shall urge the United States—

"(1) to share the raw data used to calculate member state peacekeeping assessment rates; and

"(2) to make available the formula for determining peacekeeping assessments.

SEC. 5405. ENCOURAGING EMPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS AT THE UNITED NATIONS. Section 181 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for fiscal years 1992 and 1993 (22 U.S.C. 276c–4) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) for each international organization with which had a geographic distribution formula in effect on January 1, 1991, an assessment of whether each such organization—

"(A) is taking good faith steps to increase the staffing of United States citizens, including, as appropriate, as assessment of any additional steps such organization could be taking;

"(B) has met the requirements of its geographic distribution formula; and

"(2) a specific assessment of American representation among professional and senior-level positions at the United Nations, including—

"(A) a description of the proportion of all such United States citizen employment at the United Nations Secretariat and all United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programs;

"(B) a specific assessment of American representation among professional and senior-level positions at the United Nations, including—

"(A) a description of the proportion of all such United States citizen employment at the United Nations Secretariat and all United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programs;
TITLE V—CONSULAR AUTHORITIES

SEC. 5501. VISA INELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABductORS.

Section 212(a)(10)(C)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(10)(C)(iii)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by adding “or at the end;
(2) in subparagraph (II), by striking “or” and inserting a period; and
(3) by striking subparagraph (III).

SEC. 5502. PRESCRIPTION OF IMMIGRANT INTENT AND L. VISA CLASSIFICATIONS.

Section 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1217(b)(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking a non-immigrant described in subparagraph (L) or (V) of section 101(a)(15), and other than a nonimmigrant described in any provision of section 101(a)(15)(H)(i) except subsection (b)(1) of such section”;
(2) by striking “under section 101(a)(15)” and inserting in its place “under the immigration laws, “; and
(3) by striking “he” each place such term appears and inserting “the alien”.

SEC. 5503. VISA INFORMATION SHARING.

Section 222(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1222(b)(b)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
(2) by striking “issuance or refusal” and inserting “issuance, refusal or revocation”;
(3) in paragraph (2)—
(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “illicit weapons; or” and inserting “illicit weapons, or in determining the removability or eligibility for immigration, or another immigration benefit of persons who would be inadmissible to, or removable from, the United States;”;
(3) in subparagraph (B)—
(1) by striking “for the purposes” and inserting “for 1 of the purposes”; and
(2) by striking “or to deny visas to persons who would be inadmissible to the United States,” and inserting “; or”;
and
(4) by adding at the end the following:
(“C) with regard to any or all aliens in the database, any or all defined data elements from each record, if the Secretary of State determines that it is in the national interest to provide such information to a foreign government.”.

TITLE VI—INTERIM SECURITY OPERATIONS

TITLE VII—EMBASSY SECURITY

SA 1781. Ms. HEITKAMP submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, strike lines 9 through 11 and insert the following:

d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to distributions after December 31, 2015.

SA 1783. Mr. McCaIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. McCaIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1085. AVOIDANCE OF COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES.

(a) In General.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary of Defense shall—
(1) endeavor to conduct training exercises in a manner that minimizes impact on subsistence and commercial fisheries and the long term health of fish species and stocks; and
(2) endeavor to schedule and locate training exercises outside of fishing grounds during fishing seasons.

(b) Consultation.—
(1) Requirement.—Not later than 6 months prior to the commencement of a training exercise subject to subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, State and tribal fish and wildlife managers, fishery user groups, and Regional Fishery Management Councils established under section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852) with respect to the scheduling and location of the training exercise.

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(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that no negotiations should be allowed to continue with respect to a nuclear agreement with Iran that does not include robust inspections and proper verification of all Iran’s nuclear programs, military installations, and access to scientists and their respective progress.

SA 1788. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAiN to the bill H.R. 1795, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 474, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

(1) Future design and requirements of the replacement for the Ticonderoga class cruiser.

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At the end of subtitle D of title X, add the following:

SEC. 10 . LIMITATION ON REPLACEMENT OFymoon EQUIPMENT AND CAPA-

ilities from United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, unless the criteria set out in paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (a) are met.

SEC. 10 . PROHIBITION ON RELOCATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND CAPA-

bilities from United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States or Other Country in the Carib-

bean Region

(a) LIMITATION.—No military equipment may be moved to any other United States military facility to complete the same tasks conducted on, or from, the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) PRESERVATION OF OPERATIONAL CAPA-

bilities

(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States may not reduce the operational capabilities provided by assets operating aboard, or from, the United States Naval Station, Guanta-

mno Bay, Cuba, in support of meaningful defense activity.

