

At the end, add the following:  
This act shall become effective 6 days after enactment.

**SA 258.** Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 257 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “6 days” and insert “5 days”.

**SA 259.** Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:  
This act shall become effective 4 days after enactment.

**SA 260.** Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 259 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “4 days” and insert “3 days”.

**SA 261.** Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 260 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the amendment SA 259 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “3 days” and insert “2 days”.

**SA 262.** Mr. CORNYN proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 76, welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint meeting of Congress; as follows:

On page 3, line 4, strike “joint session” and insert “joint meeting”.

**SA 263.** Mr. CORNYN proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 76, welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint meeting of Congress; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: “A resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States for his address to a joint meeting of Congress.”.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 10 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:45 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Medical and Public Health Preparedness and Response: Are We Ready for Future Threats?”

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 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.

##### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 89, Oregon Shakespeare Festival; S. Res. 90, American Heart Month; and S. Res. 91, Read Across America Day.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536 and further amended by Public Law 100-365, appoints the following Senator to the National Historical Publication and Records Commission: the Honorable DANIEL SULLIVAN of Alaska.

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Friday, February 27; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and that following leader remarks, the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 240 under the previous order.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:19 p.m., adjourned until Friday, February 27, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SUZETTE M. KIMBALL, OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, VICE MARCIA K. MCNUTT, RESIGNED.

##### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

ANDREW LAMONT EANES, OF KANSAS, TO BE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2019, VICE CAROLYN W. COLVIN, TERM EXPIRED.

## INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

MILEYDI GUILARTE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, VICE JAN E. BOYER, RESIGNED.

## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

MARCIA DENISE OCCOMY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE WALTER CRAWFORD JONES, RESIGNED.

## FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED.

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS ONE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

ALEXIOUS BUTLER, OF GEORGIA  
MIRIAM GAIL LUTZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DANIEL JOHN MILLER, OF MINNESOTA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

JOHN G. ALLELO, OF TEXAS  
MATTHEW A. ANDERSON, OF MARYLAND  
WILLIAM JESSE BENJAMIN, OF NORTH DAKOTA  
TIMOTHY WALKER BORN, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ROBERT BURCH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
RICHARD A. BURNS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DONALD P. CHISHOLM, OF VIRGINIA  
ERIC WILLIAM DAVIS, OF CALIFORNIA  
JANEAN ELYSE DAVIS, OF NEW JERSEY  
SUSAN DECAMP, OF FLORIDA  
SHELLA E. DESAI, OF FLORIDA  
MICHAEL J. DESISTI, OF VIRGINIA  
STEPHEN MICHAEL DILLE, OF TEXAS  
CHRISTINE A. DJONDO, OF VIRGINIA  
BAHIRU DUGUMA, OF VIRGINIA  
MARC ELLINGSTAD, OF FLORIDA  
JAMES EVANS-BUTLER, OF VIRGINIA  
ERIC S. FLORIMON-REED, OF VIRGINIA  
BARRY T. GILL, OF TEXAS  
JOHN D. GORLOWULU, OF OREGON  
SCOTT WAYNE HEDLUND, OF WASHINGTON  
TYLER C. HOLT, OF MARYLAND  
STEPHEN C. IKE, OF GEORGIA  
DANIELE JEAN-PIERRE, OF TENNESSEE  
BRETT JONES, OF FLORIDA  
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL KELLY, OF MISSOURI  
HEATHER MICHELLE KHAN, OF CALIFORNIA  
PAUL KANGYOO KIM, OF NEW YORK  
ALEXANDER MATTHEW KLAITS, OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHRISTOPHER E. KRAFCHAK, OF CALIFORNIA  
EMILY COFFMAN KRUNIC, OF FLORIDA  
EDWARD G. LAWRENCE, OF CALIFORNIA  
TERESA M. MILLER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FRANK EDGAR MONTICELLO, OF TEXAS  
NINO NADIRADZE, OF FLORIDA  
RICHARD LELAND NELSON, OF TEXAS  
JEAN ROBERTS OLIVERAS, OF ILLINOIS  
MARK H. PARKISON, OF MARYLAND  
CONAN ERIC PEISEN, OF FLORIDA  
IAN J. ROBERTSON, OF FLORIDA

THOMAS D. ROJAS, OF WASHINGTON  
MELISSA D. ROSSER, OF OHIO  
LAUREN K. RUSSELL, OF VIRGINIA  
EZRA SIMON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
JULIE A. SOUTHFIELD, OF VIRGINIA  
CHARLES SWAGMAN, OF NEW MEXICO  
CARL A. SWANSON, OF VIRGINIA  
JAMSHED JAL UNWALA, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
STEPHEN G. VALDES-ROBLES, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THOMAS E. WHITE, OF NEW YORK  
DAVID R. YANGGEN, OF FLORIDA  
KIM KIM YEE, OF OREGON

