

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 3656) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

PROVIDING CERTAIN BURIAL BENEFITS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF VETERANS WHO ARE BURIED IN TRIBAL CEMETERIES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2248 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title. The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2248) to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain burial benefits for spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed 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 bill (S. 2248) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2248

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY OF SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF VETERANS BURIED IN TRIBAL CEMETERIES FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BURIAL BENEFITS.

Section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(4), by inserting “or a veterans’ cemetery owned by a tribal organization or on land owned by or held in trust for a tribal organization” after “State”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, a veterans’ cemetery of a tribal organization or on land owned by or held in trust for a tribal organization” after “owned by a State”;

(3) in subsection (f)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

(B) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “(1) The Secretary”;

(C) by striking “a national cemetery or in a veterans cemetery of a State or tribal organization for which the Department has provided a grant under section 2408 of this title” and inserting “a covered cemetery”;

(D) by adding at the end the following: “(2) The term ‘covered cemetery’ means any of the following:

“(A) A national cemetery.

“(B) A veterans’ cemetery of a State for which the Department has provided a grant under section 2408 of this title.

“(C) A veterans’ cemetery of a tribal organization or on land owned by or held in trust for a tribal organization for which the Department has provided a grant under subsection (f) of such section.”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(1) In this section, the term ‘tribal organization’ has the meaning given such term in section 3765 of this title.”.

VETERANS CEMETERY BENEFIT CORRECTION ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2372 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title. The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2372) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed 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 bill (S. 2372) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2372

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act”.

SEC. 2. PROVISION OF OUTER BURIAL RECEPTACLES FOR REMAINS BURIED IN NATIONAL PARKS.

Section 2306(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “(A)” before “The Secretary of Veterans”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), as designated by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, by striking “The Secretary of the Army” and inserting the following:

“(B) The Secretary of the Army”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) The Secretary of the Interior shall provide an outer burial receptacle for each such a grave in an open national cemetery administered by the National Park Service.”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “or in the Arlington National Cemetery” and inserting “, in the Arlington National Cemetery, or in a national cemetery administered by the National Park Service”;

(B) by striking “or Secretary of the Army” and inserting “, the Secretary of the Army, or the Secretary of the Interior”;

(3) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii), by striking “or, with respect to Arlington National Cemetery, the Secretary of the Army” and inserting “or the Secretary of the Army with respect to Arlington National Cemetery or the

Secretary of the Interior with respect to a national cemetery administered by the National Park Service”; and

(4) in paragraph (4), by striking “or, with respect to Arlington National Cemetery, the Secretary of the Army” and inserting “or the Secretary of the Army with respect to Arlington National Cemetery or the Secretary of the Interior with respect to a national cemetery administered by the National Park Service”.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 419, S. Res. 420, S. Res. 421, S. Res. 422, and S. Res. 423.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolutions en bloc.

The resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the preambles be agreed to and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 3 p.m., Monday, March 5; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed. Finally, I ask that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Scholer nomination under the previous order.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018, 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 4:58 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 5, 2018, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

HENRY E. HUDSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2021, VICE DABNEY LANGHORNE FRIEDRICH, TERM EXPIRED.

WILLIAM GRAHAM OTIS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2021, VICE PATTI B. SARIS, TERM EXPIRED.

WILLIAM H. PRYOR, JR., OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2023. (REAPPOINTMENT)

WILLIAM H. PRYOR, JR., OF ALABAMA, TO BE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION, VICE PATTI B. SARIS.

LUIS FELIPE RESTREPO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2019, VICE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON, TERM EXPIRED.

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination pursuant to the order of 06/28/1990 and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar:

*ANNE MARIE WHITE, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT).

*Nominee has committed to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 1, 2018:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

GREGORY DOUD, OF KANSAS, TO BE CHIEF AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATOR, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

JASON KEARNS, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2024.

