

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

Ms. MURKOWSKI. 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 January 28, 2016, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Generic Drug User Fee Amendments: Accelerating Patient Access to Generic Drugs."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 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.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2016, at 10 a.m. in room SR-428A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the SBIR/STTR Programs—The Importance of Small Business Innovation to National and Economic Security."

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. MURKOWSKI. 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 January 28, 2016, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Department of Health and Human Services' Placement of Migrant Children: Vulnerabilities to Human Trafficking."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 28, 2016, at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Molly Baier, a fellow in my office, be granted privileges of the floor for the remainder of the Congress.

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. 449 through 457 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; 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 motions 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 while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Anthony J. Rock

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. James H. Dienst

The following named officers 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. John J. Degoes

Col. Mark A. Koeniger

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. James R. Barkley

Brig. Gen. Kimberly A. Crider

Brig. Gen. David B. O'Brien

Brig. Gen. Eric S. Overturf

Brig. Gen. Walter J. Sams

Brig. Gen. John P. Stokes

Brig. Gen. Curtis L. Williams

Brig. Gen. Edward P. Yarish

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. Paige P. Hunter

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. Thomas J. Owens, II

IN THE ARMY

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. Robert G. Michnowicz

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. Jeffrey C. Coggin

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. Kevin C. Wulforst

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S
DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1010 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning PETER L. REYNOLDS, and ending CHRISTOPHER P. CALDER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1011 AIR FORCE nomination of Jeremy W. Cannon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1012 AIR FORCE nomination of Ted W. Lieu, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1013 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning JODENE M. ALEXANDER, and ending DEBORAH J. ROBINSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1014 AIR FORCE nominations (5) beginning JOHN LOUIS ARENDALE, II, and ending MINH-TRI BA TRINH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1015 AIR FORCE nominations (13) beginning BONNIE JOY BOSLER, and ending LIANE L. WEINBERGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1016 AIR FORCE nominations (14) beginning ARDEN B. ANDERSEN, and ending MARK A. ZELKOVIC, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1017 AIR FORCE nomination of Todd Andrew Luce, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1018 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning LEBANE S. HALL, and ending DAVID F. PENDLETON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1019 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning WILLIAM CHARLES DUNLAP, and ending ROBERT K. MCGHEE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1020 AIR FORCE nominations (9) beginning DAWN D. BELLACK, and ending ANDREW J. TURNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1021 AIR FORCE nominations (109) beginning KATHERINE E. AASEN, and ending CHRISTOPHER M. ZIDEK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1022 AIR FORCE nominations (6) beginning BRYAN M. BARROQUEIRO, and ending JOSEPH MANNINO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1023 AIR FORCE nomination of Bryan M. Davis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1024 AIR FORCE nomination of Todd E. Combs, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1067 AIR FORCE nominations (57) beginning BRETT C. ANDERSON, and ending SHAHID A. ZAIDI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1068 AIR FORCE nominations (79) beginning STEPHEN C. ARNASON, and ending JOHN R. YANCEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1069 AIR FORCE nominations (162) beginning ERIC E. ABBOTT, and ending PHILIP A. WIXOM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1070 AIR FORCE nominations (232) beginning JANE A. ALSTON, and ending TIMOTHY J. ZIELICKE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

IN THE ARMY

PN1025 ARMY nominations (883) beginning DAVID H. AAMIDOR, and ending D012522, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1026 ARMY nominations (461) beginning YONATAN S. ABEIE, and ending D012158, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1027 ARMY nomination of Peter J. Koch, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1028 ARMY nominations (3) beginning DEREK P. JONES, and ending WILLIAM J. RICE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1029 ARMY nominations (382) beginning MICHAEL S. ABBOTT, and ending D011609, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1030 ARMY nomination of Denny L. Winningham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1031 ARMY nomination of John C. Baskerville, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1071 ARMY nomination of Mark L. Coble, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1072 ARMY nominations (10) beginning CRAIG A. HOLAN, and ending ERIC E. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1074 ARMY nomination of Steven R. Berger, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1075 ARMY nomination of Richard M. Hawkins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1076 ARMY nomination of Martin S. Kendrick, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1032 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning WILLIAM T. HENNESSY, and ending JAMES R. LENARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 14, 2015.

PN1080 MARINE CORPS nominations (699) beginning JEREMY D. ADAMS, and ending ANGELA S. ZUNIC, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1081 MARINE CORPS nominations (6) beginning GEORGE L. ROBERTS, and ending STEPHEN A. RITCHIE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

IN THE NAVY

PN927 NAVY nominations (2) beginning James E. O'Neil, III, and ending Keith M. Roxo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 28, 2015.

PN1078 NAVY nominations (2) beginning DENISE M. VEYVODA, and ending ROBERT G. WEST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

PN1079 NAVY nomination of James A. Trotter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE FOR WINNING THE 2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 350, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 350) congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for winning the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 350) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 351, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 351) designating the week of January 24 through January 30, 2016, as "National School Choice Week."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, this week is an opportunity to highlight the importance of parental choice in education, and the success that children find when they are able to choose an educational pathway that suits their individual needs. Be it through public, charter, private, or home schools, as well as other forms of educational services that may be tailored to the educational needs of our kids, we should continue our work to provide students with a viable and proven route to a better education.

In particular, I want to recognize my home State of South Carolina for our continuous work in expanding school choice initiatives. Since 2013, when South Carolina's general assembly enacted the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children, which helps children with disabilities gain an education personalized to their own unique needs, South Carolina has been on the forefront of the school choice movement. That is clearly on display this week, as South Carolina's National School Choice Rally will feature its largest rates of participation yet, with over 3,000 parents, advocates, and students lending their voice and support to school choice.

On the Federal level, I have submitted legislation to free up access to educational resources for America's least fortunate students. I have sponsored legislation that would make IDEA funds portable and create a school choice pilot program for military families, as well as bipartisan legislation with Senators FEINSTEIN, JOHNSON, and BOOKER to reauthorize and improve the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program, the Nation's only federally supported school choice program.

I believe we must continue this work to promote parental choice. Reforms to our educational system should empower parents and students, not bureaucrats, to choose the educational option that best meets their unique needs. Because when parents have better choices, their kids have a better chance.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 351) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")