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

ERIC D. ADAMS, OF WASHINGTON  
JENNIFER BELLE AGUILAR, OF TEXAS  
MARIE AHMED, OF CALIFORNIA  
OSAGIE CHRISTOPHER AIMUWU, OF MARYLAND  
ANGELINA F. ALLEN-MPYISI, OF WASHINGTON  
AYANA WILKES ANGULO, OF VIRGINIA  
ZOHRA PATEL BALSARA, OF FLORIDA  
HERBERT RUSSELL BAUER, OF ILLINOIS  
CHRISTINA BECK, OF VIRGINIA  
NILS R. BERGESON, OF UTAH  
SARAH R. BEUTER, OF VIRGINIA  
SARA ELIZABETH BUCHANAN, OF TENNESSEE  
WILLIAM M. BUTTERFIELD, OF VIRGINIA  
JOHN MICHAEL CALI III, OF VIRGINIA  
REBECCA H. CARTER, OF ARIZONA  
PHILLIP M. CHERRY, OF TEXAS  
KYUNG SHIN CHOE, OF MARYLAND  
LAURA ELLEN CHOLAK CIZMO, OF VIRGINIA  
MICHELLE N. CORZINE, OF ILLINOIS  
CHERYL T.M.S. DAVIS, OF FLORIDA  
DANIEL A. DEDEYAN, OF TEXAS  
JUSTIN TROY DIVENANZO, OF ILLINOIS  
THOMAS C. DIVINCENZO, OF VIRGINIA  
RORY LOPEZ DONOHUE, OF CALIFORNIA  
COLIN C. DREIZIN, OF CALIFORNIA  
JORGE L. DULANTO-HASSENSTEIN, OF FLORIDA  
ANTONINA B. ESPIRITU, OF HAWAII  
ELIZABETH CLINTON ESSEX, OF TEXAS  
JOHN MICHAEL EYRES, OF ARIZONA  
ELIZABETH L. FEARY, OF FLORIDA  
ALAN J. GARCEAU, OF FLORIDA  
EDWARD GONZALEZ, OF CALIFORNIA  
LAURA GONZALEZ, OF VIRGINIA  
MONIKA A. GORZELANSKA, OF VIRGINIA  
LUAN GRONHOVD, OF NORTH DAKOTA  
SHAWNTEL B. HINES, OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHERYL HODGE-SNEAD, OF TEXAS  
DANIEL A. HOLLANDER, OF ILLINOIS  
DAVID ELLIOTT HORTON III, OF OHIO  
TREVOR M. HUBLIN, OF OHIO  
M. SCOTT JACKSON, OF INDIANA  
ERIC MICHAEL JOHNSON, OF MINNESOTA  
KRISTIN M. JOPLIN, OF OREGON  
TERESE E. KALLOO, OF MARYLAND  
SELAN KEBROM, OF NEVADA  
MATTHEW ALLEN LAIRD, OF TEXAS  
H. ZAKS LUBIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
SAMUEL R. MATTHEWS, OF CALIFORNIA  
KEVIN P. MCGRATH, OF NEW JERSEY  
LISA MCGREGOR-MIRGHANI, OF ARIZONA  
LAURA LEAH MCKECHNIE, OF OREGON  
GHAZI MEHMOOD, OF TEXAS  
STEPHEN PAUL MENARD, JR., OF MARYLAND  
JOSHUA ELI MIKE, OF FLORIDA

MATTHEW EUGENE MILLS, OF VIRGINIA  
PATRICIA MIRA-HUNTER, OF VIRGINIA  
VICTORIA L. MITCHELL, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
LARISA MORI, OF CALIFORNIA  
MEI MEI PENG, OF CALIFORNIA  
PATRICK SHAWN PHILLIPS, OF VIRGINIA  
NORA ELENA PINZON, OF FLORIDA  
KRISTIN A. POORE, OF VIRGINIA  
RAGHEDA ELIAS RABIE, OF INDIANA  
CYNTHIA B. ROGERS, OF CALIFORNIA  
CHRISTOPHER D. SAENGER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
LEONA SASINKOVA, OF TENNESSEE  
LESLIE ANNE SCHAFER, OF CALIFORNIA  
MARGARET HELM SCHOCH, OF WASHINGTON  
JANINE A. SCOTT, OF MARYLAND  
NATHANIEL SCOTT, OF MASSACHUSETTS  
JOY ALMAZ SEARCIE, OF VIRGINIA  
NADEEM H. SHAH, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DIANA E. SHANNON, OF CALIFORNIA  
TYCE L. SHIDELER, OF WASHINGTON  
VANDANA STAPLETON, OF TEXAS  
TIMOTHY STEIN, OF TEXAS  
DANA S. STINSON, OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SIANA ELENA TACHETT, OF WASHINGTON  
BELIEN SOLOMON TADESSE, OF MARYLAND  
JOSEPH GUSTAVO TERRAZAS, OF FLORIDA  
JOSHUA TEMPLETON, OF FLORIDA  
PAUL ANTHONY VACA, OF CONNECTICUT  
RYAN EASTMAN WALTHER, OF FLORIDA  
REBECCA RAY WHITE, OF NEW YORK  
MARK R. K. WILSON, OF VIRGINIA  
DINAH ZELTSEER WINANT, OF FLORIDA  
BILLY L. WOODWARD, OF ILLINOIS  
FELICIA R. WILSON YOUNG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MOHAMED ZAHAR, OF NEW YORK  
NAIDA ZECEVIC BEAN, OF NEW JERSEY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

ADAM MICHAEL BRANSON, OF WASHINGTON  
MARCELA E. RONDON, OF MARYLAND  
RYAN R. SCOTT, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
MICHAEL J. WARD, OF MISSOURI

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION INTO AND WITHIN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED:

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER COUNSELOR:

RONALD P. VERDONK, OF MARYLAND

FOR APPOINTMENT AS A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, AND CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

MARC C. GILKEY, OF LOUISIANA

## THE JUDICIARY

MARY BARZEE FLORES, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE ROBIN S. ROSENBAUM, ELEVATED.

JULIEN XAVIER NEALS, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, VICE FAITH S. HOCHBERG, RETIRING.