

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SASSE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL):

S. Res. 15. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Mexico City policy should be permanently established; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 16. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 17. A resolution to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to provide provisional protected presence to qualified individuals who came to the United States as children.

S. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 6, a resolution objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 and to all efforts that undermine direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians for a secure and peaceful settlement.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN.

S. 178. A bill to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. Pisesident, I have fought for years to protect our Nation's seniors from abuse and exploitation, initially, as former Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, former Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and more recently, as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This past June, I chaired a Judiciary Committee hearing on Protecting Older Americans from Financial Ex-

ploitation. At the hearing, we heard about numerous scams in which seniors were targeted time after time, resulting in their being defrauded, often with devastating consequences. We also heard that many older Americans don't report instances of elder abuse or exploitation due to embarrassment, a refusal to acknowledge that they were victimized, or reliance on the perpetrator as their caretaker.

Sadly, these accounts of elder abuse are nothing new. What has changed is that the scams targeting seniors are becoming increasingly sophisticated. That is one of the reasons why elder financial exploitation has been dubbed "the crime of the 21st century."

I have made it a top priority to get the Federal Government to step up its efforts to fight the abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of our Nation's seniors.

Last year, I called on the Justice Department to outline its efforts to prevent and respond to instances of elder abuse. First, I sent a letter to the Department to find out what it's doing to protect seniors from a new and particularly troubling form of exploitation: the photographing and online publication of nursing home residents in embarrassing and compromising situations.

I also sent a letter to inquire about the Department's efforts to fight imposter scams, in which fraudsters pose as employees of the IRS or another government agency, in order to deprive ordinary Americans of millions of dollars of their hard earned money. And as tax season approaches once again, it's critical that folks watch out for these deceitful scams.

I also asked about the data the Department is collecting on financial exploitation, as well as how this data is being used to support Federal efforts to protect America's seniors.

In its response to my inquiries, the Justice Department effectively admitted that it falls short in several respects. The Department said that it "does not collect data on the prevalence of elder financial exploitation nationwide." Further, the Department said that it can't provide statistical information on the number of cases it has prosecuted for elder financial exploitation.

What all this means is that we are not getting the full picture of elder financial exploitation.

We do know that some older Americans' trusting and polite nature, combined with their hard-earned retirement savings, make them particularly attractive targets for fraudsters. We also know that the abuse and exploitation of older Americans is on the rise and it can take many forms.

Financial exploitation is the most widespread form of elder abuse, costing America's seniors between an estimated \$2.9 billion and \$36 billion annually. But, sadly, its costs aren't limited to the negative effect on seniors' bank accounts. Victims suffer all sorts of

negative effects, including diminished health, loss of independence, and psychological distress.

It is estimated that up to 37 percent of seniors in the United States are affected by some form of financial exploitation in any 5-year period.

In my home State of Iowa, so-called grandparent scams are on the rise. In these scams, fraudsters present themselves to an older American as a grandchild in distress, hoping to convince the grandparent to send cash or give out a credit card number.

Con artists are also using sweepstakes scams to steal money from seniors. A senior is called and told they have won a prize or sum of money. But before they can claim the supposed prize, the victim is required to pay taxes or processing fees. Once the money is paid to cover the taxes and fees, however, no prize ever materializes.

Other instances of elder financial exploitation are more personal in nature and have especially devastating effects. Some victims are pressured into signing over a deed, modifying a will, or giving a power of attorney. Americans have lost their farms, homes, and life savings to this form of fraud.

In short, elder abuse and exploitation is a serious problem, and it demands a strong response. It requires all of us to work together in a collaborative way.

So, today I am proud to introduce the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act. I thank my colleagues—Senators BLUMENTHAL, TILLIS, KLOBUCHAR, and CORNYN for collaborating with me on this comprehensive and bipartisan bill's development and for joining as original cosponsors. It takes a multi-pronged approach to combating the abuse and financial exploitation of our nation's senior citizens.