(2) INCLUDED CAPABILITIES.—Subsection (a) applies to—

(A) the United States Coast Guard personnel and equipment supporting maritime operations in the vicinity of the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as for the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) civilian personnel who support military activities directly therewith, unless Congress enacts a law agreeing to move resources to a more suitable location which allows for comparable defense activity in the region.

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YIELD MIGRANTS INTERCEPTED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CAR-

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VAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.

The United States may not use appropriated funds to move migrants intercepted in the waters between the United States and the foreign country in the Caribbean region to a location other than the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, unless—

(1) the migrant may reasonably be returned to their country of origin; or

(2) uncontrollable circumstances do not allow for a safe transfer of migrants to the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SEC. 10 . LIMITATION ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OR IN THE WATERS NEAR UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.

The United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba shall continue to perform as the logistical port for the Navy and Coast Guard operating in the Caribbean Sea at operational levels equal to or greater than such level on the date of the enactment of this Act, unless—

(1) the Government of Cuba displays a legitimate capacity to interdict narcotics trafficking throughout the international waterways surrounding Cuba;

(2) the Government of Cuba has an established maritime authority capable of inspecting cargo and safeguarding ships transiting the international waterways near the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and

(3) the Government of Cuba displays the capacity to intercept human traffickers operating throughout the waterways surrounding Cuba.

SEC. 10 . LIMITATION ON MODIFICATION OR ABANDONMENT OF LEASED LAND AND WATER CONTAINING UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

(a) LIMITATION.—The United States may not modify the 45 square mile lease of land or waterways that encompass the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, unless—

(b) DETENTION.—The United States may not abandon any portion of the land or water that contains the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, unless—

(1) the President notifies Congress not less than 90 days prior to the proposed modification of such lease; and

(2) after such notification, Congress enacts a law authorizing a modification of such lease.

(c) No New Grant of Authority.—This section may not be construed to grant the President any authority not already provided by the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6021 et seq.).

SA 1790. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAiN to the bill H.R. 1795, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title X, add the following:

SEC. 10 . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS WHOSE PRIMARY FOCUS IS CLOSURE OF THE TERRORIST DE-

TENTION FACILITY ABOARD NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.

None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for the purpose of funding personnel or programs whose primary focus is facilitating the closure of the terrorist detention facility aboard Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SA 1791. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAiN to the bill H.R. 1795, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII, add the following:

SEC. 2822. LAND EXCHANGE, NAVY OUTLYING LANDING FIELD, NAVAL AIR STATION, WHITING FIELD, FLORIDA.

(a) LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Navy may convey to Escambia County, Florida (in this section referred to as the “County”), all right, title, and interest in the United States in and to a parcel of real property, including any improvements thereon, containing Naval Air Station Field Site 8 in Escambia County associated with Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, Milton, Florida.

(b) LAND TO BE ACQUIRED.—In exchange for the property described in subsection (a), the County shall convey to the Secretary of the
Navy land and improvements thereon in Santa Rosa County, Florida, that is acceptable to the Secretary and suitable for use as a Navy outlying landing field to replace Navy Outlying Landing Field Site 8 at the replacement location if amounts are collected from the County in advance of the Secretary incurring the actual costs, and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the land exchange, the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the County.

(2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Amounts received as reimbursement under paragraph (1) shall be credited to the fund or account to which the costs actually incurred by the Secretary in incurring the actual costs are charged, and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or account.

(d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the property to be exchanged under this section shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy.

(e) CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT.—The exchange of real property under this section shall be accomplished using a quit claim deed or other legal instrument and upon the terms and conditions mutually satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy and the County, including such additional terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

SA 1793. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1463 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1293. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF CVILIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.

(a) THIRTY-YEAR LIMIT ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS.—

(1) In general.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds may be used to implement any aspect of an agreement for civil nuclear cooperation pursuant to section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153) after the date that is 30 years after the date of entry into force of such agreement unless—

(A) the President, within the final five years of the agreement, has certified to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives that the party to such agreement has continued to fulfill the terms and conditions of the agreement and that the agreement continues to be in the interest of the United States; and

(B) Congress passes a joint resolution permitting the continuation of the agreement for an additional period of not more than 30 years.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—The restriction in paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

(A) any agreement that had entered into force as of August 1, 2015; and

(B) any agreement with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO), or the International Atomic Energy Agency; or

(C) any amendment to an agreement described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—Each proposed export pursuant to an agreement described under subparagraph (A) or (B) shall be subject to United States laws and regulations in effect at the time of each such export.

