

(1) the Department of Defense should fully use the Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program (IPAMP) and the Department of Defense Information Technology Exchange Program (ITEP) to obtain cyber personnel across the Government by leveraging cyber capabilities found at the State and local government level and in the private sector in order to meet the needs of the Department for cybersecurity professionals; and

(2) the Department should implement at the earliest practicable date a strategy that includes policies and plans to fully use such programs to obtain such personnel for the Department.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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SA 261. Mr. BOOKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1519, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVI, add the following:

SEC. 1630C. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON USE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT MOBILITY PROGRAM AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO OBTAIN PERSONNEL WITH CYBER SKILLS AND ABILITIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Department of Defense should fully use the Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program (IPAMP) and the Department of Defense Information Technology Exchange Program (ITEP) to obtain cyber personnel across the Government by leveraging cyber capabilities found at the State and local government level and in the private sector in order to meet the needs of the Department for cybersecurity professionals; and

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tary personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1273. STRATEGY TO IMPROVE DEFENSE INSTITUTIONS AND SECURITY SECTOR FORCES IN NIGERIA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains a comprehensive strategy to support improvements in defense institutions and security sector forces in Nigeria.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the threats posed by terrorist and other militant groups operating in Nigeria, including Boko Haram, ISIS-WA, and Niger Delta militants, as well as a description of the origins, strategic aims, tactical methods, funding sources, and leadership structures of each such organization.

(2) An assessment of efforts by the Government of Nigeria to improve civilian protection, accountability for human rights violations, and transparency in the defense institutions and security sector forces.

(3) A description of the key international and United States diplomatic, development, intelligence, military, and economic resources available to address instability across Nigeria, and a plan to maximize the coordination and effectiveness of these resources to counter the threats posed by Boko Haram, ISIS-WA, and Niger Delta militants.

(4) An assessment of efforts undertaken by the security forces of the Government of Nigeria to improve the protection of civilians in the context of—

(A) ongoing military operations against Boko Haram in the northeast region;

(B) addressing farmer-herder land disputes in the Middle Belt;

(C) renewed militant attacks on oil and gas infrastructure in the Delta; and

(D) addressing pro-Biafra protests in the southeast region.

(5) An assessment of the effectiveness of the Civilian Joint Task Force that has been operating in parts of northeastern Nigeria in order to ensure that underage youth are not participating in government-sponsored vigilante activity in violation of the Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-340).

(6) An assessment of the options for the Government of Nigeria to eventually incorporate the Civilian Joint Task Force into Nigeria's military or law enforcement agencies or reintegrate its members into civilian life.

(7) A plan for the United States Government to work with the Nigerian military and judiciary to transparently investigate human rights violations committed by the security forces of the Government of Nigeria and other security forces operating in Nigeria that have involved civilian casualties, including a plan to undertake tangible measures of accountability following such investigations in order to break the cycle of conflict.

(8) A plan for the United States Government to work with the Nigerian defense institutions and security sector forces to improve detainee conditions.

(9) A plan for the United States Government to work with the Nigerian military, international organizations, and nongovernmental organizations to demilitarize the humanitarian response to the food insecurity and population displacement in northeastern Nigeria.

(10) Any other matters the President considers appropriate.

(c) UPDATES.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the report required under subsection (a) is submitted to the appropriate congressional committees, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an update of the report containing updated assessments and evaluations on progress made on the plans described in the report, including—

(1) updated assessments on the information described in paragraphs (2), (4), and (6) of subsection (a); and

(2) descriptions of the steps taken and outcomes achieved under each of the plans described in paragraphs (7), (8), (9), and (10) of subsection (a), as well as assessments of the effectiveness and descriptions of the metrics used to evaluate effectiveness for each such plan.

(d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a) and the updates required under (c) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees;

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I have 9 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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, “Housing Finance Reform: Maintaining Access for Small Lenders”.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to hold a nomination hearing on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 10 a.m. in Room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider favorably reporting the nomination of David J. Kautter, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Mark J. Mazur.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 20, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226 of

the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 20, 2017, off the senate floor and in conjunction with afternoon votes, to consider pending nominations.

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, July 20, 2017 from 2 p.m., in room SH-219 of the Senate Hart Office Building to hold a Closed Hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, AND INTERNET

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold Subcommittee Hearing on "An Update on FirstNet."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WATER AND WILDLIFE

The Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 10 a.m., in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Innovative Financing and Funding: Addressing America's Crumbling Water Infrastructure."

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 4 p.m., Monday, July 24; 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; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Bernhardt nomination; finally, that the postcloture time on the Bernhardt nomination expire at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 24.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017, AT 4 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 5:11 p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 24, 2017, at 4 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR., OF UTAH, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BART M. DAVIS, OF IDAHO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WENDY J. OLSON, RESIGNED.

JOSHUA J. MINKLER, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, RESIGNED.

IN THE NAVY

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

To be commander

BETTY S. ALEXANDER
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ARON W. BOWLIN
MELISSA K. BURKE
REGINALDO F. CAGAMPAN
TREVOR W. CARLSON
TAMERA A. CORSON
VIRGILIO S. CRESCINI
JESUS M. CRESPO DIAZ
VIRGINIA H. DAMIN
CHRISTINE D. DAVIES
DANA DONES
JAMES J. DRISCOLL
CHRISTA D. DUNCANARFAA
TREVOR W. EBORN
BRIAN E. ELLIS
CAROL M. ELLSWORTH
BROOKES A. ENGLEBERT
JENNIFER M. FAUST
THOMAS N. FULLER
LACY L. GEE
EDITH R. GLANTON
ELIZABETH K. GLOOR
NOELLE M. GRIFFITH
STACEY M. HAMLETT
BRADLEY S. HAZEN
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DANETTE R. HINELY
STUART R. HITCHCOCK
TODD A. HLAVAC
KARI L. JOHNDROWCASEY
ROBERT D. JOHNS
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SHANE E. LAWSON
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BRANDON J. LIMTIACO
MARY F. LISEC
LEAH M. LIZADA
RODRIGO F. LOPEZ
RUBEN A. LOPEZ
DANIEL S. MCCLURE
ALEAH J. MCHENRY
HILARY A. MEYER
KEVIN J. MICHEL
ERIC J. MILLER
MARK J. MILLER
ERIN C. MOHAN
AARON C. MYERS
ERIN R. OCKERREZA
KRISTINA R. OLIVER
KAREN L. ORTOLANI
JOSE L. PINON
JESSICA M. PIPKIN
SHANNA C. POWELLSEARCEY
SHARON QUALLIO
VALERIE R. QUINN
PETER W. SCHENKE
EILEEN SCOTT
SEBASTIAN STACHOWICZ
JACK A. STANSBURY
SHALANDA D. STEPHENS
KENDER W. SURIN
MELISSA R. TRONCOSO
LIGIA B. VILLAJUANA
ABIGAIL T. WHITE
ALFONZA WILLIS
BRANDON K. WOLF
JAMES S. ZMIJSKI

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CHRISTOPHER J. DEERWESTER
HOLLY H. DIDAWICK
GUY W. EDEN
ERIKA C. GEHLEN
NATHANIEL R. GROSS
BRIAN A. HAHN
TEMPERANCE C. HUFFSTETLER
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JAMES M. KENNEDY, JR.
BRIAN D. KORN
DAVID H. LEE
COURTNEY E. LEWIS
ABIGAIL L. MEYERS
MARY R. MURPHY
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