

(6) reiterates the continued support of the Senate for the European Deterrence Initiative as a means for enhancing deterrence and increasing military capabilities on NATO's eastern flank.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendment be agreed to, the resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The committee-reported amendment was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 432), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 432

Whereas in 1918, the people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania declared their independence on February 24, November 18, and February 16, respectively, as sovereign, democratic countries;

Whereas, on July 28, 1922, the United States formally recognized Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania as independent countries;

Whereas the United States refused to recognize the Soviet Union's forcible incorporation of the Baltic states;

Whereas in August 1991, the Baltic states regained their de facto independence from the Soviet Union, and on September 2, 1991, President George H.W. Bush recognized the restoration of their independence, reestablishing full diplomatic relations between the United States and Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania several days later;

Whereas in the United States, communities of Baltic descent have contributed significantly to American culture, prosperity, and security and have helped strengthen United States relations with the Baltic states;

Whereas relations between the United States and Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have developed into a robust partnership based on shared values and principles, including respect for the rule of law, human rights, freedom of speech, and free trade;

Whereas Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have shown their resolve as responsible and dedicated members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) by contributing to regional and global security, including to operations in Afghanistan;

Whereas the Baltic states have been leaders in addressing and combatting 21st century security threats, exemplified by their active leadership and advancement of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence in Estonia, the NATO Strategic Communications Center of Excellence in Latvia, and the NATO Energy Security Center of Excellence in Lithuania; and

Whereas Russia's continued aggressive and provocative actions against its neighboring countries, including violations of sovereign Baltic airspace, test both the region and the NATO alliance: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of their declarations of independence;

(2) commends the people and Governments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania for their successful reforms and remarkable economic growth since 1991;

(3) applauds the productive partnership the United States enjoys with the Baltic states in many spheres, including NATO;

(4) recognizes the determination of the Governments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to strengthen transatlantic security through defense spending and host nation support for NATO deployments;

(5) commends the Baltic states for their commitment to democracy and respect for human rights and for their leadership in furthering these values abroad; and

(6) reiterates the continued support of the Senate for the European Deterrence Initiative as a means for enhancing deterrence and increasing military capabilities on NATO's eastern flank.

#### KEEP AMERICA'S REFUGES OPERATIONAL ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3979.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, 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.

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

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing no further debate, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 3979) was passed.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 10; 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. I further ask that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Boom nomination under the previous order. Finally, I ask that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

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 6:57 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

REBECCA KELLY SLAUGHTER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2015, VICE EDITH RAMIREZ, TERM EXPIRED.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WILLIAM CHARLES MCINTOSH, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE MICHELLE DEPASS, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

MICHAEL FAULKENDER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE KAREN DYNAN.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KENNETH S. GEORGE, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY.

DAVID SCHENKER, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS), VICE ANNE W. PATTERSON, RESIGNED.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be general*

GEN. TERRENCE J. O'SHAUGHNESSY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER 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 T. GEROCK

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. STEPHEN G. FOGARTY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be general*

LT. GEN. STEPHEN R. LYONS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

##### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. RAYMOND S. DINGLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. FRANCIS M. BEAUDETTE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. EUGENE J. LEBOEUF  
BRIG. GEN. STEPHEN E. STRAND

##### *To be brigadier general*

COL. AIDA T. BORRAS  
COL. VINCENT E. BUGGS  
COL. BARRY E. EDBERG  
COL. CHERYN L. FASANO  
COL. STEPHEN IACOVELLI

COL. ISAAC JOHNSON, JR.  
COL. JAMES J. KOKASKA, JR.  
COL. JOSEPH M. LESTORTI  
COL. EDWARD H. MERRIGAN, JR.  
COL. MICHAEL D. ROACHE  
COL. BETH A. SALISBURY  
COL. CHARLES S. SENTELL III  
COL. JAMELLE C. SHAWLEY  
COL. ROBERT E. SUTER

#### 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 admiral*

ADM. PHILIP S. DAVIDSON

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. DAVID M. KRIETE

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

#### *To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) MARY C. RIGGS

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

#### *To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) ALAN D. BEAL  
REAR ADM. (LH) BRIAN S. HURLEY  
REAR ADM. (LH) ANDREW C. LENNON

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

#### *To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) MICHELLE C. SKUBIC

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

#### *To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) EUGENE H. BLACK III  
REAR ADM. (LH) WILLIAM D. BYRNE, JR.  
REAR ADM. (LH) MARC H. DALTON  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN V. FULLER  
REAR ADM. (LH) MICHAEL P. HOLLAND  
REAR ADM. (LH) HUGH W. HOWARD III  
REAR ADM. (LH) JEFFREY W. HUGHES  
REAR ADM. (LH) THOMAS E. ISHEE  
REAR ADM. (LH) ROY I. KITCHENER  
REAR ADM. (LH) STEPHEN T. KOEHLER  
REAR ADM. (LH) SAMUEL J. PAPARO, JR.  
REAR ADM. (LH) JEFFREY E. TRUSSLER  
REAR ADM. (LH) WILLIAM W. WHEELER III  
REAR ADM. (LH) KENNETH R. WHITESELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE NAVY, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 5142:

#### *To be rear admiral (lower half)*

REAR ADM. (LH) BRENT W. SCOTT

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

#### *To be rear admiral (lower half)*

CAPT. DARIN K. VIA

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

L.T. GEN. MICHAEL G. DANA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

L.T. GEN. DAVID H. BERGER

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

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. STEPHEN E. LISZEWSKI  
COL. LORNA M. MAHLOCK  
COL. DAVID L. ODOM  
COL. ARTHUR J. PASAGIAN  
COL. SEAN M. SALENE  
COL. KEVIN J. STEWART  
COL. WILLIAM H. SWAN  
COL. CALVERT L. WORTH, JR.

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

#### *To be colonel*

MICHAEL J. ABBOTT  
ROBERTO ANIELLO BALZANO  
LAURALEE ESTHER BARNES  
TRAVIS TOM BOLTJES  
MATTHEW A. BOURASSA  
MARK WILLIAM BRADLEY  
JOHN S. BRINKLEY  
KEITH A. BROWN  
SHAUNTEY COOPER  
SCOTT ANTHONY CORADI  
JOE A. DESSENBERGER  
LYNDY R. DOYLE  
MICHAEL W. DUNFEE  
MICHAEL SHANE DUNKIN  
JOHN WILLIAM ERICKSON, JR.  
BRANDON C. EVANS  
LOUIS ANTHONY GALLINA  
DEREK ALLAN GARDNER  
WILLIAM C. GREEN, JR.  
NORMAN THOMAS HEPNER  
ROBERT DUSTIN HOADLEY  
JOHNNY HOWARD  
AARON G. HUGHES  
THOMAS GREGORY ISENBERG  
SHAWNE M. JOHNSON  
RYAN KEITH JONES  
JASON OTTO KLUMB  
MICHAEL R. KNOWLES  
MARC G. KOBLENTZ  
WILLIAM A. KOPP  
DAVID S. LALONDE  
PHILLIP LANE LATHAM, JR.  
JAMIE D. LINDMAN  
KATHERINE HAYDEN LINTON  
MICHAEL E. LOCKETTE  
ROBERT P. MANNING  
CHAD THOMAS MARTIN  
JEFFREY CLIFF MATHEWS  
MICHAEL SEAN MATTHEWS  
YVONNE L. MAYS  
PATRICK J. MCDONNELL  
CASEY C. MCGINN  
MARY W. MILD  
RICHARD ALLEN MORGAN  
KEVIN ALAN MULCAHY  
THOMAS JEFFREY NEFE  
JOHN P. FRIGMORE  
JAMES P. QUAGLIAROLI  
JOSEPH ELDON REID  
MICHAEL JAY RUSHING  
DAVID A. SCHLAGEL  
JOSEPH M. SHIPP  
YANCY S. SHORT  
DANIEL ADAM SKODA  
CHRISTOPHER BO SMITH  
DENISE K. SWEENEY  
THOMAS F. TERRITT  
ROBIN LYNNE TIBADUIZA  
KELLY SCOTT TRAYNHAM  
MARK HENRY USTASZEWSKI  
ANDREA H. VANLEEUWEN  
LOLA DALANE WASHINGTON  
TODD ANTHONY WILES  
DONALD LUTHER WILSON, JR.  
DAVID RUSSELL WRIGHT

#### IN THE ARMY

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

#### *To be major*

ROBERTO SORIANOOLIVAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

#### *To be major*

JASON PALATAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

#### *To be major*

JOSE R. REVELLES, JR.  
KENNETH J. STRAUSS

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

#### *To be lieutenant colonel*

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

#### *To be major*

RUSSELL B. GILLILAND

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

#### *To be colonel*

ERIK M. BAUER

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

#### *To be colonel*

LAWRENCE W. HENRY

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

#### *To be lieutenant colonel*

KENNETH A. WILLEFORD

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

#### *To be lieutenant colonel*

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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

#### *To be major*

ROXANNE T. SICKLES

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### *To be lieutenant colonel*

CHAD R. FITZGERALD

#### FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PROMOTION WITHIN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

POLLY CATHERINE DUNFORD-ZAHAR, OF FLORIDA  
JAMES M. HOPE, OF TEXAS

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, AS A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

JULIE CHEN, OF CALIFORNIA  
SCOTT GORDON DOBERSTEIN, OF MARYLAND  
DAVID GOSNEY, OF CALIFORNIA  
MELISSA A. JONES, OF CALIFORNIA  
REBECCA OTTKE KRZYWDA, OF VIRGINIA  
VEENA REDDY, OF CALIFORNIA  
MILES FRANKLIN TODER, OF FLORIDA  
HELEN MARY PATAKI, OF CALIFORNIA  
SANGITABEN M. PATEL, OF TEXAS  
WILLIAM M. PATTERSON, OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
TANYA S. URQUIETA, OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR PROMOTION WITHIN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

SANDILLO BANERJEE, OF WASHINGTON

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, AS A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

TODD AVERY, OF FLORIDA  
IREAS COOK, OF TEXAS  
DAO LE, OF CALIFORNIA  
ROBERT PEASLEE, OF COLORADO

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PROMOTION WITHIN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER:

PETER A. MALNAK, OF NEVADA  
MAUREEN A. SHAUKET, OF FLORIDA

### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

JAMES REILLY, OF COLORADO, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

THEODORE J. GARRISH, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS).

JAMES EDWARD CAMPOS, OF NEVADA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY ECONOMIC IMPACT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate April 9, 2018: