

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 NATALL, 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 BATCHELOR  
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 ECHER  
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 LIPSOMB  
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