

targets and timetables for emissions reductions;

Whereas the Executive Branch has made clear through its public statements that it intends to negotiate a climate change agreement at COP-21 that contains legally binding provisions as well as non-binding provisions—including targets and timetables for emissions reductions—attached as an addendum or schedule to the legally-binding agreement;

Whereas the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, Laurent Fabius, who will host COP-21, has stated, “We must find a formula which is valuable for everybody and valuable for the U.S. without going to the Congress.”;

Whereas the Department of State developed guidelines known as the Circular 175 Procedure (C-175) to facilitate “the application of orderly and uniform measures to the negotiation, conclusion, reporting, publication, and registration of U.S. treaties and international agreements”;

Whereas C-175, *inter alia*, set forth eight factors for determining “whether any international agreement should be brought into force as a treaty or as an international agreement other than a treaty”;

Whereas the Executive Branch must give “due consideration” to the eight factors outlined in C-175, and “the utmost care is to be exercised to avoid any invasion or compromise of the constitutional powers of the President, the Senate, and the Congress as a whole”;

Whereas the eight factors are as follows: (1) the extent to which the agreement involves commitments or risks affecting the Nation as a whole; (2) whether the agreement is intended to affect State laws; (3) whether the agreement can be given effect without the enactment of subsequent legislation by the Congress; (4) past United States practice as to similar agreements; (5) the preference of the Congress as to a particular type of agreement; (6) the degree of formality desired for an agreement; (7) the proposed duration of the agreement, the need for prompt conclusion of an agreement, and the desirability of concluding a routine or short-term agreement; and (8) the general international practice as to similar agreements;

Whereas COP-21 will be held in Paris, France from November 30 to December 11, 2015;

Whereas, at COP-21, the United States will be expected, *inter alia*, to commit billions of dollars in taxpayer money to fund the Green Climate Fund and other financial mechanisms to fund mitigation and adaptation projects in developing countries;

Whereas the Paris climate change agreement, either in the form contemplated by the President or in its current draft form released on October 5, 2015, by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform, reflects the characteristics of a treaty as set forth in C-175, and does not reflect the characteristics of an international agreement other than a treaty; and

Whereas, pursuant to commitments made by the Executive Branch to the Senate during the advice and consent process for the Convention the Executive Branch stated that any protocol containing targets and timetables would be submitted to the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),* That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the statements made by the Executive Branch to the Senate during Senate consideration of the Convention and set forth in Executive Report 102-55 remain valid and in force and, accordingly, any agreement adopted at COP-21 containing targets and timetables, whether deemed “legally binding” or not, must be submitted to the Senate for ad-

vice and consent pursuant to Article II, section 2 of the Constitution;

(2) any agreement or decision made at COP-21 that contains targets and timetables—whether they are contained within a legally-binding instrument or attached as a non-binding schedule or addendum to a legally-binding instrument—shall be considered by the Congress to be an agreement “containing targets and timetables”;

(3) a decision by the Executive Branch made at COP-21 or any other venue to apply targets and timetables for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases to the United States would alter the “shared understanding” of the Convention between the Executive Branch and the Senate and would therefore require the Senate’s advice and consent;

(4) the Department of State developed the “Circular 175 Procedure” to determine how international agreements would be negotiated, and the eight factors contained in the Procedure strongly support the conclusion that any agreement made under the Convention that contains targets and timetables for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases must be submitted to the Senate for advice and consent;

(5) until all commitments on emissions targets and timetables made at COP-21 are submitted to the Senate for advice and consent and subsequently ratified by the Executive Branch, such commitments shall have no effect on the interpretation of United States law or the international obligations of the United States; and

(6) Congress should refuse to consider any budget resolutions and appropriations language that include funding for the Green Climate Fund or any affiliated body or financing mechanism unless and until all agreements on emissions targets and timetables reached at COP-21 are submitted to the Senate for advice and consent.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2855. Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2856. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2859. Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2860. Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2861. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2862. Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2863. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2864. Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2868. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2869. Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2870. Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2871. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2872. Mr. PORTMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2873. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mrs. ERNST) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1550, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:  
**SEC. 416. INTERSTATE TRANSPORT OF KNIVES.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Knife Owners’ Protection Act of 2015”.

(b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “transport”—

(1) includes staying in temporary lodging overnight, common carrier misrouting or delays, stops for food, fuel, vehicle maintenance, emergencies, medical treatment, and any other activity related to the journey of an individual; and

(2) does not include transport of a knife with the intent to commit an offense punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year involving the use or threatened use of force against another person, or with knowledge, or reasonable cause to believe, that such an offense is to be committed in the course of, or arising from, the journey.

(c) **TRANSPORT OF KNIVES.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation of the United States, or of a State or political subdivision of a State, an individual who is not otherwise prohibited by Federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a knife may transport a knife from any State or place where the individual may lawfully possess, carry, or transport the knife to any other State or place where the individual may lawfully possess, carry, or transport the knife if—

(1) in the case of transport by motor vehicle—

(A) the knife is not directly accessible from the passenger compartment of the motor vehicle; or

(B) in the case of a motor vehicle without a compartment separate from the passenger compartment, the knife is contained in a closed—

- (i) container;
- (ii) glove compartment; or
- (iii) console; or

(2) in the case of transport by means other than a motor vehicle, including any transport over land, on or through water, or through the air, the knife is contained in a closed container.

(d) **EMERGENCY KNIVES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An individual—

(A) may carry in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle a knife or tool designed for enabling escape in an emergency that incorporates a blunt tipped safety blade or a guarded blade or both for cutting safety belts; and

(B) shall not be required to secure a knife or tool described in subparagraph (A) in a closed—

- (i) container;
- (ii) glove compartment; or
- (iii) console.

(2) **LIMITATION.**—This subsection shall not apply to the transport of a knife or tool in the passenger cabin of an aircraft whose passengers are subject to airport screening procedures of the Transportation Security Administration.

(e) **NO ARREST OR DETENTION.**—An individual who is transporting a knife in compliance with this section may not be arrested or otherwise detained for violation of any law, rule, or regulation of a State or political subdivision of a State related to the possession, transport, or carrying of a knife, unless there is probable cause to believe that the individual is not in compliance with subsection (c).

(f) **CLAIM OR DEFENSE.**—An individual may assert this section as a claim or defense in any civil or criminal action or proceeding. When an individual asserts this section as a claim or defense in a criminal proceeding, the State or political subdivision shall have the burden of proving, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the individual was not in compliance with subsection (c).

(g) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any right to possess, carry, or transport a knife under applicable State law.

**SA 2856.** Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 146, line 8, strike “and”.

On page 146, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

(7) is not a youth who left foster care at age 14 or older and is at risk of becoming homeless; and

On page 146, line 9, strike “(7)” and insert “(8)”.

**SA 2857.** Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 163, line 23, insert “and under the Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP), as applicable” after “(PHAS)”.

**SA 2858.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

**SEC. 416.** None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for high-speed rail in the State of California or for the California High-Speed Rail Authority, nor may any such funds be used by the Federal Railroad Administration to administer a grant agreement with the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

**SA 2859.** Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** None of the funds made available under this Act shall be used to carry out the rule entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” (80 Fed. Reg. 42272 (July 16, 2015)).

**SA 2860.** Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

**SEC. 416.** None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to terminate the Federal Aviation Administration’s Contract Weather Observation Services Program until after the completion of a comprehensive study, incorporating stakeholder input and public comment, of the safety risks and hazardous effects that may result from such loss of such program.

**SA 2861.** Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the general provisions of title I, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Any bridge eligible for assistance under title 23, United States Code, that is structurally deficient and requires construction, reconstruction, or maintenance—

(1) may be reconstructed in the same location with the same capacity and dimensions as in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall be exempt from any environmental reviews, approvals, licensing, and permit requirements under—

(A) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

(B) sections 402 and 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342, 1344);

(C) division A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code;

(D) the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.);

(E) the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.);

(F) the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.);

(G) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), except when the reconstruction occurs in designated critical habitat for threatened and endangered species;

(H) Executive Order 11990 (42 U.S.C. 4321 note; relating to the protection of wetland); and

(I) any Federal law (including regulations) requiring no net loss of wetland.

**SA 2862.** Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and

Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. With respect to grants awarded using amounts in the appropriations account appropriated under the heading "HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS" under the heading "COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT" made available for either of fiscal years 2015 or 2016 for the Continuum of Care Program, as authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), costs paid through program income of a grant recipient may count toward meeting the matching requirements of the recipient, if the costs are eligible continuum of care costs that supplement the continuum of care program of the recipient.

**SA 2863.** Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. From amounts made available by this Act, such sums as may be necessary may be used to carry out the following activities:

(1) The Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, shall review policies and guidance to identify ways in which the Department of Transportation can encourage State departments of transportation, transit agencies, and other direct recipients of Federal-Aid Highway and Federal Transit funding to encourage and expand the use of innovative mobility technologies, including car sharing, bike sharing, carpool, vanpool, transportation network companies, multimodal fare payment systems, application-based mobility programs, and other innovative projects that can make the transportation system more safe and efficient.

(2) The Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, shall—

(A) review existing guidance and revise such guidance, as necessary, to encourage the use and expansion of innovative technologies, as appropriate; and

(B) develop specific guidance and circulars on how recipients of Federal-Aid Highway funding can and should be utilizing such technologies.

(3) Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

(A) a plan describing how the Department of Transportation will identify and provide technical assistance to recipients of Federal-Aid Highway funding on integrating and utilizing innovative mobility technologies;

(B) a plan for addressing current and potential guidance documents;

(C) the identification of legislative barriers that prevent expansion and utilization of innovative mobility technologies, including mobility services provided by private providers of public transportation; and

(D) recommendations on policies that the Department of Transportation should imple-

ment and legislation that Congress should enact to expand innovative mobility technologies.

(4) To assist with the development of the report under paragraph (3), the Secretary of Transportation shall create a task force composed of representatives of—

(A) national stakeholders representing—  
(i) city officials;  
(ii) State departments of transportation;  
(iii) transit agencies;  
(iv) transportation demand management professionals;  
(v) rural transportation agencies;  
(vi) shared use mobility providers;  
(vii) intelligent transportation system professionals; and  
(viii) additional private sector technology professionals, as appropriate;

(B) university transportation centers engaged in research regarding urban mobility and shared use mobility;

(C) private companies that provide, promote, and operate digital mobility technologies and information technologies; and

(D) other entities that the Secretary determines could contribute to the development of the report.

**SA 2864.** Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

SEC. 416. Section 8(x)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(2)) is amended by striking "not more than 21 years of age" and inserting "not more than 24 years of age".

**SA 2865.** Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 169, line 13, insert "(a)" before "Section".

On page 169, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(b) Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall issue final regulations to implement the amendment made by subsection (a).

**SA 2866.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 119C, insert the following:

SEC. 119D. It is the sense of Congress that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration continue evaluating the operational benefits of technologies, including an all-digital cylindrical technology and a panel technology as part of the multi-function phased array radar program. Further, NOAA and the FAA should jointly formulate key requirements for development and eventual acquisition strategy of such a radar system to meet the needs of the respective agencies.

**SA 2867.** Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. (a) In this section, the term "covered agency" means—

(1) the Department of Housing and Urban Development;  
(2) the Department of Transportation;  
(3) the Federal Maritime Commission;  
(4) the National Railroad Passenger Corporation;  
(5) the National Transportation Safety Board;  
(6) the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; and  
(7) the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

(b) Not later than September 30, 2016, the head of each covered agency shall submit to Congress and post on the website of the covered agency a report on projects funded by the covered agency.

(c) Each report submitted and posted under subsection (b) shall include, for each project included in the report—

(1) a brief description of the project, including—  
(A) the purpose of the project;  
(B) each location in which the project is carried out;  
(C) the year in which the project was initiated; and  
(D) each primary contractor and grant recipient for the project;  
(2) the original expected date for completion of the project;  
(3) the current expected date for completion of the project;  
(4) the original cost estimate for the project;  
(5) the current cost estimate for the project; and  
(6) if known, an explanation for a delay in completion or increase in the original cost estimate for the project.

**SA 2868.** Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

SEC. 416. None of the funds made available under this Act may be used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to

implement changes to the Indian Housing Block Grant allocation formula until all changes to data sources are fully evaluated by the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee established under section 106(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4116(b)) at a publicly noticed, in-person session as part of the official, regular meeting process of the Committee.

**SA 2869.** Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 54, line 11, strike “\$1,101,500,000” and insert “\$1,711,500,000”.

**SA 2870.** Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 105.

**SA 2871.** Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be used to provide or administer assistance to aliens admitted, on or after November 13, 2015, as refugees or asylees under section 1157 or 1158 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157 and 1158) who were nationals of any of the following countries or territories:

- (1) Afghanistan.
- (2) Algeria.
- (3) Bahrain.
- (4) Bangladesh.
- (5) Egypt.
- (6) Eritrea.
- (7) Indonesia.
- (8) Iran.
- (9) Iraq.
- (10) Jordan.
- (11) Kazakhstan.
- (12) Kuwait.
- (13) Kyrgyzstan.
- (14) Lebanon.
- (15) Libya.
- (16) Mali.
- (17) Morocco.
- (18) Nigeria.
- (19) North Korea.
- (20) Oman.

- (21) Pakistan.
- (22) Qatar.
- (23) Russia.
- (24) Saudi Arabia.
- (25) Somalia.
- (26) Sudan.
- (27) Syria.
- (28) Tajikistan.
- (29) Tunisia.
- (30) Turkey.
- (31) United Arab Emirates.
- (32) Uzbekistan.
- (33) Yemen.
- (34) Palestinian Territories.

**SA 2872.** Mr. PORTMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) to the bill H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. It is the sense of the Senate that bridges classified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete should receive priority funding under the national highway performance program under section 119 of title 23, United States Code.

**SA 2873.** Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mrs. ERNST) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1550, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 11, line 22, strike “in accordance” and insert “consistent”.

On page 12, lines 18 and 19, strike “the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016” and insert “chapter 87 of title 10”.

On page 15, lines 16 and 17, strike “the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016” and insert “chapter 87 of title 10”.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Thomas A. Shannon, Jr. to be Undersecretary of State (Political Affairs), dated November 19, 2015.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. COLLINS. 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 November 19, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “ISIS’s Impacts on the Homeland and Refugee Resettlement.”

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

##### PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, “Human Trafficking Investigation.”

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Democratic Transitions in Southeast Asia.”

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

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, appoints the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Karlos R. LaSane II of Nevada.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the