

transferring that to tax breaks. Those tax breaks go overwhelmingly to the very wealthiest Americans—to the top 1 percent, in fact.

One of the things we did when we put together the Affordable Care Act to help pay for it was—we said: You know what, we think wealthier households should have to pay a small fee on their unearned income to be devoted to the Medicare trust fund.

Everyone in the country knows when they get that pay stub, it tells them how much is taken out for Medicare—3.4 percent. We said: Look, that should not just apply to earned income from hard-working people. If you're in the top 1 percent, if you are a higher income earner, you should also be contributing some of your capital gains revenue to help strengthen Medicare. That is what we did.

Yet this bill provides all those households with a tax cut. In fact, for millionaires, the average annual tax cut as a result of this bill will be \$50,000—a \$50,000 tax cut to millionaires while cutting access to affordable care for 23 million of our fellow Americans.

Why all these tax cuts are in something masquerading as a healthcare bill, I don't know, but we now know certainly who benefits the most from this legislation. Beyond those top 1 percent income earners, you also have insurance companies and the pharmaceutical industry. They get some tax breaks, as well, under this legislation.

Finally, I said at the outset that this TrumpCare 2.0, the most recent Republican healthcare bill, is worse than the original one. The original one was rotten to the core. The original one had most of the provisions I am talking about. So what got added that makes this one even worse? To find that, people should look at page 5 of this report and see what happens to people in States that decide to get rid of the patient protection provisions in the Affordable Care Act.

We have heard a lot of talk about how that House bill isn't really going to hurt people with preexisting conditions like diabetes and asthma. We have heard all that, but here's what the Congressional Budget Office report says. This is what the referee, the umpire, has to say about that with respect to those States. It says: "Community rated premiums would rise over time, and people who are less healthy," and then they state "including those with preexisting conditions or newly acquired medical conditions," right? So people who have had any kind of preexisting condition or prior health condition that an insurance company will argue makes them a much greater risk—people who are less healthy and those with preexisting conditions "would ultimately be unable to purchase comprehensive nongroup health insurance at premiums comparable to those under current law, if they could purchase it at all." They go on to say "despite the additional funding that would be available under H.R. 1628."

That is the House bill. Despite that additional funding to help reduce premiums, they go on, and I hope our colleagues will pay attention to this conclusion: "As a result, the nongroup markets in those states would become unstable for people with higher-than-average expected health care costs." Translation: People with preexisting conditions, people who, because they had diabetes or asthma as a child or they have a congenital disease—any preexisting condition will make it much harder for them to afford any kind of coverage at all, and ultimately the nongroup markets in those States will become unstable for those people. That is why this TrumpCare 2.0, this House healthcare bill, this Republican bill, took a really rotten bill and actually made it worse.

It is not enough, colleagues, for people to make a few cosmetic changes to this, to put couple of bandaids on it in the Senate, and say "Hey, we made this thing better" because this is rotten to its core.

If people really want to address healthcare reform, let's work together to improve the exchanges. There are commonsense things we can do to improve the exchanges, but you don't improve the exchanges by cutting Medicaid by \$834 billion. That has nothing to do with the exchanges. You don't improve the exchanges by giving a windfall tax credit to the wealthiest Americans. That has nothing to do with healthcare.

TrumpCare 2.0, this Republican healthcare bill, is rotten to the core. Let's throw it out, and let's focus on the question of fixing the exchanges. If people want to do that, we can actually get something done. But let's not pretend we are doing healthcare when really what the goal so far has been is "wealthcare."

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. RES. 176

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following leader remarks on Monday, June 5, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 107, S. Res. 176, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form; further, that at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the resolution with no amendments or motions in order to the resolution or the preamble; finally, that if the resolution is agreed to, the preamble be agreed to and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

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

ate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Executive Calendar Nos. 66 through 93 and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed; that 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; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed 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 major general

Brig. Gen. Sean L. Murphy

IN THE NAVY

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 (lower half)

Capt. John A. Okon

Capt. Michael W. Studeman

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 (lower half)

Capt. Edward L. Anderson

Capt. Stuart P. Baker

Capt. Michael D. Bernacchi, Jr.

Capt. Frank M. Bradley

Capt. Daniel L. Cheever

Capt. Yvette M. Davids

Capt. Brian P. Fort

Capt. Peter A. Garvin

Capt. William J. Houston

Capt. Sara A. Joyner

Capt. Frederick W. Kacher

Capt. Timothy C. Kuehhas

Capt. Carl A. Lahti

Capt. Andrew J. Loiselle

Capt. Douglas G. Perry

Capt. Fred I. Pyle

Capt. Erik M. Ross

Capt. Paul J. Schlise

Capt. James P. Waters, III

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

Maj. Gen. Bradford J. Shwedo

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

Maj. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and 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., sections 601 and 3034:

To be general

Lt. Gen. James C. McConville

The following named officer for appointment as the Deputy Judge Advocate General, United States Army, and for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 3037 and 3064:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Stuart W. Risch

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. Thomas C. Seamands

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. Mark E. Black

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. Matthew V. Baker

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. Chris R. Gentry

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. Robert A. Karmazin

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. Marion Garcia

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. Joseph E. Whitlock

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. Miguel A. Castellanos

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. Windsor S. Buzza

The following named 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. Randall V. Simmons, Jr.

The following named 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. Michael D. Wickman

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Carl A. Alex

Brig. Gen. Francis M. Beaudette
Brig. Gen. Christopher F. Bentley
Brig. Gen. Gary M. Brito
Brig. Gen. Patrick W. Burden
Brig. Gen. Joseph R. Calloway
Brig. Gen. Paul T. Calvert
Brig. Gen. Paul A. Chamberlain
Brig. Gen. Ronald P. Clark
Brig. Gen. Brian P. Cummings
Brig. Gen. Edwin J. Deedrick, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Rodney D. Fogg
Brig. Gen. Robin L. Fontes
Brig. Gen. Maria R. Gervais
Brig. Gen. Karen H. Gibson
Brig. Gen. David P. Glaser
Brig. Gen. William H. Graham, Jr.
Brig. Gen. James B. Jarrard
Brig. Gen. Gary W. Johnston
Brig. Gen. Mitchell L. Kilgo
Brig. Gen. Ronald Kirklin
Brig. Gen. John S. Kolasheski
Brig. Gen. Viet X. Luong
Brig. Gen. Patrick E. Matlock
Brig. Gen. Brian J. Mennes
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey L. Milhorn
Brig. Gen. James J. Mingus
Brig. Gen. Christopher J. Sharpsten
Brig. Gen. John P. Sullivan
Brig. Gen. Frank W. Tate
Brig. Gen. Daniel R. Walrath
Brig. Gen. Brian E. Winski

The following named officers for promotion in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624, 3037, and 3064:

To be brigadier general

Col. Susan K. Arnold

Col. Joseph B. Berger, III

Col. Robert P. Huston

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. Richard J. Lebel

The following named 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. Todd W. Lewis

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army Medical Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

To be brigadier general

Col. George N. Appenzeller

Col. Telita Crosland

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Steven R. Rudder

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. Laura J. Richardson

The following named officer for appointment as the Judge Advocate General, United States Army, and for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while serving as the Judge Advocate General, under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601, 3037, and 3064:

To be lieutenant general

Brig. Gen. Charles N. Pede

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Phillip G. Sawyer

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Brian D. Beaudreault

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN382 AIR FORCE nomination of James E. Thompson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN411 AIR FORCE nomination of Johanna K. Ream, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN412 AIR FORCE nominations (118) beginning PAUL R. AGUIRRE, and ending PETER LAWRENCE ZALEWSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

