

through January 1, 2017, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes—

(A) the cropland acreage in each county and State as of the date of submission of the report; and

(B) the change in cropland acreage from the preceding year in each county and State.

**SA 3305.** Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3216 submitted by Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, 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 8, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 303A of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, as added by subsection (a), and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2013.

**SA 3306.** Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In the amendment, on page 2, line 5, strike “January 1, 2013” and insert “October 1, 2013”.

**SA 3307.** Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3175 submitted by Mr. RUBIO and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, 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 1 of the amendment, beginning on line 2, strike “LIMITATION” and all that follows through page 2, line 14, and insert the following: “**SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NAVY FLEET REQUIREMENTS.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Secretary of the Navy, in supporting the operational requirements of the combatant commands, should maintain the operational capability of and perform the necessary maintenance on each cruiser and dock landing ship belonging to the Navy;

(2) for retirements of ships owned by the Navy prior to their projected end of service

life, the Chief of Naval Operations must explain to the congressional defense committees how the retention of each ship would degrade the overall readiness of the fleet and endanger United States national security and the objectives of the combatant commanders; and

(3) revitalizing the Navy’s 30-year ship-building plan should be a national priority, and a commensurate amount of increased funding should be provided to the Navy in the Future Years Defense Program to help close the gap between requirements and the current size of the fleet.

**SA 3308.** Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2875 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. TESTER) to the bill S. 3525, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 207.

### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Yajuan Lu, a health care fellow in my office, be allowed privileges of the floor for the remainder of the 112th Congress.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Igor Dubinski, an Army fellow in my office, be allowed floor privileges for the remainder of the consideration of S. 3254.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, and all nominations placed on the Secretary’s desk in the Army and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel John H. Hort

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army Medical

Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Joseph Caravaiho, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Clayton M. Hutmacher

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Kyle E. Goerke

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Peter A. Bosse

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Joseph E. Whitlock

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Karen E. LeDoux

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. David G. Clarkson

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Mark A. Milley

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 5044 and 601:

*To be general*

Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be general*

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY’S DESK

#### IN THE ARMY

PN1944 ARMY nomination of William A. Christmas, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 2012.

PN1982 ARMY nomination of Alan F. Pomaville, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1983 ARMY nomination of James Bentley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1984 ARMY nomination of Vincent D. Thompson, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1985 ARMY nomination of Luis F. Diaz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1986 ARMY nomination of David C. Buckhannon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1987 ARMY nomination of Anthony Cascarano, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1988 ARMY nomination of Rena L. P. Hope, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1989 ARMY nomination of Derek D. Hyun, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1990 ARMY nomination of Michael T. Simpson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1991 ARMY nomination of Michael D. Pierce, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1992 ARMY nomination of Tammie E. Crews, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1993 ARMY nominations (2) beginning Kenneth M. Jordan, and ending Suzanne McNellis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1994 ARMY nominations (3) beginning MADLENE M. ESKAROSE, and ending ALEXANDER K. JHANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1995 ARMY nominations (4) beginning MILTON J. FOUST, and ending CHARLES E. LERNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1996 ARMY nominations (6) beginning WILLIAM T. MONACCI, and ending HUA C. YANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1997 ARMY nominations (3) beginning STEPHEN J. DALAL, and ending TIMOTHY L. SETTLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1998 ARMY nominations (5) beginning JESSE J. ABBOTT, and ending RHETT M. STARNES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN1999 ARMY nominations (5) beginning JOHN E. BALSER, and ending SCOTT W. SHAFFER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN2000 ARMY nominations (11) beginning FRANCISCO DIAZGONZALEZ, and ending DAVID B. WEBB, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN2001 ARMY nominations (14) beginning GREGORY M. BARROW, and ending JAMES E. VALLEE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN2002 ARMY nominations (15) beginning GREGORY L. BOWMAN, and ending D011022, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN2003 ARMY nominations (24) beginning TRACY L. BAKER, and ending GAYLA W. WILSONDUNN, which nominations were re-

ceived by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN2004 ARMY nominations (39) beginning BRIAN ALMQUIST, and ending D011046, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

#### IN THE NAVY

PN2005 NAVY nomination of Terry N. Traweck, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN2006 NAVY nomination of Stefanie M. Wheelbarger, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN2007 NAVY nomination of Carl A. Riddick, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

PN2008 NAVY nominations (2) beginning KEVIN S. HART, and ending MICHAEL J. JACQUES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2012.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 6429

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

An act (H.R. 6429) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

#### ORDERS FOR TOMORROW

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2012; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired and the time for the two leaders be reserved until later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order; and that the Senate recess following the vote in relation to the Disabilities Treaty until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; further, that all time during adjournment, morning business, executive session, and recess count postcloture on S. 3254, the National Defense Authorization Act.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, the first vote tomorrow will be at 12 noon on the resolution of ratification of the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Additional votes in relation to the Defense bill are expected.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:54 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 10 a.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Monday, December 3, 2012:

##### THE JUDICIARY

PAUL WILLIAM GRIMM, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND.

##### IN THE ARMY

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

##### To be brigadier general

COLONEL JOHN H. HORT

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

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH CARAVALHO, JR.

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

##### To be brigadier general

COL. CLAYTON M. HUTMACHER

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. KYLE E. GOERKE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. PETER A. BOSSE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. JOSEPH E. WHITLOCK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. KAREN E. LEDOUX

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DAVID G. CLARKSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARK A. MILLEY

##### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS,