

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I am glad to introduce a resolution to designate May 2018 "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month." It is my hope that this resolution will show our support for the patients battling brain tumors, as well as their families, and friends who fight alongside them. It is estimated that 78,980 new cases of primary and non-malignant tumors in the brain and central nervous system will be diagnosed and 16,616 people in the United States will lose their battle with a primary brain tumor this year alone. This resolution will increase public awareness and honor those who have suffered, or are suffering from a brain tumor, while encouraging researchers to redouble their efforts in the search for a cure. I thank Senator MARKEY and our bipartisan colleagues for their support for this important cause.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mrs. FISHER. Mr. President, I have 6 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, May 24, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Risks to the financial services industry and its preparedness."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 9 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Rural Health Care in American: Challenges and Opportunities."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the nomination of John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on pending legislation and the following nominations: Andrew S. Oldham, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S.

Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Michael J. Truncale, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Erica H. MacDonald, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Ryan Wesley Bounds, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, J. Campbell Barker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Susan Brnovich, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Chad F. Kenney, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Jeremy D. Kernodle, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Scott Patrick Illing, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 2 p.m. to conduct a closed hearing.

VETERANS CEMETERY BENEFIT CORRECTION ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 399, H.R. 4910.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4910) 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.

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

The bill (H.R. 4910) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS VA MEDICAL CENTER

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3663 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 senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3663) to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center.

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.

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

The bill (H.R. 3663) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 528, 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. 528) designating the week of May 20 through May 26, 2018, as "National Public Works Week."

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions 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. 528) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

PROMOTING MINORITY HEALTH AWARENESS AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH IN APRIL 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 529, 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. 529) promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2018, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States such as American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the measure.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 529) was agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and the motions 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 preamble was agreed to.

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

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2018 AS "NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 531, 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. 531) expressing support for the designation of May 2018 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month."

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, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions 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. 531) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018, THROUGH MONDAY JUNE 4, 2018

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, May 25, at 11 a.m.; Tuesday, May 29, at 9 a.m.; Thursday, May 31, at 11:30 a.m. I further ask that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, May 31, it next convene at 3 p.m., Monday, June 4; 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 Wier nomination; finally, that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 4.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 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 5:23 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 25, 2018, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CHRISTOPHER FALL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE CHERRY ANN MURRAY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RONALD GIDWITZ, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM.

DONALD LU, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC.

RONALD MORTENSEN, OF UTAH, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (POPULATION, REFUGEES, AND MIGRATION), VICE ANNE CLAIRE RICHARD.

DENISE NATALI, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (CONFLICT AND STABILIZATION OPERATIONS), VICE DAVID MALCOLM ROBINSON, RESIGNED.

ALAINA B. TEPLITZ, OF COLORADO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES.

CHRISTINE J. TORETTI, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be major

JOSEPH B. RYAN

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 FRANCIS ADAMITTS
RUSSELL L. ADAMS
KIMBERLY M. AINSWORTH
DAVID GEORGE ALLEN
KEOLANI W. BAILEY
SONYA JEAN BAITCHELOR
MATTHEW GRANT BRANCATO
GENE C. BUCKNER
LAURA POLZ CAPUTO
JEFFERY GUY CARLTON
JUSTIN JONATHAN CHAPMAN
MARCIA LYNN COLE
BRUCE ALLEN COWAN
TROY A. CRAMER
JEREMIAH J. CRUZ
ALBERT JOSEPH DANZA
JOHN J. DEVINE
TROY A. DRENNAN
MARC ANTHONY ECCHER
DAVID B. ETHEREDGE
CHRISTOPHER PETER FILER
DANIEL PATRICK FINNEGAN
KIMBERLY A. FITZGERALD
JOHN PAUL FLINT
DARRELL L. FUN

LARRY EUGENE GARDNER
TIMOTHY JOSEPH GORDON
BRIAN JAMES GRASKY
ASHLEY E. GROVES
STEPHANIE L. HAINES
DAVID L. HALASIKUN
KENT ERWIN HARBAUGH, JR.
JEFFREY TODD HILLS
SUSANNE MARIE HISCOCK
AMY D. HOLBECK
CHRISTOPHER J. HOWARD
MICHAEL A. HRYNCIW III
MATTHEW R. HUMMEL
MARK ALAN HURLEY
JENNY LORAN JOHNSON
MARK R. JOHNSON
WILLIAM DAVID JOHNSTON
ROBBY A. KEY
KYLE M. KOVARIK
CHRISTINE M. KROMIS
RANDOLPH LEON LAKE
ERIC LEE LAUGHTON
BRIAN JOSEPH LAURI
SCOTT W. LERDON
TINA LOUISE LIPSCOMB
JOSEPH FRANKLIN LOGAN
ROGER D. LUDWIG
CLARENCE K. MAYNUS, JR.
ROBERT D. MCCULLERS
MARK ELLIOTT MCDANIEL
TERESA JANIE MCDONALD
DANIEL TIMOTHY MCGEE
RYAN TAYLOR MCGUIRE
MICHAEL BERT MEASON
CHARLES C. MERKEL
GARY S. MONROE
DARYL EUGENE NEWHART
JULIAN LEONARD PACHECO
CHRISTOPHER J. PAROT
GARY E. PELLETIER
GEOFFREY ALAN PETYAK
BRANT ALLEN PUTNAM
KENNETH J. RADFORD, JR.
MICHAEL J. REVIT
DAVID HERBERT RICE
STEVEN ROTHSTEIN
JOSEPH L. RUEGEMER
JAMES CORBY SCOTT
HOLLY M. SHENEFELT
DAVID WILLIAM SHEVCHIK
CHRISTIAN B. SHUE
ROBERT A. SIAU
CHRISTOPHER B. SIGLER
KARLYN KATHRYN SLAYDON
JOHN P. SORGINI II
JOHN LEROY STEELE III
DANA RENE STEFANEC
TAMMY DENISE STREET
PAUL J. SYRIBEYS
DEREK RYAN TATE
STEVEN RALPH THOMAS
JON S. TRAINER
KRISTINA A. TWEEDY
BART T. VANROO
JEFFREY R. WALES
CARYN CHRISTINE WARREN
ANDREW JOSEF WINEBERGER
LESLIE ANN ZYDDAMARTIN

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

To be lieutenant colonel

BARBARA B. ACEVEDO
MARY A. BAUZA LAWVER
KENNETH L. BEADLE
ERIKA L. BEST
SCOTT A. BLACK
BRYAN W. BOVITZ
TRACY A. BRANNOCK BENNETT
SAUNYA N. BRIGHT
PETER E. CARRA
VICKI L. CHARBONNEAU
BRIAN M. CLARKE
WILLIAM P. CLARKSON II
SHAUNA G. CRIM
DANNY C. DACEY
JESSICA DEES
KIERAN K. DHILLON
DARRICK N. DURAN
JOSHUA M. ELSTON
SEAN J. ESTRADA
CASSANDRA J. GILBERT
MARC J. GRAESSLE
HEIDI L. GRANDIN
STEPHANIE K. HARLEY
SHANNON E. HUNT
DEBORAH L. KARRER
TRACY E. MAYFIELD
KIMBERLY A. MCCOY SINGH
JULIE M. MEEK
DONALD T. MICHAEL
REBEKAH K. MOONEY
BRANDON C. MORGAN
CHAD E. MORROW
MICHAEL C. RENKAS
PATRICE L. REVIEREBUFORD
DAVID M. STUEVER
MELISSA L. TENNANT
SAMUEL B. TOBLER
JOHN M. TONARELLI
AARON D. TRITCH
JOHN W. WAGGONER
SHAWNEE A. WILLIAMS
DAVID S. WINTER
HEATH S. WOICKMAN