

Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Kennett

Brig. Gen. Eric W. Mann

Brig. Gen. Edward A. Sauley, III

Brig. Gen. Dean A. Tremps

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. George M. Degnon

Brig. Gen. Tamhra L. Hutchins-Frye

Brig. Gen. Sherrie L. McCandless

Brig. Gen. Steven Nordhaus

Brig. Gen. Kirk S. Pierce

Brig. Gen. Frank H. Stokes

Brig. Gen. Bradley A. Swanson

Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Wark

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Farnham

Brig. Gen. Clay L. Garrison

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN951 AIR FORCE nominations (14) beginning DANE V. CAMPBELL, and ending RICHARD L. WOODRUFF, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2017.

PN1234 AIR FORCE nominations (69) beginning JOSEPH BENJAMIN AHLERS, and ending TRENTON M. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1236 AIR FORCE nomination of Erika R. Woodson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1237 AIR FORCE nomination of Michael S. Stroud, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1238 AIR FORCE nominations (17) beginning LANCE A. AIUMOPAS, and ending TARA L. VILLENA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1239 AIR FORCE nomination of Robert Sarlay, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1253 AIR FORCE nominations (88) beginning RICHARD G. ADAMS, and ending JOSEPH F. ZINGARO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2017.

IN THE ARMY

PN956 ARMY nomination of Ashley R. Sellers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2017.

PN958 ARMY nomination of Elias M. Chelala, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2017.

PN1144 ARMY nomination of Cathleen A. Labate, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2017.

PN1147 ARMY nominations (2) beginning REBECCA J. COOPER, and ending MATTHEW L. DANIELS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2017.

PN1240 ARMY nomination of Brantley J. Combs, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1241 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MARK E. QUERY, and ending SAMUEL H. TAHK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1242 ARMY nomination of Victor A. Pachecofowler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1243 ARMY nomination of James M. Brumit, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1254 ARMY nomination of Melvin J. Nickell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2017.

PN1255 ARMY nomination of Erica L. Herzog, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2017.

PN1256 ARMY nomination of Adam W. Vanek, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2017.

PN1257 ARMY nomination of Jason Park, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2017.

PN1258 ARMY nomination of John T. Huckabee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO DEE BRADEN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Ms. Dee Braden on her retirement from the Coles County Council on Aging, CCCoA, after more than 41 years of service.

One of Illinois' finest advocates for older residents, Dee started with CCCoA in 1976, as the RSVP volunteer recruiter and was quickly promoted to be its first executive director in 1978.

Under Dee's leadership, CCCoA flourished and received the 2008 Governor's Award for Unique Achievement for its vision, innovation, and collaborative public and private partnerships in Illinois.

To understand Dee's tireless commitment to Illinois' older population, one need only look at her long service record. Dee developed and orchestrated the first successful passage of a county-wide property tax referendum in Illinois to fund senior services and advocated for decades to enhance the quality of life of older adults in Coles Coun-

ty. For 10 years, she also fundraised for the LifeSpan Center, a 25,000-square-foot multipurpose intergenerational facility in Mattoon, IL. Dee devoted herself to bettering the quality of life for our older Illinoisans.

Dee's many years of leadership and contributions to the elderly made her the deserving recipient of several awards, including the Coles County Zonta Woman of the Year Award for Community Service, the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Diana Award for her service, and the Illinois Governor's Award for Unique Achievement after she developed a countywide Elder Abuse Task Force. This year, the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging awarded Dee the Dr. Arthur H. Larsen Leadership Award for her outstanding leadership in advancing programs, services, and opportunities for older persons in east central Illinois.

These are just a few of Dee's many accomplishments. A full rendering of her achievements would take much longer than these few moments. I will end by saying that I visited the CCCoA several times, and I can tell you firsthand that the work Dee has done in the community is nothing short of remarkable.

Dee's generous heart is as big as Illinois. I don't know a better volunteer who has given so much to helping people. I wish Dee a happy, relaxing retirement and the best of luck in her life's next chapter. She has certainly earned it.

BUDGETARY REVISIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, section 3003 of H. Con. Res. 71, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, allows the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to revise the allocations, aggregates, and levels in the budget resolution for legislation considered under the resolution's reconciliation instructions.

I find that S. Amdt. 1855 fulfills the conditions found in section 3003 of H. Con. Res. 71. Accordingly, I am revising the allocations to the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and other enforceable budgetary levels to account for the budgetary effects of the amendment.

This adjustment supersedes the adjustment I previously made for the processing of S. Amdt. 1618 on November 29, 2017. This adjustment applies while this amendment is under consideration. Should the amendment be withdrawn or fail, this adjustment will be null and void and the adjustment for S. Amdt. 1618 shall remain active.

I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying tables, which provide details about the adjustment, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

BUDGET AGGREGATES—BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS (PURSUANT TO SECTION 311 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974 AND SECTION 3003 OF H.CON.RES. 71, THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018)

[\$s in millions]

| | 2018 |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Current Aggregates: | |
| Spending: | |
| Budget Authority | 3,089,061 |
| Outlays | 3,109,221 |
| Adjustments*: | |
| Spending: | |
| Budget Authority | * |
| Outlays | * |
| Revised Aggregates: | |
| Spending: | |
| Budget Authority | 3,089,061 |
| Outlays | 3,109,221 |

* The Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that this amendment would have an effect on direct spending but are only able to provide a range between \$95\$50 million and \$50 million. This adjustment allows for this range of budgetary change.

BUDGET AGGREGATE—REVENUES (PURSUANT TO SECTION 311 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974 AND SECTION 3003 OF H.CON.RES. 71, THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018)

[\$s in millions]

| | 2018 | 2018–2022 | 2018–2027 |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Current Aggregates: | | | |
| Revenue | 2,640,939 | 14,509,252 | 32,671,567 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Revenue | – 31,300 | – 967,000 | – 1,694,800 |
| Revised Aggregates: | | | |
| Revenue | 2,609,639 | 13,542,252 | 30,976,767 |

REVISION TO ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974 AND SECTION 3003 OF H.CON.RES. 71, THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018)

[\$s in millions]

| | 2018 | 2018–2022 | 2018–2027 |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Current Allocation: | | | |
| Budget Authority | 2,281,616 | 13,510,107 | 32,116,900 |
| Outlays | 2,280,970 | 13,482,300 | 32,069,238 |
| Adjustments*: | | | |
| Budget Authority | * | – 45,600 | – 220,100 |
| Outlays | * | – 45,600 | – 220,100 |
| Revised Allocation: | | | |
| Budget Authority | 2,281,616 | 13,464,507 | 31,896,800 |
| Outlays | 2,280,970 | 13,436,700 | 31,849,138 |

* The Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that this amendment would have an effect on direct spending but are only able to provide a range between \$– \$50 million and \$50 million. This adjustment allows for this range of budgetary change.

REVISION TO ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES (PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974 AND SECTION 3003 OF H. CON. RES. 71, THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018)

[\$s in millions]

| | 2018 | 2018–2022 | 2018–2027 |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Current Allocation: | | | |
| Budget Authority | 4,703 | 25,212 | 49,342 |
| Outlays | 4,391 | 24,909 | 49,112 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Budget Authority | 0 | – 305 | – 1,085 |
| Outlays | 0 | – 305 | – 1,085 |
| Revised Allocation: | | | |
| Budget Authority | 4,703 | 24,907 | 48,257 |
| Outlays | 4,391 | 24,604 | 48,027 |

PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARD FOR THE SENATE (PURSUANT TO SECTION 4106 AND SECTION 3003 OF H. CON. RES. 71, THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018)

[\$s in millions]

| | Balances |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Starting Balances, | |
| Fiscal Year 2018 | 0 |
| Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022 | 0 |

PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARD FOR THE SENATE (PURSUANT TO SECTION 4106 AND SECTION 3003 OF H. CON. RES. 71, THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018)—Continued

[\$s in millions]

| | Balances |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Fiscal Years 2017 through 2027 | 0 |
| Adjustments: | |
| Fiscal Year 2018 | 31,300 |
| Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022 | 921,095 |
| Fiscal Years 2017 through 2027 | 1,473,615 |
| Revised Balance: | |
| Fiscal Year 2018 | 31,300 |
| Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022 | 921,095 |
| Fiscal Years 2017 through 2027 | 1,473,615 |

their families, and the faculty. From the annual “Walk-a-Thon,” to Fall Fun Night, to Pastries with Parents, to Grandparents Day, Maple Elementary School is an example of how dedication, motivation, collaboration, and strong family engagement in education can benefit both the students and the local community.

With a diverse student body, Maple has created an atmosphere for students to learn about the various backgrounds and cultures represented at the school. From country flags displayed in the hallway representing the nationality of current students to the counselor-sponsored Diversity Club, students are able to experience and interact with different cultures.

I am proud to recognize Maple Elementary School Principal, Nicola Jo Harrison, the entire staff, the students, and their families. The effort, dedication, and value you put into these students’ education has led not only to this prestigious recognition, but will benefit you and the Avon community well into the future.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I congratulate Maple Elementary School, and I wish the students and staff continued success in the future.

UNKNOWN BUDGETARY EFFECTS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, section 4105 of H. Con. Res. 71, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, makes out of order any amendment to a fiscal year 2018 reconciliation measure if the amendment has an unknown budgetary effect.

As chairman of the Budget Committee, I have reviewed S. Amdt. 1846 and determined that it has an unknown budgetary effect. Therefore, section 4105 applies to S. Amdt. 1846. This amendment is susceptible to a section 4105 point of order.

RECOGNIZING MAPLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today, I wish to recognize Maple Elementary School of Avon, IN, for being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Established in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools that have demonstrated a vision of educational excellence for all students, regardless of their social or economic background. Since its inception, this program has allowed schools in every State to gain recognition for educational accomplishments, particularly in closing the achievement gaps among students.

Maple Elementary School opened in 1971 and currently serves about 265 students. Maple prides itself on educating the “whole child” and ensuring that students are safe, healthy, supported, engaged, and challenged. These principles reflect the school’s belief that, when students’ basic needs are met, they are able to thrive academically.

Maple Elementary’s staff, students, and families work together to teach and foster values that develop strong character including academic excellence and service to others. Teachers and staff mentor students and encourage them to take on leadership roles, including student council service. Student council members are selected by their peers and organize several service-oriented and school events each year. In addition, the school counselor trains a group of students to mediate disputes through Project Peace, a program that fosters leadership skills and promotes healthy conflict resolution.

Maple Elementary helps nurture strong relationships between students,

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3017. An act to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize and improve the brownfields program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3905. An act to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4182. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes.