

America to the Republic of Korea; Ronald Gidwitz, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Belgium; Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zimbabwe; Tibor Peter Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs); and PN1952 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (80) beginning George Eugene Adair, and ending Brian J. McKenna, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of May 10, 2018.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bernstein, Mondello, Sondland, Harris, Gidwitz, Nichols, and Nagy nominations and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Foreign Service en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 902.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Tara Sweeney, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Sweeney nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

MARRAKESH TREATY TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO PUBLISHED WORKS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, OR OTHERWISE PRINT DISABLED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following treaty on today's Executive Calendar: No. 6; I further ask unanimous consent that the treaty be considered as having passed through its various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification; that any committee conditions, declarations, or reservations be agreed to as applicable; that any statements be printed in the RECORD; further, that when the resolution of ratification is voted upon, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the President be notified of the Senate's action.

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

The treaty will be stated.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Treaty document No. 114-6, Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for a division vote on the resolution of ratification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A division vote has been requested.

Senators in favor of the resolution of ratification will rise and stand until counted.

Those opposed will rise and stand until counted.

On a division vote, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification is agreed to.

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

SECTION 1. SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT SUBJECT TO A DECLARATION.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, Done at Marrakesh on June 27, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114-6), subject to the declaration of section 2.

SEC. 2. DECLARATION.

The Senate's advice and consent under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: The Treaty is not self-executing.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar Nos. 951 through 973 and 975 through 993 and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations

be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

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. Paul A. Friedrichs

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. Michael T. Moran

IN THE AIR FORCE

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 major general

Brig. Gen. Mark H. Berry

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the Navy Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Mark J. Mouriski

The following named officer for appointment in the Navy Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Eileen H. Laubacher

The following named officer for appointment in the Navy Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Ann H. Duff

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. (1h) John W. Korka

The following named officers for appointment in the Navy Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Nancy S. Lacore

Capt. Theodore P. Leclair

Capt. Eric C. Ruttenberg

The following named officer 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. (1h) 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. (1h) Alan D. Beal

Rear Adm. (1h) Brian S. Hurley

Rear Adm. (1h) Andrew C. Lennon

The following named officer for appointment in the Navy Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Robert T. Clark

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 major general

Brig. Gen. Michael F. Fahey, III
Brig. Gen. Helen G. Pratt

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Scott A. Howell

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 general

Lt. Gen. Austin S. Miller

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

Maj. Gen. Eric M. Smith

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark

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

Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment as Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps and for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10 U.S.C., section 5046:

To be major general

Col. Daniel J. Lecce

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

Lt. Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr.

IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Narciso Cruz
Col. Mark K. Miera

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers 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. Joseph F. Jarrard
Brig. Gen. Tracy R. Norris

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. Laurel J. Hummel

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers 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. Tommy H. Baker
Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Bowen
Brig. Gen. Scott A. Campbell
Brig. Gen. James D. Craig
Brig. Gen. Gordon L. Ellis
Brig. Gen. John M. Epperly
Brig. Gen. Timothy E. Gowen
Brig. Gen. Paul F. Griffin
Brig. Gen. Kenneth S. Hara
Brig. Gen. Christopher F. Lawson
Brig. Gen. James E. Porter, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Rafael A. Ribas
Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Sheriff
Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Spencer
Brig. Gen. Michael D. Turello
Brig. Gen. Suzanne P. Vares-Lum
Brig. Gen. William J. Walker
Brig. Gen. Ronald A. Westfall

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Miguel Aguilar
Col. Eugene S. Alkire
Col. Mark J. Berglund
Col. Ronald W. Burkett, II
Col. Robert F. Charlesworth
Col. Nick Ducich
Col. Robert D. Ferguson
Col. Adam R. Flasch
Col. Kevin W. Gallagher
Col. John T. Gentry, Jr.
Col. Bryan J. Grenon
Col. John D. Haas
Col. Edward H. Hallenbeck
Col. Joe D. Hargett
Col. Robert F. Hepner, Jr.
Col. Charles G. Kemper, IV
Col. Steven T. King
Col. Michael J. Leeney
Col. Roy J. Macaraeg
Col. Joanne E. MacGregor
Col. Marie M. Mahoney
Col. Shawn P. Manke
Col. James G. McCormack
Col. Miguel A. Mendez
Col. Neal S. Mitsuyoshi
Col. Sharon D. Moore
Col. Michael J. Oster
Col. Gregory C. Parker
Col. Scott T. Petrik
Col. Jerry F. Prochaska
Col. Javier A. Reina
Col. Yesenia R. Roque
Col. Leo A. Ryan
Col. Michael J. Schlorholtz
Col. Scott M. Sherman
Col. Tyler B. Smith
Col. Walter B. Sturek, Jr.
Col. John F. Taylor, Jr.
Col. Thomas E. Vern, Jr.
Col. Damian K. Waddell
Col. Robert F. Weir
Col. Katherine E. White
Col. James C. Wilkins
Col. Timothy J. Winslow

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 156:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Christopher C. French

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

Maj. Gen. Carl E. Mundy, III

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

Maj. Gen. Loretta E. Reynolds

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck

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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Guastella, Jr.

IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Robert G. Carruthers, III
Col. Quvator R. Gore
Col. Adam L. Robinson
Col. Kevin L. Vines

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. Stephen M. Rutner

IN THE NAVY

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) Marcus A. Hitchcock

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

Maj. Gen. John K. Love

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. John C. Thomson, III

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 brigadier general

Col. Joseph R. Baldwin

IN THE NAVY

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. William P. Pennington

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Bergeson

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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. James C. Slife

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as the Judge Advocate General of the Navy and for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while serving as the Judge Advocate General under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5148:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. John G. Hannink

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. James J. Malloy

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

Vice Adm. Andrew L. Lewis

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

Maj. Gen. John M. Jansen

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN2001 AIR FORCE nomination of Kourtnei L. Starkey, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2002 AIR FORCE nomination of Hermann F. Hinze, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2033 AIR FORCE nomination of Joseph B. Ryan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2034 AIR FORCE nominations (93) beginning MICHAEL FRANCIS ADAMITIS, and ending LESLIE ANN ZYDAMARTIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2035 AIR FORCE nominations (45) beginning BARBARA B. ACEVEDO, and ending CHRISTY L. ZAHN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2077 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning WILLIAM P. MORSE, and ending NICHOLAS M. STRELCHUK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2151 AIR FORCE nominations (20) beginning WADE B. ADAIR, and ending JAY W. VEEDER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

PN2153 AIR FORCE nominations (41) beginning JAMES D. ATHNOS, and ending SARAH MONROE WHITSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

PN2157 AIR FORCE nominations (75) beginning JULIE LALEH ADAMS, and ending CHRISTOPHER THOMAS ZONA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

IN THE ARMY

PN1689 ARMY nominations (10) beginning ERIC T. ASHLEY, and ending MICHAEL J. RYHN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2018.

PN1690 ARMY nominations (89) beginning GILBERT AIDINIAN, and ending D011955, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2018.

PN2003 ARMY nominations (8) beginning DIANE M. ARMBRUSTER, and ending LELAND T. SHEPHERD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2004 ARMY nominations (5) beginning DONALD C. BREWER, III, and ending CHARLES F. WALLACE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2005 ARMY nomination of James D. Spencer, II, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2006 ARMY nominations (4) beginning CHRISTOPHER A. BASSETT, and ending SCOTT E. BOYD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2007 ARMY nomination of Julie A. Craig, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2008 ARMY nomination of Charles G. Blake, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2009 ARMY nomination of Thomas A. Urquhart, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2037 ARMY nomination of Patricia Young, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2038 ARMY nominations (5) beginning DIEGO L. BECERRA, III, and ending MICHAEL E. ZELLOUS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2039 ARMY nominations (57) beginning PATRICK M. ABELL, and ending ALBERT F. YONKOVITZ, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2040 ARMY nominations (218) beginning GEORGE R. K. ACREE, and ending ARTHUR E. ZEGERS, IV, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2041 ARMY nominations (123) beginning MELISSA K. G. ADAMSKI, and ending JAMES YI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2059 ARMY nominations (13) beginning DENNIS R. BELL, and ending BRETT J. TAYLOR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2060 ARMY nominations (12) beginning THEODORE W. CROY, III, and ending BILL A. SOLIZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2061 ARMY nominations (43) beginning EDGAR G. ARROYO, and ending G010491, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2062 ARMY nominations (24) beginning JEFFREY M. ALLERDING, and ending VANESSA WORSHAM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2063 ARMY nomination of Brian F. Saylor, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2064 ARMY nominations (3) beginning WILLIAM B. MURPHY, and ending DAVID M. SOLORZANO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2065 ARMY nominations (3) beginning ERIC N. HATCH, and ending YANNICK N. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2066 ARMY nominations (4) beginning ANTHONY HALL, and ending CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2067 ARMY nomination of Michael G. Mouritsen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2068 ARMY nomination of David E. Roberts, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2078 ARMY nomination of Peter R. Purrington, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2080 ARMY nomination of Chad K. Brinton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2081 ARMY nomination of Christopher K. James, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2128 ARMY nomination of Tony J. Woodruff, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2018.

PN2129 ARMY nominations (3) beginning JONATHAN M. FAUST, and ending CARLOS M. POVENTUDESTRADE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2018.

PN2159 ARMY nominations (23) beginning BRENDAN E. BELL, and ending JAYLON L. WAITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

PN2160 ARMY nominations (165) beginning DOUGLAS R. ADAMS, and ending LAURI M. ZIKE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

PN2161 ARMY nomination of Leslie M. Latimorelorfils, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

PN2162 ARMY nomination of Angel M. Sanchez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

PN2163 ARMY nomination of Fredricco McCurry, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

PN2164 ARMY nomination of Jimmie A. Hilton, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN2069 MARINE CORPS nomination of Brett M. McCormick, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2018.

PN2103 MARINE CORPS nomination of Jonathan M. Pickup, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

IN THE NAVY

PN1924 NAVY nominations (12) beginning JOHN R. BUSH, and ending HOLLY B. SHOGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1925 NAVY nominations (18) beginning ERIK E. ANDERSON, and ending MATTHEW L. TARDY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1926 NAVY nominations (3) beginning BRADFORD W. BAKER, and ending MICHAEL P. OHARA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1927 NAVY nominations (8) beginning DERRICK E. BLACKSTON, and ending MICHAEL G. WHEELER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1928 NAVY nominations (230) beginning DAVID J. ADAMS, and ending DAVID M. ZIELINSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1929 NAVY nominations (7) beginning MARK R. ALEXANDER, and ending ANDREW T. NEWSOME, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1930 NAVY nominations (5) beginning JILLENE M. BUSHNELL, and ending MICAH A. WELTMER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1931 NAVY nominations (10) beginning ENID S. BRACKETT, and ending JOSHUA P. TAYLOR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1932 NAVY nominations (4) beginning JOHN E. GAY, and ending WILLIAM H. SPEAKS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1933 NAVY nominations (4) beginning FRANKLIN W. BENNETT, and ending MATTHEW T. WILCOX, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1934 NAVY nominations (12) beginning CARVIN A. BROWN, and ending MARK W. YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1935 NAVY nominations (20) beginning CHRISTOPHER R. ANDERSON, and ending DAVID P. WOLYNSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1936 NAVY nominations (8) beginning MARC A. ARAGON, and ending ROBERT A. YEE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2018.

PN1975 NAVY nominations (18) beginning DOUGLAS A. BECK, and ending STEVEN W. TOPPEL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1976 NAVY nomination of Robert A. Vita, which was received by the Senate and

appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1977 NAVY nominations (2) beginning DARIN E. MARVIN, and ending ERIC E. PERCIVAL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1978 NAVY nominations (3) beginning JOHN J. DOHERTY, and ending WILLIAM ORTIZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1979 NAVY nomination of David A. Ford, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1980 NAVY nominations (5) beginning RICHARD S. ARDOLINO, and ending ANDREW C. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1981 NAVY nominations (2) beginning CHERYL D. DANDREA, and ending JOHN C. HAZLETT, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1982 NAVY nominations (5) beginning RICHARD E. BOUCHER, and ending CINDY L. RHODES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1983 NAVY nominations (20) beginning JEFFREY W. ADAMS, and ending RICHARD B. WILDERMAN, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1984 NAVY nominations (72) beginning CLIFFORD J. ALLEN, and ending ABRAHAM N. YOUNCE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1985 NAVY nominations (11) beginning MARK S. COLLINS, and ending THOMAS W. TREFNY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1986 NAVY nominations (3) beginning JONAS B. E. GIL, and ending CHRISTIE M. RUSHING, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1987 NAVY nominations (6) beginning JONATHAN E. BUSH, and ending JAMES C. WILTRAUT, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1988 NAVY nomination of Melissa M. Ford, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN1989 NAVY nomination of Matthew H. Robinson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2018.

PN2010 NAVY nominations (20) beginning ROBERT L. ANDERSON, II, and ending DANIELLE M. WOOTEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2011 NAVY nomination of Harold C. Barnes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2012 NAVY nominations (28) beginning PAUL R. ALLEN, and ending KIM T. ZABLAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2013 NAVY nominations (15) beginning JASON W. ADAMS, and ending LAGENA K. G. YARBROUGH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2014 NAVY nominations (11) beginning PAUL C. CHAN, and ending NATHANIEL R. STRAUB, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2015 NAVY nominations (19) beginning PHILIP B. BAGROW, and ending DAVID S. YANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2016 NAVY nominations (9) beginning HUGH BURKE, and ending CHRISTOPHER M. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2017 NAVY nominations (63) beginning ZACHARY M. ALEXANDER, and ending MARK L. WOODBRIDGE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2018 NAVY nominations (27) beginning RENE J. ALOVA, and ending STEPHEN S. YUNE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2018.

PN2042 NAVY nomination of Adrain D. Felder, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2043 NAVY nomination of Ashley D. Gibbs, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2044 NAVY nomination of Reynaldo A. Jornacion, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2082 NAVY nominations (4) beginning JAY D. LUTZ, and ending MARC F. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2083 NAVY nominations (3) beginning JEROME R. CAYANGYANG, and ending TIMOTHY J. LONEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2084 NAVY nomination of Donna M. Johnson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2085 NAVY nominations (5) beginning KEVIN M. CORCORAN, and ending SUNG H. YI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2086 NAVY nominations (7) beginning DEBRA A. BRENDLEY, and ending CYNTHIA M. SCHWARTZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2087 NAVY nominations (7) beginning CHRISTOPHER C. BURRIS, and ending JASON L. WEISSMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2088 NAVY nominations (7) beginning MICHAEL R. BASSO, and ending DONALD H. YAGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2089 NAVY nominations (2) beginning STEVEN A. BLAUSTEIN, and ending SONJA A. CARL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2090 NAVY nominations (15) beginning JAMES G. COX, and ending DARYL S. WONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2091 NAVY nominations (10) beginning RICHFIELD F. AGULLANA, and ending JERICHO B. TIMOG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2092 NAVY nominations (16) beginning SARAH E. ABBOTT, and ending JUSTIN R. WIESEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2093 NAVY nominations (34) beginning MATTHEW R. ARGENZIANO, and ending

MICHAEL A. WOODS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2094 NAVY nominations (13) beginning JEANINE F. BENJAMIN, and ending SAVANNA S. STEFFEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2095 NAVY nominations (527) beginning CHARLES B. ABBOTT, and ending STEVEN ZIELECHOWSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2096 NAVY nominations (16) beginning HASAN ABDULMUTAKALLIM, and ending STANLEY C. WARE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2097 NAVY nominations (27) beginning BRADLEY H. ABRAMOWITZ, and ending CORNELL A. WOODS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2098 NAVY nominations (12) beginning FRANCIS J. CARMODY, III, and ending MATTHEW N. WATTS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2099 NAVY nominations (22) beginning LUCAS G. BARLOW, and ending CHRISTINA J. WONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2100 NAVY nominations (5) beginning KATHARINE M. CERREZO, and ending JOE M. VASQUEZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2101 NAVY nominations (49) beginning KEVIN J. ALTEMARA, and ending JACOB E. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2102 NAVY nominations (43) beginning PATRICK A. BATISTE, and ending ROBERT J. WRENN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2018.

PN2130 NAVY nomination of Douglass R. Weiss, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2018.

PN2165 NAVY nomination of Lerome S. Snaer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

PN2166 NAVY nomination of Daniel J. Rizzo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. 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.

FARM BILL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to commend Agriculture Committee Chairman ROBERTS and Ranking Member STABENOW for their leadership in crafting a bipartisan farm bill that will help support our Nation's farmers and

growers, provide funding for critical agriculture research programs, and make important investments in nutrition and food security programs.

It is an exciting time for agriculture in Maine. In fact, according to a recent study, Maine ranks first in the Nation for farming outlook, which considers factors such as farmer age, percentage of beginning farmers, and number of farms per 100 residents. According to the most recent Census data, the share of Maine farms owned and operated by farmers under the age of 45 is steadily growing. These factors show that Maine farms are poised for continued growth and long-term success.

The bill we have just passed includes a number of provisions from the Next Generation in Agriculture Act, which I introduced with Senator HEITKAMP, including a reauthorization of the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grant Program at a higher funding level. Since this program was established nearly a decade ago, it has supported more than 60,000 beginning farmers across every region of the country. In Maine, these grants have helped to build the capacity and skills of beginning farmers, as well as implement a dairy farmer apprenticeship program.

Maine's agricultural resurgence has also been bolstered by a rapidly expanding organic sector. According to the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Maine's organic agriculture sector has grown 76 percent over the past 5 years alone. In 2017, the association certified 535 farmers and producers representing more than 90,000 acres of farmland. The strong support for organic agriculture in this bill will help ensure that this sector continues its growth.

Federal investment in organic agriculture research, however, has not kept pace with the growth of organic producers. This bill incorporates legislation I introduced with Senator CASEY that will increase funding for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative, OREI. These additional resources will help ensure our farmers and producers benefit from the rising demand for organic products.

In addition to experiencing a resurgence in agriculture, Maine is also in the midst of reorienting its forest products industry following the downturn of traditional pulp and paper production in our State. I am encouraged to see that the bill supports innovative wood products research and development at institutions of higher learning. Based on provisions of the Timber Innovation Act, which I have cosponsored, the bill would authorize grants to advance the use of innovative wood products. Priority would be given to proposals that include the use or retrofitting of existing sawmill facilities with higher-than-average unemployment rates, which could be helpful to States such as Maine that are still recovering from the job losses from the closure of traditional mills.

An amendment that I sponsored with Senator CANTWELL to direct the Forest Service to continue using remote sensing technologies when conducting forest inventory and analysis activities has also been incorporated. This technology is faster and less expensive than physically surveying plots of land and would enable the Forest Service to provide more accurate data to inform forest management decisions.

The bill also includes a number of provisions from the Local FARMS Act, legislation that I led with Senator BROWN. One key provision provides mandatory funding for the Organic Certification Cost-Share Program, which helps to cover a portion of the costs associated with obtaining or renewing organic certifications.

Another component from our Local FARMS Act is the Local Agriculture Market Program, which will provide grants to support the development and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer marketing, as well as value-added agricultural products.

The bill also includes important provisions that help combat hunger, including the Local FARMS Act's establishment of a Harvesting Health pilot program through which fresh fruits and vegetables are provided to low-income individuals and households, as well as the reauthorization of the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. The latter program is critically important for combating hunger among seniors and is complemented by the Farm Bill's reauthorization of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, also known as the Senior Food Box Program. In an effort to help more seniors access and remain enrolled in the Senior Food Box Program, I am pleased that the bill includes a provision from legislation I authored with Senator CASEY, the Nourishing Our Golden Years Act, which would allow States to establish a 3-year certification period for participants 60 years or older, effectively simplifying the process to provide this much-needed support.

The Specialty Crop Block Grant program that has been so vital for farmers and producers in my State is reauthorized for another 5 years. These grants support research and extension activities that address key challenges facing specialty crops, including Maine's iconic potatoes and lowbush blueberries, aiming to improve production efficiency, address threats from pests and diseases, more accurately prevent and monitor potential food safety hazards, and enhance crop characteristics.

The bill also makes important investments to support the export of U.S. agricultural products by reauthorizing both the Market Access Program, MAP, and the Foreign Market Development Program, which are critical to the success of Maine farmers and fishermen as they work to remain competitive in the global marketplace. According to the Maine International Trade Center, MAP has allowed Maine companies to expand their markets and