IN THE ARMY

PN317 ARMY nomination of Kalie K. Rott, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN318 ARMY nomination of Norma A. Hill, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN319 ARMY nomination of Frank C. Pescatello, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN320 ARMY nomination of Basim M. Younis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN321 ARMY nomination of Stanley F. Gould, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN322 ARMY nomination of Scott W. Fisher, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN323 ARMY nominations (16) beginning GARY L. BEATY, and ending MICHAEL A. M. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN324 ARMY nominations (2) beginning DANIEL J. CONVEY, and ending PHILIP A. HORTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN325 ARMY nominations (2) beginning SOPHIA DALCE, and ending BURKE LENZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN326 ARMY nomination of Dawn E. Elliott, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN327 ARMY nomination of D012528, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN328 ARMY nomination of Benjamin W. Hillner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN329 ARMY nomination of Celina S. Pargo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN330 ARMY nomination of Paul R. Ambrose, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN331 ARMY nominations (2) beginning JAMES L. DUNGCA and ending NATHAN S. LANHAM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN332 ARMY nomination of Charles R. Burnett, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN383 ARMY nomination of Pablo F. Diaz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN384 ARMY nomination of Craig A. Nazareth, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN385 ARMY nomination of Brian C. McLean, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN386 ARMY nomination of Raymond C. Casteline, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN387 ARMY nomination of Daniel J. Shank, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN388 ARMY nomination of Christopher W. Degn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN389 ARMY nomination of Jason T. Kidder, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN390 ARMY nomination of Tito M. Villanueva, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN391 ARMY nomination of Philip J. Dacunto, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN392 ARMY nomination of Stephen R. November, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN393 ARMY nomination of Luisa Santiago, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN394 ARMY nomination of Robert J. Bonner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2017.

PN413 ARMY nomination of Mohamad El Samad, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN414 ARMY nomination of Lana J. Bernat, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN415 ARMY nomination of Patrick K. Sullivan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN416 ARMY nominations (207) beginning DEREK L. ADAMS, and ending JAMES M. YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN417 ARMY nominations (230) beginning RODNEY ABRAMS, and ending D010081, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN418 ARMY nominations (58) beginning CHRISTINE N. ADAMS, and ending

CHARLETTE K. WOODARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN171 MARINE CORPS nominations (5) beginning MARK S. JIMISON, and ending SHAWN P. WONDERLICH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN233 MARINE CORPS nomination of Jason G. Lasis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN235 MARINE CORPS nomination of Kevin J. Goodwin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN341 MARINE CORPS nomination of Javier E. Vega, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN342 MARINE CORPS nomination of Sergio L. Sandoval, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN451 MARINE CORPS nomination of Michael S. Stevens, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN452 MARINE CORPS nomination of Patrick J. Mullen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN453 MARINE CORPS nominations (45) beginning RAYMOND L. ADAMS, and ending DOUGLAS S. WOODHAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

IN THE NAVY

PN147 NAVY nomination of Susan M. McGarvey, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN168 NAVY nomination of Sheila I. Almdras-Flaherty, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN170 NAVY nomination of Adrian D. Ragland, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2017.

PN207 NAVY nomination of Christopher R. Desena, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN212 NAVY nomination of Kenneth L. Demick, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN214 NAVY nomination of Michael C. Bratley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2017.

PN333 NAVY nomination of Evan M. Colbert, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN334 NAVY nomination of Luciana Sung, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN335 NAVY nomination of William A. Schultz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN336 NAVY nomination of William L. McCoy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN337 NAVY nomination of Chris F. White, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN338 NAVY nomination of Karl M. Kingry, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN339 NAVY nomination of Michael A. Polito, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN340 NAVY nomination of Raymond J. Carlson, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN343 NAVY nomination of Christopher M. Allen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2017.

PN430 NAVY nomination of Aaron L. Witherspoon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

PN437 NAVY nomination of John E. Fritz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2017.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 60, 62, and 64.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The legislative clerk read the nominations of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); Kari A. Bingen, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense; and Robert Story Kareem, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing no further debate, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Norquist, Bingen, and Kareem nominations en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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