

(2) the term "Department" means the Department of Homeland Security.

(b) REVIEW.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security submits the first multiyear acquisition strategy required under section 836 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by section 2 of this Act, after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the strategy and analyze the viability of the effectiveness of the strategy in—

(1) complying with the requirements of such section 836;

(2) establishing clear connections between Department objectives and acquisition priorities;

(3) demonstrating that Department acquisition policy reflects program management best practices and standards;

(4) ensuring competition or the option of competition for major acquisition programs;

(5) considering potential cost savings through using existing technologies when developing acquisition program requirements;

(6) preventing duplication within Department acquisition workforce training requirements through leveraging already-existing training within the Federal Government, academic community, or private industry; and

(7) providing incentives for acquisition program managers to reduce acquisition and procurement costs through the use of best practices and disciplined program management.

(c) REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report on the review conducted under subsection (b), which shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 119—REQUIRING AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES TO HOLD ANNUAL HEARINGS ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS ON THE IDENTIFICATION, CONSOLIDATION, AND ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 119

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This resolution may be cited as the "Congressional Oversight to Start Taxpayer Savings Resolution" or the "COST Savings Resolution".

SEC. 2. REQUIRING COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORTS.

(a) DUPLICATION REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Comptroller General of the United States transmits each annual report to Congress identifying programs, agencies, offices, and initiatives with duplicative goals and activities within the Government under section 21 of the Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolu-

tion increasing the statutory limit on the public debt" (Public Law 111-139; 31 U.S.C. 712 note), each standing committee of the Senate (except the Committee on Appropriations) with jurisdiction over any such program, agency, office, or initiative covered by that report shall conduct hearings on the recommendations for consolidation and elimination of such program, agency, office, or initiative.

(b) HIGH RISK LIST.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Comptroller General of the United States publishes a High Risk List, or any successor thereto, each standing committee of the Senate (except the Committee on Appropriations) with jurisdiction over any agency or program area on the High Risk List shall conduct hearings on the vulnerabilities to fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement, or need for transformation, of the agency or program area.

(c) JOINT HEARINGS.—For any program, agency, office, initiative, or program area over which more than 1 standing committee of the Senate (except the Committee on Appropriations) has jurisdiction, to the extent determined beneficial and appropriate by the Chairmen of the committees, the committees may hold joint hearings under subsection (a) or (b).

SENATE RESOLUTION 120—DESIGNATING APRIL 20, 2017, AS "NATIONAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE DAY"

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 120

Whereas the United States should reduce dependence on foreign oil and enhance energy security by creating a transportation sector that is less dependent on oil;

Whereas the United States should improve the air quality of the country by reducing emissions from the millions of motor vehicles that operate in the United States;

Whereas the United States should foster national expertise and technological advancement in the development of cleaner, more energy-efficient alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles;

Whereas a robust domestic industry for alternative fuels, alternative fuel vehicles, and advanced technology vehicles will create jobs and increase the competitiveness of the United States in the international community;

Whereas the people of the United States need more options for clean and energy-efficient transportation;

Whereas the mainstream adoption of alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles will produce benefits at the local, national, and international levels;

Whereas consumers and businesses require a better understanding of the benefits of alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles;

Whereas numerous audiences, such as first responders, require comprehensive training to become fully prepared for any precautionary measures for working with alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles; and

Whereas the Federal Government can lead the way toward a cleaner and more efficient transportation sector by choosing alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles for the fleets of the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 20, 2017, as "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day";

(2) proclaims National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day as a day to promote programs and activities that will lead to the greater use of cleaner, more efficient transportation that uses new sources of energy; and

(3) urges the people of the United States—

(A) to increase the personal and commercial use of cleaner and energy-efficient alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles;

(B) to promote public sector adoption of cleaner and energy-efficient alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles; and

(C) to encourage the adoption of Federal policies to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil through the advancement and adoption of alternative, advanced, and emerging vehicle and fuel technologies.

SENATE RESOLUTION 121—DESIGNATING APRIL 11, 2017, AS THE "NATIONAL BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE"

Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 121

Whereas, for 117 years, the broad strategic and tactical advantages created by the submarine force of the Navy (referred to in this preamble as the "Submarine Force") have enhanced the national security of the United States through undersea missions;

Whereas, over the course of the last 11 decades, the submarines of the Navy have advanced through 4 generations;

Whereas the Navy first acquired a commissioned submarine, the USS Holland (SS-1), on April 11, 1900;

Whereas the first generation submarines of the Navy rapidly evolved from small, limited-capability subsurface vessels to a dominant force in naval warfare;

Whereas the second generation submarines of the Navy, defined by the heroes of World War II, made a decisive difference in a war in which control of the sea was crucial;

Whereas the third generation submarines of the Navy, defined by the Cold War and the use of nuclear power, helped prevent a nuclear world war and secured the interests of the United States;

Whereas the modern, fourth generation submarines of the Navy use long-range sensors and weapons to stay ahead of global threats and preserve freedom of navigation in the global maritime environment;

Whereas, in 2017, the Submarine Force consists of 52 attack, 14 ballistic missile, and 4 guided missile submarines that enable the Navy to win wars, prevent conflicts, and defeat threats posed by terrorists;

Whereas, throughout the history of the Submarine Force, the 1 constant has been the tremendous character, courage, and dedication of the men and women who maintain, equip, and train and fight in the submarines of the Navy; and

Whereas April 11, 2017, marks the 117th birthday of the Submarine Force and is an appropriate date to designate as the "National Birthday of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 11, 2017, as the "National Birthday of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force"; and

(2) acknowledges the critical role that the men and women of the submarine force of the Navy fulfill in defending the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I have 7 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to Rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The 2017 Tax Filing Season: Internal Revenue Service Operations and the Taxpayer Experience."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 11 a.m., to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the 115th Congress of the U.S. Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 2 p.m., in room SH-219 of the Senate Hart Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION OPERATIONS, SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold Subcommittee Hearing on FAA Reauthorization: Perspectives on Rural Air Service and the General Aviation Community.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a roundtable entitled, "Case Studies in Personnel Management Reform in Federal Agencies."

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader

and chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114-328, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service: the Honorable Joseph Heck of Nevada and Steve Barney of Massachusetts.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following leader remarks on Friday, April 7, and notwithstanding rule XXII, there be 2 hours of debate equally divided in the usual form; further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on the Gorsuch nomination with no intervening action or debate.

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

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 7; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume executive session to consider the nomination of Neil Gorsuch, as under the previous order.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, 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 7:05 p.m., adjourned until Friday, April 7, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DAVID L. NORQUIST, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER), VICE MICHAEL J. MCCORD.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ERIC D. HARGAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE WILLIAM V. CORR, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MAKAN DELRAHIM, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE WILLIAM JOSEPH BAER, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

NEIL R. COPELAND

ANDREW R. DAVIS
ZACHARY M. DREADEN
ALEX Y. HERNANDEZ
OLIVIA M. VAUGHAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

ROBERT P. MCCOY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

ALLEN R. HENDERSON, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

GEORGE L. BURNETT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

DION R. DIXON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

REBECCA A. LIPE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

MICHAEL N. TESFAY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

MEGAN G. K. STEELE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

RYAN W. ABNER
CHRISTINE M. AINSWORTH
JULIE L. AIRHART
JEANETTE AMBERSLEY
SEAN M. AMPORT
ELENA A. AMSPACHER
ERICKA M. ANDERSON
MELISSA M. ANHALT
JONATHAN R. BEATTY
DAVID M. BERGERON
DENNA E. BERTACINI
HOLLY E. BLACK
MELISSA B. BLACKBURN
TARA R. BLACKWELDER
PINKY JAYNE BREWTON
JOSHUA K. BROWN
TAMARA N. BROWN
REBECCA J. BRYANT
KRISTEN D. CALDWELL
JENA J. CAMPBELL
OMAR CARRASCO
ARTHUR R. CARTWRIGHT, JR.
MELODY L. COBB
HEATHER D. COHEN
JOPER E. COLLADO
NATURE D. COMANS
JOANNA M. COOLEY
KYLE W. CRISSMAN
KATRINA S. CROWELL
ROWENA D. DACUMOS
PATRICK J. DAVIS
CANDIDA K. DAVIS
TRACY T. DAVIS
COURTNEY DESUTTER KUJANSUU
JAN M. DOCKERY
ALECIA T. DOEMAN
EDITA U. DUNGA
JAMES D. DUNHAM
MARC D. DUNHAM
SHANNON A. DURHAM
CHRISTIE J. DURMAN
SHANNON L. EARLYRICE
EVALEEN M. FLECK
BERNADETTE M. GABUCAN
VALERIA Y. GADSON
CHRISTOPHER M. GREEN
TAMARA N. GRUBER
WENDY S. GRUBER
LORNA B. GUTIERREZ
SHAUNTEL E. HAAS
STEPHANIE HANA TANI HAHLEBECK
AQUILA L. HANEY
JENNIFER R. HARDIN
EUGENE S. HARRIS
CONSULLA L. HARRISGAINES
FRANK H. HAUN
THOMAS E. HEERING, JR.
CHRISTINA M. HENDERSON
KELLEY M. HENSON
BRYAN M. HERSCH