

practicable, before any funds may be allocated to any other authorized purpose, be allocated in the prioritized order of—

(1) immediate threat mitigation projects in accordance with subsection (b) at facilities determined to be high threat, high risk pursuant to section 531;

(2) other security upgrades to facilities determined to be high threat, high risk pursuant to section 531;

(3) all other immediate threat mitigation projects in accordance with subsection (b); and

(4) security upgrades to all other facilities or new construction for facilities determined to be high threat, high risk pursuant to section 531.

(b) IMMEDIATE THREAT MITIGATION PROJECTS PRIORITIZATION.—In allocating funding for immediate threat mitigation projects pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall prioritize funding for the construction of safeguards that provide immediate security benefits and any other purposes necessary to mitigate immediate threats to United States personnel serving overseas.

(c) ADDITIONAL LIMITATION.—No funds authorized to be appropriated shall be obligated for new embassy construction, other than for high threat, high risk facilities, unless the Secretary certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(1) the Department has fully complied with the requirements of subsection (a);

(2) high threat, high risk facilities are being secured to the best of the United States Government's ability; and

(3) the Secretary will make funds available from the Embassy Security, Construction and Maintenance account or other sources to address any changed security threats or new or emergent security needs, including new immediate threat mitigation projects.

(d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall report to the appropriate congressional committees not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act on—

(1) funding for the priorities described in subsection (a);

(2) efforts to secure high threat, high risk facilities as well as high vulnerability locations facilities; and

(3) plans to make funds available from the Embassy Security, Construction and Maintenance account or other sources to address any changed security threats or new or emergent security needs, including new immediate threat mitigation projects.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

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

### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2016, at 9 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

mittee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2016, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Mental Health in America: Where Are We Now?"

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

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2016, at 10 a.m.

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

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2016, at 10 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. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2016, at 2 p.m., in room SH-219 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 28, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Michael Jetvig, an intern in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session of the Senate.

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar Nos. 519 through 545 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further mo-

tions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations 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 AIR FORCE

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

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Mark A. Baird

#### IN THE ARMY

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. Thomas F. Spencer

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

#### To be major general

Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Champagne

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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

Lt. Gen. Marshall B. Webb

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Daniel J. Swain

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. James J. Keefe

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

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Andrea D. Tullus

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

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Bradley C. Saltzman

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Andrew E. Salas

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

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Craig D. Wills

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Tamhara L. Hutchins-Frye

IN THE ARMY

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 general*

Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti

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. William J. Prendergast, IV

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

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. William P. Barriage  
Brig. Gen. Peter A. Bosse  
Brig. Gen. Troy D. Kok  
Brig. Gen. William S. Lee

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Marilyn S. Chiafullo  
Col. Alex B. Fink  
Col. John B. Hashem  
Col. Susan E. Henderson  
Col. Andrew J. Juknelis  
Col. Jeffrey W. Jurasek  
Col. Deborah L. Kotulich  
Col. John H. Phillips  
Col. Stephen T. Sauter  
Col. Stephen E. Strand

IN THE NAVY

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

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Paul J. Verrastro

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

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Timothy J. White

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

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Kyle J. Cozad  
Rear Adm. (lh) Lisa M. Franchetti  
Rear Adm. (lh) Roy J. Kelley  
Rear Adm. (lh) David M. Kriete  
Rear Adm. (lh) Bruce H. Lindsey  
Rear Adm. (lh) James T. Loeblein  
Rear Adm. (lh) William R. Merz  
Rear Adm. (lh) Dee L. Mewbourne  
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael T. Moran  
Rear Adm. (lh) Stuart B. Munsch  
Rear Adm. (lh) John B. Nowell, Jr.  
Rear Adm. (lh) Timothy G. Szymanski

IN THE ARMY

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 general*

Gen. Vincent K. Brooks

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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*

Lt. Gen. Bradley A. Heithold

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment as Director, Air National Guard, and for appointment to the grade indicated in the Reserve of the Air Force under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 10506:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Leon S. Rice

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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. Lori J. Robinson

IN THE ARMY

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. Stephen M. Twitty

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. John G. Rossi

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 general*

Lt. Gen. Robert B. Brown

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. Kenneth D. Jones

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. Arlan M. DeBlieck

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. Rodney L. Faulk

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1219 AIR FORCE nomination of Martin T. Mitchell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2016.

PN1269 AIR FORCE nominations (23) beginning LAURA S. BARCHICK, and ending KEVIN J. WILKINSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1270 AIR FORCE nominations (28) beginning MICHELLE D. AASTROM, and ending CYNTHIA J. WEIDMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1271 AIR FORCE nominations (446) beginning LAIRD S. ABBOTT, and ending CHRISTOPHER J. ZUHLKE, which nomina-

tions were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1318 AIR FORCE nomination of Albert E. White, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 2016.

PN1333 AIR FORCE nomination of Jonathan M. Letsinger, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1334 AIR FORCE nominations (42) beginning LLOYD TRAVIS A. ARNOLD, and ending KONSTANTINA ZUBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1335 AIR FORCE nomination of Kristie L. Partin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1336 AIR FORCE nomination of Aimee D. Safford, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1337 AIR FORCE nomination of Tracey A. Gosser, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1338 AIR FORCE nomination of Todd R. Howell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

IN THE ARMY

PN1220 ARMY nominations (3) beginning LARSS G. CELTNEKS, and ending PAULETTE V. BURTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2016.

PN1221 ARMY nomination of Eric Danko, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2016.

PN1222 ARMY nominations (2) beginning STEVEN N. CAROZZA, and ending NOAH C. CLOUD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2016.

PN1223 ARMY nomination of Ramit Ring, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2016.

PN1272 ARMY nomination of Geoffrey E. Anderson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1274 ARMY nomination of Bruce H. Robinson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1275 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MATTHEW B. BOOTH, and ending DONALD W. MOYER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1276 ARMY nomination of Robert L. Cronyn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1277 ARMY nomination of Darrell W. Collins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1299 ARMY nomination of Devon D. Nudelman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1300 ARMY nomination of Calvin C. Thomas, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1301 ARMY nominations (2) beginning STEPHEN G. CRUYS, and ending GREGORY J. LONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1302 ARMY nominations (2) beginning EDWARD S. BARNETT, and ending LYNN J.

WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1303 ARMY nominations (5) beginning TIMOTHY G. BONNER, and ending JAMES S. WELCH, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1304 ARMY nominations (7) beginning KRYSTAL D. BEAN, and ending JUSTIN R. SCHLANSER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1305 ARMY nominations (19) beginning GEORGE A. BARBEE, and ending D013078, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1306 ARMY nominations (80) beginning GABRIELLE M. ANDREANIFABRONI, and ending YOUNG J. YAUGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1307 ARMY nominations (84) beginning TERRY L. AITKEN, and ending D010908, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1319 ARMY nomination of Travis H. Owen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 2016.

PN1320 ARMY nominations (54) beginning JOSHUA T. ADE, and ending D012875, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 2016.

PN1322 ARMY nomination of Timothy R. Teague, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 2016.

PN1323 ARMY nomination of Eric E. Halstrom, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 2016.

PN1324 ARMY nominations (4) beginning BRIAN D. BOBO, and ending ANTHONY D. FOURNIER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 2016.

PN1325 ARMY nomination of Dennis N. Snelling, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 2016.

PN1340 ARMY nomination of Kodjo S. Knoxlimbacker, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1341 ARMY nomination of Lori R. Schanhals, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1342 ARMY nomination of Drew R. Conover, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1343 ARMY nomination of Bradley D. Osterman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1344 ARMY nomination of Francisco J. Lopez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1346 ARMY nominations (4) beginning TIMOTHY D. AIKEN, and ending JAMES R. WEAKLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1347 ARMY nomination of George A. Rollins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1348 ARMY nomination of McArthur Walker, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1349 ARMY nominations (4) beginning TIMOTHY D. COVINGTON, and ending ERIC A. KENNEDY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1379 ARMY nomination of Nilson Orozcooviedo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2016.

PN1380 ARMY nomination of Pierre E. Saintfleur, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2016.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1126 MARINE CORPS nomination of John A. Yukica, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2016.

PN1129 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning MATRIX W. ELIAS, and ending NICHOLAS J. TAZZA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2016.

#### IN THE NAVY

PN1201 NAVY nomination of Brian D. Hennessy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 3, 2016.

PN1224 NAVY nomination of Donald C. King, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2016.

PN1279 NAVY nomination of Stephanie M. Simoni, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1280 NAVY nomination of Jennifer L. Shafer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1281 NAVY nominations (3) beginning JUSTIN K. CONROY, and ending REBECCA L. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1282 NAVY nomination of Brice A. Goodwin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1283 NAVY nomination of Brian J. Hamer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1284 NAVY nomination of Scott F. Gruwell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1285 NAVY nomination of Shannon D. Lorimer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2016.

PN1308 NAVY nominations (11) beginning DANIELLE M. BARNES, and ending MARK R. THOMAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1309 NAVY nomination of William A. Hlavin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1312 NAVY nomination of Phillip G. Cyr, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2016.

PN1350 NAVY nomination of Donald E. Speights, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

PN1366 NAVY nomination of Luis A. Bencomo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2016.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

#### AFGHANISTAN ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2015

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 189, S. 1875.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1875) to support enhanced accountability for United States assistance to Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment, as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be stricken is shown in boldface brackets and the part of the bill intended to be inserted is shown in *italic*.)

S. 1875

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Afghanistan Accountability Act of 2015”.

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

#### TITLE I—EFFECTIVE AFGHANISTAN ASSISTANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### SEC. 101. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the United States launched Operation Enduring Freedom, and since then the United States Armed Forces and the Afghan National Security Forces have made countless sacrifices in defending Afghanistan against the threat of terrorism and insurgency and by extension the United States and the wider world.

(2) Since 2001, the United States has worked with a broad coalition of nations that has helped to dramatically improve numerous development indicators within Afghanistan, including a dramatic increase in the number of girls enrolled in primary education from an estimated 5,000 under the Taliban to 2,400,000 girls as of 2010; an increase in the percentage of individuals above the poverty line from 25.4 percent in 2002 to 35.8 percent in 2011; an increase in the percentage of individuals who now have access to an improved water source in rural areas from 22 percent in 2001 to 56 percent in 2012; a precipitous decline in maternal mortality from 1200/100,000 births in 1995 to 400/100,000 births in 2013; and an expansion of women’s rights;

(3) Numerous research studies have shown that government corruption is a driver of conflict and particularly so in Afghanistan, where it has served as a powerful recruitment tool for the Taliban.

(4) Since the first democratic transfer of power in the history of Afghanistan in 2014, President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah have led a National Unity Government that has identified