We have heard a need for specialized prosecutors and more focused efforts to combat abuse and exploitation. That is why the bill directs the Attorney General to designate at least one federal prosecutor in each U.S. Attorney's Office to serve as an Elder Justice Coordinator for that district.

To ensure that elder abuse is a priority for the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department, the bill also calls for each agency to have an Elder Justice Coordinator.

We also need to send a strong message that efforts to target our Nation's seniors won't be tolerated. That is why the bill enhances elder victims' access to restitution and increases penalties for criminals who use telemarketing or email in their schemes to defraud seniors.

The bill also requires that the Justice Department partner with the Department of Health and Human Services to provide training and technical assistance to State and local governments on the investigation, prevention, prosecution, and mitigation of elder abuse and neglect.

Finally we have heard about the need for more data on financial exploitation

and the government's response. Gathering accurate information about elder abuse is not only crucial to understanding the scope of the problem, but it is also essential in determining where resources should be allocated. So, the bill helps to accomplish that.

It requires that data be collected from federal prosecutors and law enforcement in cases where an older American was the target of abuse or exploitation.

These and other reforms included in the bill are the product of a truly bipartisan effort, as well as insight from key stakeholders and those who've been battling elder financial exploitation on the front lines.

This 21st century crime requires a 21st century response. The Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act takes a strong step toward protecting our Nation's seniors, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 15—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE MEXICO CITY POLICY SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SASSE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 15

Whereas section 104(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151b(f)) (commonly referred to as the "Helms amendment") states that no foreign assistance funds may be used to pay for the performance of abortion as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions;

Whereas section 518 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-102; 119 Stat. 2202) (commonly referred to as the "Siljander Amendment") states that no foreign assistance funds may be used to lobby for or against abortion;

Whereas, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan established the "Mexico City Policy," which prohibits foreign aid for family planning purposes from being given to foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform abortions or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning, regardless of the source of funding;

Whereas, upon assuming office on January 20, 1989, President George H.W. Bush continued to enforce the Mexico City Policy as established by President Reagan;

Whereas the Mexico City Policy was reestablished on January 22, 2001, by President George W. Bush; and

Whereas, on January 23, 2009, President Barack Obama rescinded the Mexico City Policy:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the President should immediately reapply and consider improving the Mexico City Policy; and

(2) Congress should expeditiously consider statutory changes that permanently codify

the Mexico City Policy or an improved version thereof.

SENATE RESOLUTION 16—TO CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 16

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committee for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Shelby, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cruz, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer.

SENATE RESOLUTION 17—TO CONSTITUTE THE MINORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 17

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committee for the One Hundredth Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Rules and Administration: Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Udall, Mr. Warner, Mr. Leahy, Mr. King, Ms. Cortez Masto.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Inaugural Ceremony proceedings be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the proceedings of the Inaugural Ceremony were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Inauguration of Donald John Trump, January 20, 2017, 11:33 a.m.

The Architect of the Capitol, Stephen T. Ayers, accompanied by Mrs. Jennifer Ayers, assembled on the President's platform.

The leadership of the 58th Presidential Inaugural Committee, Chairman Tom Barrack, Chief Executive Officer Sara Armstrong, and Deputy Chairman Rick Gates, assembled on the President's platform.

Former Senate Majority Leaders Robert Dole, Trent Lott, and Bill Frist, accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, Mrs. Tricia Lott, and Mrs. Karyn Frist, assembled on the President's platform.

Former Speakers of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich and John Boehner, accompanied by Mrs. Callista Gingrich and Mrs. Debbie Boehner, assembled on the President's platform.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., and Mrs. Ellyn Dunford, accompanied by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, assembled on the President's platform.

Former Vice Presidents Dan Quayle and Dick Cheney, accompanied by Mrs. Marilyn Quayle and Mrs. Lynne Cheney, assembled on the President's platform.

Members of the 115th House of Representatives of the United States, led by Majority Whip Steve Scalise and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, assembled on the President's platform.

The Governors of the United States and its territories and the Mayor of the District of Columbia assembled on the President's platform.

Members of the 115th Senate of the United States assembled on the President's platform.

The President-elect's Cabinet and agency designees assembled on the President's platform.

Their Excellencies, the Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions, led by the Acting Dean of the diplomatic corps, His Excellency Serge Mombouli, assembled on the President's platform.

The Chief Justice of the United States, the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., and the Associate Justices assembled on the President's platform.

The 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter assembled on the President's platform.

The 42nd President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, and the Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton, assembled on the President's platform.

The 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush, and Mrs. Laura Bush assembled on the President's platform.

The children of Vice President-Elect Pence, 2nd Lt. Michael Pence, Charlotte Pence, and Audrey Pence, accompanied by Assistant Secretary of the Senate Mary Suit Jones and Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives Robert Reeves, assembled on the President's platform.

The children of President-Elect Trump, Donald Trump, Jr., Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump, Tiffany Trump, and Barron Trump, accompanied by Senate Majority Secretary Laura Dove and House of Representatives Chief Administrative Officer Phillip G. Kiko, assembled on the President's platform.

The First Lady, Mrs. Michelle Obama, and the wife of the Vice President, Dr. Jill Biden, accompanied by the Democratic staff director of the United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, Kelly Fado, Ms. Iris Weinshall, and Mr. Paul Pelosi, assembled on the President's platform.

Mrs. Melania Trump and Mrs. Karen Pence, accompanied by the Secretary of the Senate, Julie E. Adams; the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Karen Haas; Mrs. Abigail Blunt; Mrs. Janna Ryan; the Honorable Elaine L. Chao; and Mrs. Judy McCarthy, assembled on the President's platform.

The President of the United States, the Honorable Barack H. Obama, and the Vice President, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., accompanied by Senate Democratic Secretary Gary Myrick, Senate Democratic Leader and Rules Committee Ranking Member Senator Charles E. Schumer, and House Democratic Leader Representative Nancy Pelosi, assembled on the President's platform.

The Vice President-elect of the United States, Michael R. Pence, accompanied by the Inaugural Coordinator for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, Maria Miller Lohmeyer; the Senate Deputy Sergeant at Arms, James Morhard; the House Deputy Sergeant at Arms, Tim Blodgett; and Senator Patrick Leahy, assembled on the President's platform.

The President-elect of the United States, Donald J. Trump, accompanied by the staff director for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, Stacy

McHatton McBride; the Senate Sergeant at Arms, Frank J. Larkin; the House Sergeant at Arms, Paul Irving; the chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, Senator Roy Blunt; the Rules Committee Ranking Member and Senate Democratic Leader, Senator Charles E. Schumer; the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Representative Paul Ryan; the Senate majority leader, Senator Mitch McConnell; the House majority leader, Representative Kevin McCarthy; and the House Democratic leader, Representative Nancy Pelosi, assembled on the President's platform.

Mr. BLUNT. Thank you all. If you have a seat, you can sit down.

Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, Mr. President-elect, Mr. Vice President-elect, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States of America.

Today, the legislative, the executive, and the judicial branches of our constitutional government come together for the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States. Millions of people all over the world will watch and will listen to this event.

(Applause.)

Thirty-six years ago, at his first inauguration—it was also the first inauguration on this side of the Capitol—President Ronald Reagan said that what we do here is both commonplace and miraculous—commonplace every 4 years since 1789, when President George Washington took this exact same oath; miraculous because we have done it every 4 years since 1789 and the example it sets for democracies everywhere. Washington believed the inauguration of the second President would be more important than the inauguration of the first. Many people had taken control of a government up until then, but few people had ever turned that control willingly over to anyone else.

As important as the first transfer of power was, many historians believe that the next election was even more important, when in 1801 one group of people—arguably, for the first time ever in history—willingly, if not enthusiastically, gave control of the government to people they believed had a dramatically different view of what the government would, should, and could do.

After an election that actually discovered a flaw in the Constitution itself, which was remedied by the 12th Amendment, Thomas Jefferson at that inauguration, beyond the chaos of the election that had just passed, said: “We are all Republicans; we are all Federalists.”

After 4 years of Civil War, Lincoln's second inaugural speech tried to find reason for the continued war when he pointed out that both sides “prayed to the same God.” He had earlier written about those fervent prayers that “one side must be and both sides may be wrong,” but in 1865 he looked to the future—and the memorable moment in that speech was—“with malice toward none and charity for all.”

In the middle of the Depression, the country was told that the only thing we had to fear was fear itself. President Kennedy talked about the obligation in a democracy to country. The great question that day was “ask what you can do for your country.” So we come to this place again, commonplace and miraculous, a national moment of celebration but not a celebration of victory, a celebration of democracy.

(Applause.)

As we begin that celebration, I call on His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Reverend Dr. Samuel Rodriguez, and Pastor Paula White-Cain to provide readings and the invocation.

Cardinal DOLAN. The prayer of King Solomon from the Book of Wisdom.

Let us pray.

God of our ancestors and Lord of mercy, You have made all things, and in Your providence have charged us to rule the creatures produced by You, to govern the world in holiness and righteousness and to render judgment with integrity of heart. Give us wisdom, for we are Your servants, weak and short lived, lacking in comprehension of judgment and of laws. Indeed, though one might be perfect among mortals, if wisdom which comes from You be lacking, we count for nothing. Now with You is wisdom who knows Your will and was there when You made the world, who understands what is pleasing in Your eyes, what is conformable with Your commands. Send her forth from Your holy heavens. From Your glorious throne dispatch her that she may be with us and work with us that we may grasp what is pleasing to You, for she knows and understands all things and will guide us prudently in our affairs and safeguard us by her glory. Amen.

Reverend RODRIGUEZ. From the Gospel of Matthew, the fifth chapter:

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. God blesses those who mourn for they will be comforted. God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the Earth. God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. He blesses those who are pure in heart, for they will see God. God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called children of God. God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. And God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers, for you are the light of the world, like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on its stand where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Respectfully in Jesus's name.

Pastor WHITE-CAIN. We come to You, Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, with grateful hearts, thanking You for this great country that You have decreed to Your people. We acknowledge we are a blessed nation with a rich history of faith and fortitude, with a future that is filled with promise and purpose. We recognize that every good and every perfect gift comes from You and the United States of America is Your gift, for which we proclaim our gratitude.

As a nation, we now pray for our President, Donald John Trump, Vice President Michael Richard Pence, and their families. We ask that You would bestow upon our President the wisdom necessary to lead this great Nation, the grace to unify us, and the strength to stand for what is honorable and right in Your sight.

In Proverbs 21:1, You instruct us that our leader's heart is in Your hands. Gracious God, reveal to our President the ability to know Your will, the confidence to lead us in justice and righteousness, and the compassion to yield to our better angels.

While we know there are many challenges before us, in every generation You have provided us the strength and power to become that blessed Nation. Guide us in discernment, Lord, and give us that strength to persevere and thrive. Now bind and heal our wounds and divisions and join our Nation to Your purpose.

“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,” the Psalmist declared. Let Your favor be upon this one nation under God. Let these

United States of America be that beacon of hope to all people and nations under Your dominion, a true hope for humankind.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Performance by the Missouri State University Chorale.)

Mr. BLUNT. Well, the Missouri State University Chorale practices and performs about two blocks from my home in Springfield, MO. So it was easy to find them. We are pleased they are here.

It is also a great opportunity for me to introduce my colleague, the Senator from New York, CHUCK SCHUMER.

Mr. SCHUMER. My fellow Americans, we live in a challenging and tumultuous time—a quickly evolving, evermore interconnected world; a rapidly changing economy that benefits too few while leaving too many behind; a fractured media; a politics frequently consumed by rancor. We face threats foreign and domestic. In such times, faith in our government, our institutions, and even our country can erode. Despite these challenges, I stand here today confident in this great country for one reason: you, the American people.

(Applause.)

We Americans have always been a forward-looking, problem-solving, optimistic, patriotic, and decent people. Whatever our race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, whether we are immigrant or native-born, whether we live with disabilities or do not, in wealth or in poverty, we are all exceptional in our commonly held yet fierce devotion to our country and in our willingness to sacrifice our time, energy, and even our lives to making it a more perfect union.

Today, we celebrate one of democracies core attributes—the peaceful transfer of power. Every day, we stand up for core democratic principles enshrined in the Constitution; the rule of law; equal protection for all under the law; the freedom of speech, press, religion—the things that make America “America.” We can gain strength from reading our history and listening to the voices of average Americans. They always save us in times of strife.

(Applause.)

One such American was MAJ Sullivan Ballou. On July 14, 1861, when the North and South were lining up for their first battle, a time when our country was bitterly divided and faith in the future of our country was at a nadir, Major Ballou of the 2nd Rhode Island volunteers penned a letter to his wife Sarah.

It is one of the greatest letters in American history. It shows the strength and courage of the average American. Allow me to read some of his words which echo through the ages.

My very dear Sarah [he wrote], the indications are very strong that we should move in a few days—perhaps tomorrow.

If it is necessary that I should fall on the battlefield for my country, I am ready. I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in, the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter.

I know how strongly American Civilization now leans upon the triumph of the Government, and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the Revolution. And I am willing—perfectly willing—to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this Government and to pay that debt.

Sarah, my love for you is deathless, it seems to bind me to you with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence could break; and yet my love of country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly on with all these chains to the battlefield.

Sullivan Ballou gave his life on the battlefield a week later at the first Battle of Bull Run. It is because Sullivan Ballou and countless others believed in something bigger than themselves and were willing to sacrifice for it that we stand today in the full blessings of liberty in the greatest country on Earth. That spirit lives on in each of us, Americans whose families have been here for generations and those who have just arrived. I know our best days are yet to come. I urge all Americans to read Ballou's full letter. His words give me solace and strength. I hope they will give you the same.

(Applause.)

Now, please stand while the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Clarence Thomas, administers the oath of office to the Vice President of the United States.

Associate Justice CLARENCE THOMAS administered to the Vice President-elect the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, which he repeated, as follows:

I, MICHAEL RICHARD PENCE, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Associate Justice THOMAS. God bless you. (Applause.)

(Performance by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, accompanied by the United States Marine Band.)

(Applause.)

Mr. BLUNT. Ladies and gentlemen, it is an honor to introduce the Chief Justice of the United States, John G. Roberts, Jr.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., administered to the President-elect the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, which he repeated, as follows:

I, DONALD JOHN TRUMP, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States. So help me God.

The Chief Justice. Congratulations, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

Mr. BLUNT. What a great honor to be able to introduce for the first time ever, anywhere, the 45th President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT. Chief Justice Roberts, President Carter, President Clinton, President Bush, President Obama, fellow Americans, and people of the world, thank you. We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and restore its promise for all of our people. Together we will determine the course of America and the world for many, many years to come.

We will face challenges. We will confront hardships, but we will get the job done.

Every 4 years we gather on these steps to carry out the orderly and peaceful transfer of power. And we are grateful to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their gracious aid throughout this transition. They have been magnificent.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

Today's ceremony, however, has very special meaning because today we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another or from one party to another, but we are transferring power from Washington, DC, and giving it back to you, the people.

For too long, a small group in our Nation's Capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost. Washington flourished, but the people did not share in its wealth. Politicians prospered, but the jobs left and the factories closed. The establishment protected itself, but not the citizens of our country. Their victories have not been your victories. Their triumphs have not been your triumphs, and while they celebrated in our Nation's Capital, there was little to celebrate for struggling families all across our land.

That all changes starting right here and right now, because this moment is your moment. It belongs to you. It belongs to everyone gathered here today and everyone watching all across America. This is your day. This is your celebration. This, the United States of America, is your country.

(Applause.)

What truly matters is not which party controls our government but whether our government is controlled by the people. January 20, 2017, will be remembered as the day the people became the rulers of this Nation again.

(Applause.)

The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer. Everyone is listening to you now. You came by the tens of millions to become part of a historic movement, the likes of which the world has never seen before. At the center of this moment is a crucial conviction that a nation exists to serve its citizens. Americans want great schools for their children, safe neighborhoods for their families, and good jobs for themselves.

(Applause.)

These are just and reasonable demands of righteous people and a righteous public. But for too many of our citizens, a different reality exists: mothers and children trapped in poverty in our inner cities, rusted-out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our Nation, an education system flush with cash but which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of all knowledge, the crime and the gangs and the drugs that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential.

This American carnage stops right here and stops right now. We are one Nation and their pain is our pain. Their dreams are our dreams. Their success will be our success. We share one heart, one home, and one glorious destiny. The oath of office I take today is an oath of allegiance to all Americans. For many decades we have enriched foreign industry at the expense of American industry, subsidized the armies of other countries, while allowing for the very sad depletion of our military.

We have defended other nations' borders, while refusing to defend our own, and spent trillions and trillions of dollars overseas while America's infrastructure has fallen into disrepair and decay. We have made other countries rich while the wealth, strength, and confidence of our country has dissipated over the horizon.

One by one, the factories shuttered and left our shores, with not even a thought about the millions and millions of American workers that were left behind. The wealth of our middle class has been ripped from their homes and then redistributed all across the world.

But that is the past. Now, we are looking only to the future. We assembled here today are issuing a new decree to be heard in every city, in every foreign capital, and in every hall of power. From this day forward, a new vision will govern our land. From this day forward, it is going to be only America first—America first. Every decision on trade,

on taxes, on immigration, on foreign affairs will be made to benefit American workers and American families.

(Applause.)

We must protect our borders from the ravages of other countries making our products, stealing our companies, and destroying our jobs. Protection will lead to great prosperity and strength. I will fight for you with every breath in my body, and I will never, ever let you down. America will start winning again, winning like never before. We will bring back our jobs. We will bring back our borders. We will bring back our wealth. We will bring back our dreams.

(Applause.)

We will build new roads and highways and bridges and airports and tunnels and railways all across our wonderful Nation. We will get our people off of welfare and back to work rebuilding our country with American hands and American labor. We will follow two simple rules: Buy American and hire American.

(Applause.)

We will seek friendship and good will with the nations of the world, but we do so with the understanding that it is the right of all nations to put their own interests first.

We do not seek to impose our way of life on anyone but rather to let it shine as an example. We will shine for everyone to follow. We will reinforce old alliances and form new ones and unite the civilized world against radical Islamic terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the Earth.

(Applause.)

At the bedrock of our politics will be a total allegiance to the United States of America, and through our loyalty to our country, we will rediscover our loyalty to each other. When you open your heart to patriotism, there is no room for prejudice. The Bible tells us how good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity. We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity.

(Applause.)

When America is united, America is totally unstoppable. There should be no fear. We are protected, and we will always be protected. We will be protected by the great men and women of our military and law enforcement and, most importantly, we will be protected by God.

(Applause.)

Finally, we must think big and dream even bigger. In America, we understand that a nation is only living as long as it is striving.

We will no longer accept politicians who are all talk and no action, constantly complaining but never doing anything about it. The time for empty talk is over. Now arrives the hour of action. Do not allow anyone to tell you that it cannot be done. No challenge can match the heart and fight and spirit of America. We will not fail. Our country will thrive and prosper again.

(Applause.)

We stand at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space, to free the Earth from the miseries of disease, and to harness the energies, industries, and technologies of tomorrow. A new national pride will stir our soul, lift our sights, and heal our divisions.

(Applause.)

It is time to remember that old wisdom our soldiers will never forget—that whether we are Black or Brown or White, we all bleed the same red blood of patriots. We all enjoy the same glorious freedoms, and we all salute the same great American flag.

(Applause.)

Whether a child is born in the urban sprawl of Detroit or the windswept plains of Nebraska, they look up at the same night sky,

they fill their heart with the same dreams, and they are infused with the breath of life by the same Almighty Creator.

So to all Americans in every city near and far, small and large, from mountain to mountain, from ocean to ocean, hear these words. You will never be ignored again. Your voice, your hopes, and your dreams will define our American destiny, and your courage and goodness and love will forever guide us along the way. Together, we will make America strong again. We will make America wealthy again. We will make America proud again. We will make America safe again. And, yes, together we will make America great again.

Thank you. God bless you, and God bless America. Thank you.

(Applause.)

Mr. BLUNT. At this time I call on Rabbi Marvin Hier, the Reverend Franklin Graham, and Bishop Wayne T. Jackson to provide readings and the benediction.

Rabbi HIER. Eternal God, bless President Donald J. Trump and America, our great Nation. Guide us to remember the words of the Psalmist:

Who may dwell on Your holy mountain? One who does what is right and speaks the truth, who knows that when you eat the labor of your hands, you are praiseworthy that he who sows in tears shall reap in joy, because the freedoms we enjoy are not granted in perpetuity, but must be reclaimed by each generation. As our ancestors have planted for us, so we must plant for others. While it is not for us to complete the tasks, neither are we free to desist from them.

Dispense justice to the needy and the orphan, for they have no one but their fellow citizens, and because a nation's wealth is measured by her values and not by her vaults. Bless all of our allies around the world who share our beliefs.

By the rivers of Babylon we wept as we remembered Zion. If I forget thee O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. The door of all these shall never falter. May the days come soon when justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness will abide in the fertile fields, and the work of righteousness will be peace, quietness, and confidence forever. Amen.

Reverend GRAHAM. Mr. President, in the Bible, rain is a sign of God's blessing. And it started to rain, Mr. President, when you came to the platform. It is my prayer that God will bless you, your family, your administration, and may He bless America.

The passage of Scripture comes from 1 Timothy, chapter 2:

I urge them, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people. For kings, for all those in authority, that we may live peacefully quiet lives in all Godliness and Holiness. This is good and it pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. Now to the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

In Jesus's Name. Amen.

Bishop JACKSON. We thank You, Father, for letting us share this great moment together. Let us not take for granted the air we breathe or the life You have given us. We were all created by You with one blood, all nations to dwell upon this land together. We are not enemies. We are brothers and sisters. We are not adversaries, but we are allies. We are not foes, but we are friends. Let us be healed by the power of Your love and united by the bond of Your Spirit.

Today we pray for our 45th President, the Vice President, and their families, and give

them the wisdom to guide this great Nation, the strength to protect it, and the hands to heal it. We bless President Donald J. Trump. We ask that You give him the wisdom of Solomon, the vision of Joseph, and the meekness of Christ—Solomon who kept peace among many nations, Joseph who dreamt better for the people, and Christ who accepted us all.

O Lord, mend our hearts and stitch together the fabric of this great country in the spirit of the legendary gospel singer Mahalia Jackson:

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe. The Lord will see us through, I do believe. We are on our way to victory, I do believe. We will walk hand in hand, I do believe. We shall live in peace, I do believe. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.

America, we shall overcome. May the Lord bless and keep America, make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us and give us peace.

In the mighty Name of Jesus. Amen.

(Performance of the National Anthem by Jackie Evancho and the United States Marine Band.)

(The Inaugural Ceremony was concluded at 12:27 p.m.)

TO CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 16, 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. 16) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

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 and the motion 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. 16) was agreed to.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

TO CONSTITUTE THE MINORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 17, 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. 17) to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion 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. 17) was agreed to.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate majority leader.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 3 p.m., Monday, January 23; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of MIKE POMPEO to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017, AT 3 P.M.

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 6:41 p.m., adjourned until Monday, January 23, 2017, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REX W. TILLERSON, OF TEXAS, TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

STEVEN T. MNUCHIN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

STEVEN T. MNUCHIN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, VICE JACOB JOSEPH LEW, RESIGNED.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

STEVEN T. MNUCHIN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND UNITED STATES GOVERNOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR