

Whereas, as of April 2018, more than 4,000 H-60 Black Hawk helicopters of all models are in service worldwide in all branches of the Armed Forces and the armed forces of 28 other countries;

Whereas, as of April 2018, UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters have flown nearly 10,000,000 flight hours, more than 2,000,000 of which have been in combat;

Whereas the 1,000th UH-60M model Black Hawk helicopter will be delivered in October 2018, which highlights the importance that warfighters of the United States place in this venerable aircraft;

Whereas, for 40 years since 1978, the remarkable UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter has—

(1) fought its way in and out of countless combat zones to deliver and extract troops;

(2) saved thousands of lives as a medical or casualty evacuation platform;

(3) provided critical supplies to troops;

(4) delivered emergency supplies during natural disasters and humanitarian crises; and

(5) performed as an aerial firefighter and border patroller;

Whereas approximately 4,000 workers in the United States support the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter program, including in roles of final assembly, paint, engineering, finance, program management, and contracts;

Whereas the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter program has significant presence throughout the United States, including in the States of Alabama, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia and;

Whereas Sikorsky is committed to the modernization and sustainment of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter program since the Army plans to operate the UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter into the 2070s: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 40th anniversary of the first delivery of the Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to the Army;

(2) commends Sikorsky for its commitment to—

(A) developing premier rotorcraft such as the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter; and

(B) the modernization and sustainment of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter into the 2070s; and

(3) pledges robust and continued congressional support for the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 664—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 8, 2018, AS “NATIONAL HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL DAY”

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MURPHY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas hydrogen, which has an atomic mass of 1.008, is the most abundant chemical substance in the universe;

Whereas the United States is a world leader in the development and deployment of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies;

Whereas hydrogen fuel cells played an instrumental role in the United States space program, helping the United States achieve the mission of landing a man on the moon;

Whereas private industry, Federal and State governments, national laboratories, and institutions of higher education continue to improve fuel cell and hydrogen technologies to address the most pressing energy, environmental, and economic issues of the United States;

Whereas fuel cells utilizing hydrogen and hydrogen-rich fuels to generate electricity are clean, efficient, and resilient technologies being sold for stationary and backup power, zero-emission light duty motor vehicles and buses, industrial vehicles, and portable power;

Whereas stationary fuel cells are being placed in service for continuous and backup power to provide business and energy consumers with reliable power in the event of grid outages;

Whereas stationary fuel cells can help reduce water use, as compared to traditional power generation technologies;

Whereas fuel cell electric light duty motor vehicles and buses that utilize hydrogen can completely replicate the experience of internal combustion vehicles, including comparable range and refueling times;

Whereas hydrogen fuel cell industrial vehicles are being deployed at logistical hubs and warehouses across the United States and exported to facilities in Europe and Asia;

Whereas hydrogen is a nontoxic gas that can be derived from a variety of domestically available traditional and renewable resources, including solar, wind, biogas, and the abundant supply of natural gas in the United States;

Whereas hydrogen and fuel cells can store energy to help enhance the grid and maximize opportunities to deploy renewable energy;

Whereas the United States produces and uses more than 11,000,000 metric tons of hydrogen per year; and

Whereas engineers and safety code and standard professionals have developed consensus-based protocols for safe delivery, handling, and use of hydrogen: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates October 8, 2018, as “National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day”.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4031. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 302, to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4031. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 302, to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title IV of division B, add the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ IMPROVING THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROGRAM.

Section 41731 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN LOCATIONS WITH HIGH MILITARY USE.—Subparagraph (D) of subsection (a)(1) shall not apply with respect to any location that—

“(1) is certified under part 139 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations;

“(2) is not owned by the Federal government; and

“(3) for which not less than 10 percent of airport operations in 2017 were by aircraft of the Armed Forces.”.

#### STB INFORMATION SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4921 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. 4921) to require the Surface Transportation Board to implement certain recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation.

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. 4921) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### NATIONAL HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL DAY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 664, 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. 664) designating October 8, 2018, as “National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day.”

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. 664) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103-296, appoints the following individual as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board: Robert Charles Joondeph of Oregon.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the

Senate completes its business today, it recess until 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 2; that following the prayer and pledge, the Executive Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate recess tomorrow from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meet-

ings; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, all time during leader time and recess count postcloture on the House message to accompany H.R. 302.

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

RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 2, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand in recess under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:39 p.m. recessed until Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 10 a.m.