

Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Harry Reid, Sherrod Brown, Christopher Murphy, Robert Menendez, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Martin Heinrich, Amy Klobuchar, Dianne Feinstein, Tom Udall, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Bernard Sanders, Barbara Boxer, Brian Schatz, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Thomas R. Carper, Benjamin L. Cardin, Michael F. Bennet.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR TOBY M. WILLIFORD

• Mr. BEGICH. Madam President, I wish to pay tribute to MAJ Toby M. Williford for his exceptional dedication to duty and service to the U.S. Army and to the United States of America. Toby has served for the last 2 years as a congressional budget liaison for the Secretary of the Army and will soon depart for his next duty assignment.

A native of Hobbs, NM, Toby earned his commission from Tarleton State University in 2003. Major Williford's assignments have been diverse and include 24 months of combat experience. While a lieutenant, he served in F Company, 1-66 Armor Battalion and Headquarters and Headquarters Company 4th Forward Support Battalion as a platoon leader, executive officer, and support operations officer, both state-side and in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After promotion to captain, Toby served in the 17th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion as commander of the 539th Transportation Company and deployed to Kuwait for his second combat tour.

After returning from his second deployment, Toby began his studies as an Army congressional fellow, earning a master's of professional studies in legislative affairs from the George Washington University. He was then assigned as a congressional fellow in my office in 2011. Toby was subsequently assigned as a congressional budget liaison officer in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller with responsibility for the ammunition and missile procurement portfolios. Toby advised the Army's senior leaders, fostering and strengthening the relationship between Congress and the U.S. Army.

Major Williford's leadership throughout his career has positively impacted his peers and superiors, soldiers and civilians alike. As a congressional budget liaison officer, he worked directly with the House and Senate Appropriations

Committees to educate and inform Representatives, Senators, and staff about the diverse and important ammunition and missile procurement initiatives of the U.S. Army.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending MAJ Toby M. Williford for over a decade of active service to his country in the U.S. Army. We wish Toby, his wife Amanda, and their four children, Addison, Aubrey, Tate, and Alyssa, all the best as they continue their journey of service to our great Nation.●

WITNESSES TO HUNGER

• Mr. CASEY. Madam President, I stand today to recognize the 5-year anniversary of Witnesses to Hunger. Launched in 2008, Witnesses to Hunger is a research and advocacy project founded by the Center for Hunger-Free Communities at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA.

In 2008, Dr. Mariana Chilton provided cameras to 42 single-parent women in Philadelphia, simply asking that they use them to take pictures to tell us about their lives and their children. These women, seeing the opportunity to spread awareness and create change, accepted Dr. Chilton's challenge and started documenting the poverty and hunger that they face on a daily basis. Their photographs provide a window into the lives of mothers who understand the challenges of raising a family on a limited income.

Since inception this project has grown, expanding throughout Pennsylvania and the country. Over the last 5 years, the Witnesses have grown by more than 29 participants. By encouraging advocacy and community engagement, Witnesses to Hunger has empowered mothers in cities across the country by uniting their voices. Living it each day, these remarkable mothers understand the trials of hunger and raising a family more than anyone else. These powerful photographs serve to start a dialogue and bring much needed attention to the issues that impact their lives daily.

Photography is an opportunity for these women to share their lives with others. I had the privilege of bringing the Witnesses to Hunger's exhibit to Capitol Hill in Washington DC, the State Capital in Harrisburg, PA and to several other cities within the Commonwealth. I am humbled to have played a small part in sharing the stories of their lives. These women have begun a movement that has inspired countless others and will inspire many more yet to come. They inspire me and challenge me to do more in the Senate. I am incredibly grateful for the guidance they provide. We need more projects like Witnesses to Hunger to continue to raise awareness of the struggles that everyday mothers go through to raise a family in communities across the country.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA E. GRANT

• Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I wish to honor the life of Patricia E. Grant, a Hall of Fame golfer, a commended veteran, and a woman some have called "the type of American our country needs to look up to."

Born March 12, 1921, her family moved to Cushing, OK, where Pat won the Oklahoma State High School Golf Championship as a 13-year old freshman, repeating the win three times before her high school graduation. While attending Oklahoma Baptist University, where she received a scholarship in exchange for teaching golf to fellow students, Pat won the Women's Oklahoma Golf Association State Amateur Championship four times and was the first female to be inducted into the OBU Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1946, she became the only person in history to win the contest 5 years in a row, and even went on to a sixth win in 1949. Ultimately, Pat won golf tournaments all over the world and was inducted into the Women's Oklahoma Golf Hall of Fame in April 2010.

When World War II broke out, Pat enlisted in the U.S. Army, alongside her sister Mary Margaret. Pat held many assignments across the globe, including that of assisting the chief legal counsel during the Nuremberg Trials. She received 23 letters of commendation while in the Army, and retired after 22 years of active duty with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, one of only 60 women to attain the rank at the time.

Not quite ready for retirement, Pat earned her law degree in 1966 and practiced family law in Texas for 30 years. She was named Woman of the Year by the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in 1972 as a result of her service.

After retiring for good in 1995, Pat remained active, playing golf into her 70s, learning how to belly dance, and piloting an ultralight aircraft every Saturday morning. She passed away November 26, 2013, greatly loved by friends and family.

Mr. President, I ask that you join me today in celebrating the life of Pat Grant.●

AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, CONSISTING OF A PRINCIPAL AGREEMENT AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT—PM 25

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying reports and papers; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)),

I transmit herewith an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation, signed at Bern on December 3, 2012, (the "U.S.-Swiss Agreement"). The Agreement consists of two instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement, and upon entry into force, will replace: the Agreement between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security with final protocol, signed July 18, 1979; the Administrative Agreement between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security of July 18, 1979, signed December 20, 1979; and the Supplementary Agreement between the two Contracting States, signed June 1, 1988.

The U.S.-Swiss Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with most of the European Union member states, Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Norway, and the Republic of Korea. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation and to help prevent the lost benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries. The principal updates encompassed in the Agreement include amendments to rules for entitlement to Swiss disability pensions paid to ensure equality of treatments between U.S. and Swiss nationals, updates to personal information confidentiality provisions, and modifications necessary to take into account changes in U.S. and Swiss laws since 1988.

The U.S.-Swiss Agreement contains all provisions mandated by section 233 of the Social Security Act and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4) of the Social Security Act.

I also transmit, for the information of the Congress, a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the U.S.-Swiss Agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the provisions of the principal agreement and administrative arrangement. Annexed to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act on the number of individuals affected by the Agreement and the effect of the Agreement on the estimated income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the U.S.-Swiss Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the U.S.-Swiss Agreement on Social Security and related documents.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, December 9, 2013.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 22, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 2501, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Mr. BARR of Kentucky.

The message further announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. KING of New York.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 255. An act to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1095. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide a registration exemption for private equity fund advisers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1204. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1241. An act to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1846. An act to amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1900. An act to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects.

H.R. 1963. An act to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the author-

ity of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2388. An act to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2650. An act to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

H.R. 2719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3309. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3547. An act to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.

H.R. 3588. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

H.R. 3626. An act to extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3626. An act to extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1095. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide a registration exemption for private equity fund advisers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1204. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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