SEC. 1093. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this subtitle is to establish, for a 2-year period, a Commission on Privacy Rights in the Digital Age to—

(1) examine—

(A) the ways in which public agencies and private companies gather data on the people of the United States; and

(B) the ways in which that data is utilized, either internally or externally; and

(2) make recommendations concerning potential policy changes needed to safeguard the privacy of the people of the United States.

SEC. 1094. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—To carry out the purposes of this subtitle, there is established in the legislative branch a Commission on Privacy Rights in the Digital Age (in this subtitle referred to as the “Commission”).

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be composed of 12 members, as follows:

(1) Four members appointed by the President, of whom—

(A) 1 shall be a Member of the Senate; and

(B) 2 shall be appointed from private life.

(2) Two members appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, of whom—

(A) 1 shall be a Member of the House; and

(B) 1 shall be appointed from private life.

(3) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, of whom—

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(4) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of whom—

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(5) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, of whom—

(A) 1 shall be a Member of the House; and
SEC. 1095. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission shall—

(1) conduct an investigation of relevant facts and circumstances relating to the expansion of data collection practices in the public and national security sectors, including implications for—

(A) surveillance;

(B) political, civil, and commercial rights of individuals and corporate entities;

(C) employment practices, including hiring and firing; and

(D) credit availability and reporting; and

(2) submit to the President and Congress reports containing findings, conclusions, and recommendations for corrective measures relating to the facts and circumstances investigated under paragraph (1), in accordance with section 1099B.

SEC. 1096. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, its members, may—

(1) hold public hearings and meetings to carry out this subtitle;

(2) Subpoenas.—

(A) hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, receive such evidence, administer such oaths as the Commission or such subcommittee or member determines advisable; and

(B) require, by subpoena or failure to obey a subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of any person, and the production of books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, documents, tapes, and materials as the Commission or such subcommittee or member determines advisable.

(2) SUBPOENAS.—

(A) Issuance.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—A subpoena may be issued—

(aa) at a hearing or meeting convened by the Commission, or by the Chairperson of any subcommittee, or by a majority of the members of the Commission, or any member designated by a majority of the Commission to a Federal department or agency a request for information under paragraph (1); or

(bb) by the affirmative vote of 8 members of the Commission, or any member designated by a majority of the Commission to a Federal department or agency a request for information under paragraph (1); or

(ii) CONTEMPT OF COURT.—Any failure to obey the order of the court under clause (i) may be punished by the court as a contempt of that court.

(B) Source of funds.—The per diem and mileage allowances for witnesses shall be paid from funds available to pay the expenses of the Commission.

(b) CONTRACTING.—The Commission may, to such extent and in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts, enter into contracts to enable the Commission to discharge its duties under this subtitle.

(c) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal department or agency such information as the Commission considers necessary to carry out this subtitle.

(2) FURNISHING OF INFORMATION.—If the Chairperson, the vice-chairperson, or any other member designated by a majority of the Commission, or any member designated by a majority of the Commission to a Federal department or agency a request for information under paragraph (1); or

(i) who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government, may be detailed to the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government, may be detailed to the Commission or, at its direction, any subcommittee created by a majority of the Commission for the purpose of carrying out this subtitle.

(iii)ופעלן—Any member designated by a majority of the Commission or, at its direction, any subcommittee created by a majority of the Commission, may, for the purpose of carrying out this subtitle—

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(B) political, civil, and commercial rights of individuals and corporate entities;

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(d) Assistance from Federal agencies.—

(1) General services administration.—

The Administrator of General Services shall provide to the Commission, or its member, any administrative support and other services the Commission considers necessary to carry out its duties under this subtitle.

(2) Contracting.—The Commission may procure the services of experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, but at rates not to exceed the daily rate paid a person occupying a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 335 of that title.

(e) Postal services.—

The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as a department or agency of the United States.

SEC. 1097. NONAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.

(a) In General.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Commission.

(b) Public Meeting and Release of Public Versions of Reports.—The Commission shall—

(1) hold public hearings and meetings to the extent appropriate; and

(2) release public versions of the reports required under subsections (a) and (b) of section 1099B.

(c) Public Hearings.—Any public hearing of the Commission shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the protection of information provided to or developed for or by the Commission as required by any applicable statute, regulation, or executive order.

SEC. 1098. STAFF OF COMMISSION.

(a) In General.—

(1) Appointment and Compensation.—The Chairperson, in consultation with the Vice Chairperson, and in accordance with rules agreed upon by the Commission, may appoint and fix the compensation of an executive director and such other personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to carry out the functions of the Commission, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, except that no rate of pay fixed under this paragraph may exceed the equivalent of that payable for a position at level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5135 of that title.

(b) Personnel as Federal employees.—

(A) In General.—The executive director and any personnel of the Commission who are employees of the United States may provide to the Commission, in accordance with section 2105 of title 5, United States Code, for purposes of chapters 63, 81, 83, 84, 85, 87, 89, 89A, 89B, and 99 of that title.

(B) Members of commission.—Subparagraph (A) shall not be construed to apply to members of the Commission.

(c) Details.—Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement from the Commission, and such detail shall retain the same grade and position with the employing agency as before the detail.

(d) Consulting services.—The Commission may procure the services of experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, but at rates not to exceed the daily rate paid a person occupying a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 335 of that title.

SEC. 1099. COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.

(a) Compensation.—Each member of the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government may be compensated at not to exceed the daily rate paid a person occupying a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 335 of that title.

(b) Travel expenses.—While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of the duties of the Commission, members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 1099A. SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF.

The appropriate departments or agencies of the Federal Government shall cooperate with the Commission and, in expediency providing to the members and staff of the Commission appropriate security clearances to the extent possible under applicable procedures and requirements, and no person shall be provided with access to classified information under this subtitle without the appropriate security clearances.

SEC. 1099B. REPORTS OF COMMISSION; TERMINATION.

(a) interim reports.—The Commission shall submit to the President and Congress interim reports containing such findings, conclusions, and recommendations for corrective measures as have been agreed to by a majority of Commission members.

(b) Final Report.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall—

(1) make a final report and such recommendation as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, except that no rate of pay fixed under this paragraph may exceed the equivalent of that payable for a position at level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5135 of that title.

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(b) Final Report.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall—

(1) make a final report and such recommendation as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, except that no rate of pay fixed under this paragraph may exceed the equivalent of that payable for a position at level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5135 of that title.
Commission shall submit to the President and Congress a final report containing such findings, conclusions, and recommendations for corrective measures as have been agreed to by majority of Commission members.

(c) Classified Information.—Each report submitted under subsection (a) or (b) shall be in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) Termination.—

(1) In General.—The Commission, and all the authorities under this subtitle, shall terminate 60 days after the date on which Commission submits the final report under subsection (b).

(2) Administrative Activities Before Termination.—The Commission may use the 60-day period referred to in paragraph (1) for the purpose of concluding its activities, including providing testimony to committees of Congress concerning its reports and disseminating the final report.

SEC. 1090C. FUNDING.

(a) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subtitle.

(b) Duration of Availability.—Amounts made available to the Commission under subsection (a) shall remain available until the termination of the Commission.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in room S-240 of the Capitol Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. THUNE. 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 June 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 10:15 a.m., in room S-216 of the Capitol Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 9:30 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. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittees on Africa and Global Health Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Security Assistance in Africa.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Rewriting the Law: Examining the Process That Led to the ObamaCare Subsidy Rule.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND MANAGEMENT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2015, at 1:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, “Examining Practical Solutions to Improve the Federal Regulatory Process.”

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Justin Gorkowski, a U.S. Army fellow for the office of Senator ROY BLUNT, be given floor privileges on Tuesday.

Mr. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Robert Palladino, be given floor privileges on Thursday.

Mrs. MURkowski. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Michael Toomey, be given floor privileges on Friday.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Robert Palladino, be given floor privileges on Wednesday.

Mr. AXELROD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Robert Palladino, be given floor privileges on Monday.

Mr. Collins. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Robert Palladino, be given floor privileges on Thursday.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Robert Palladino, be given floor privileges on Friday.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Robert Palladino, be given floor privileges on Wednesday.

Mr. AXELROD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Robert Palladino, be given floor privileges on Monday.

Ms. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that MAJ Robert Palladino, be given floor privileges on Thursday.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, there will be no rollcall votes during Monday’s session of the Senate. Senators should expect votes around lunchtime on Tuesday.