THE JUDICIARY

A. MARVIN QUATTLEBAUM, JR., OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DENNIS SHEA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (GENEVA OFFICE), WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

C. J. MAHONEY, OF KANSAS, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (INVESTMENT, SERVICES, LABOR, ENVIRONMENT, AFRICA, CHINA, AND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE), WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be brigadier general

COL. LEE H. HARVIS

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 brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL L. AHMANN
COL. PETER G. BAILEY
COL. MALINDA M. BEGGS
COL. ERIC L. BRATU
COL. BENJAMIN M. CASON
COL. MARK A. CHIDLEY
COL. TROY T. DANIELS
COL. NICHOLAS A. GENTILE, JR.
COL. THOMAS F. GRABOWSKI
COL. ANDREW W. LOVE
COL. RICHARD R. NEELY
COL. RUSSELL L. PONDER
COL. DONNA M. PRIGMORE
COL. ROBERT D. REYNER
COL. JAMES A. ROBERTS
COL. RAYMOND S. ROBINSON IV
COL. JAMES P. RYAN
COL. DARIN E. SLATEN
COL. CHRISTOPHER L. SMITH
COL. JEFFREY S. SMITH

COL. JUSTIN B. SMITH
COL. MARK A. WEBER
COL. JEFFREY L. WILKINSON
COL. JOHN P. YORK

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 brigadier general

COL. CHRISTOPHER R. ALDERDICE
COL. ROBERT S. GRANT
COL. PAUL N. LOISELLE
COL. WAYNE M. MCCAUGHEY
COL. DAVID J. MOUNKES

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. TIMOTHY L. ADAMS
COL. MARK A. HASHIMOTO
COL. KARL D. PIERSON

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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. JOHN J. DEGOES
BRIG. GEN. ROBERT I. MILLER
BRIG. GEN. LEE E. PAYNE

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED 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 major general

BRIG. GEN. JEFFREY P. KRAMER

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. (LH) GORDON D. PETERS

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. BRIAN B. BROWN

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 brigadier general

COL. JOHN J. ALLEN

IN THE ARMY

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. TODD M. LAZAROSKI

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PAUL OBI AMALIRI AND ENDING WITH MEOSHIA A. WILSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2017.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CARL P. BIEND AND ENDING WITH CHRISTOPHER M. WOLBERT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 19, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH STEVEN J. ACEVEDO AND ENDING WITH HEATHER C. YUN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 19, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH NATALIYA A. ABLES AND ENDING WITH MICHELLE L. ZIELINSKI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 19, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GEORGE Z. ABERTH AND ENDING WITH VERANIKA ZAKHARYEVA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 19, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KEVIN D. ALFORD AND ENDING WITH WINNIFRED M. WONG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 19, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANN E. ALEXANDER AND ENDING WITH PATRICK B. PARSONS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE

AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 19, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF DAVID J. CASWELL, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF BRUCE P. HESELTINE, JR., TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL T. CAIN AND ENDING WITH ILDA Y. ISAZA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KERRY L. HIRZEL AND ENDING WITH JOSHUA S. TRICE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF MIGUEL J. MORALES, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JULIE A. BOWMAN AND ENDING WITH LARRIN S. WAMPLER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARC M. ADAIR AND ENDING WITH JESSE B. ZYDALLIS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2018.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF DEVRY C. ANDERSON, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANDREW A. ARNDT AND ENDING WITH D013347, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 19, 2018.

ARMY NOMINATION OF TYLER M. ABERCROMBIE, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF RANDOLPH S. CARPENTER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ANGEL SOTO, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MATTHEW C. DAWSON AND ENDING WITH LEE C. NOVY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 19, 2018.

ARMY NOMINATION OF THOMAS A. SUMMERS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CHRISTINA M. BUCHNER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MARCIA L. LEWIS, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JACK E. SHIELDS III, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JERZY M. MATYSZCZUK, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALECIA D. BIDDISON AND ENDING WITH ROGER R. WOLD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSEPH W. BISHOP AND ENDING WITH ROBERT T. UTLAUT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JENNIFER L. WHITE, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF PATRICK E. MATHER, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LUIS G. FUCHU AND ENDING WITH DEXTER C. NUNNALLY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018.

ARMY NOMINATION OF OLIVIA H. IVEY, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF HAN S. KIM, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JOHN E. RICHARDSON, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF PAUL A. WHITE, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ROBERT T. CARTER, JR. AND ENDING WITH CHARLES A. PHILLIPS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018.

ARMY NOMINATION OF KYLE R. STIEFEL, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ADAM C. MILLER, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MATHEW M. CONDRI, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVID A. AMAMOO AND ENDING WITH D013799, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2018.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JASON B. YENRICK, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DAVID R. ADDAMS, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF PANKAJ A. KSHEERSAGAR, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL P. SARGENT, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF NICHOLAS E. HURD, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL C. AGBAY, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JAY A. IANNACITO, TO BE COLONEL.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF LONNIE M. MCGHEE, JR., TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL E. FEUQUAY AND ENDING WITH HEATH E. RUPPERT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE