

Service located at 226 West Main Street in Lake City, South Carolina, as the "Postmaster Frazier B. Baker Post Office," was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 115-217 TO CHANGE THE ADDRESS OF THE POSTAL FACILITY DESIGNATED BY SUCH PUBLIC LAW IN HONOR OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ALWYN CRENDALL CASHE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The bill (H.R. 7243) to amend Public Law 115-217 to change the address of the postal facility designated by such Public Law in honor of Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe, and for other purposes, was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CADET NURSE CORPS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 737, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 737) recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps and expressing the appreciation of the Senate for the contribution of the members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.

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

Mr. CORNYN. I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, that the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be 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. 737) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

NATHANIEL P. REED HOBE SOUND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S. 3456 and that 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 (S. 3456) to redesignate Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge as the Nathaniel P.

Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. CORNYN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 3456) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3456

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION OF THE HOBE SOUND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Florida, is redesignated as the "Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any statute, rule, regulation, Executive order, publication, map, paper, or other document of the United States to the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge is deemed to refer to the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge.

FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today we will pass a third continuing resolution, CR, to keep the government operating through February 8. I support this CR because a government shutdown is never good for our country—in fact, it is a terrible idea—but this whole process has been a missed opportunity.

For six of the seven appropriations bills covered under today's CR, we have a clear path forward. These bills—Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, Interior, Financial Services, Transportation-Housing and Urban Development, and the State-Foreign Operations bill—could be done by close of business today if there was the will. They are largely finished, are the product of bipartisan compromise, and provide the funds necessary to address critical needs of the American people and to protect U.S. national security. Unfortunately, the President held them hostage for \$5 billion to try to wall off our southern border, a wall he promised American taxpayers that Mexico would pay for.

What will be lost because of the President's intransigence?

These six bills provide much-needed funding to help combat our Nation's opioid epidemic and critical investments in infrastructure to help rebuild our Nation's crumbling roads, bridges, and highways. They provide resources to protect the environment and help ensure that the water we drink and the air we breathe is safe and clean for this generation and the next.

They provide important assistance for our Nation's farmers and rural communities who have been particularly

hurt this year by the President's trade policies, and they support key allies and national security programs that are what enable the United States to be a global leader, a role that is being increasingly challenged by China and Russia.

Unfortunately, this much-needed assistance is put on hold because the President held out for \$5 billion for his wall, at the exorbitant cost of \$31 million per mile, straight from the American taxpayer's pocket.

We also should be passing a disaster package to help families and communities devastated by Hurricanes Maria, Florence, and Michael, the Hawaii volcanoes, California wildfires, and Alaska earthquakes. We should remember that no one in this Chamber is immune from disaster. Seven years ago, Tropical Storm Irene devastated my home State of Vermont. Marcelle and I observed the wreckage from that storm in Vermont—large parts of communities washed away, homes and farms demolished, local landmarks and bridges destroyed. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate, from across the country, stood by Vermont's side then to help us rebuild because that is who we are as Americans.

This year, the images of flattened homes, buckled pavement, and raging flames have been matched in horror only by the devastated lives they have left in their wake. Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, California, Hawaii, and Alaska, they all need our help, and it is indefensible that, because of the President's obsession with one issue, his wall, we are punting this disaster funding until the new year. These communities need to know their government stands behind them in times of crisis.

Why didn't we get this done? Why can't we pass the six bills that are finished and a disaster package to help those communities in need before we adjourn? There is one clear answer to that question: President Donald J. Trump. He has held all of our good work, by Democrats and Republicans, hostage over \$5 billion for his misguided wall along the southern border. It is a travesty.

My opposition to his border wall, a wall he over and over pledged to the American people that Mexico would pay for, has been clear from the start. The United States is a country founded by immigrants, and walling ourselves off from our neighbors to the south is not only impossible and an expensive waste of American taxpayer dollars, it is immoral, ineffective, and an affront to everything this country stands for. Everyone agrees that we need to keep our border safe and secure, but there are better and smarter ways to accomplish that than building a 30-foot high concrete barrier between us and Mexico.

Let's not be fooled by recent White House rhetoric that President Trump was backing down from his demands on the wall. The price demanded by the

White House for letting the rest of these bills advance without \$5 billion for the wall was a \$1 billion slush fund to fuel the President's extreme, anti-immigrant agenda. Why should we give a blank check to a President who has shown, time and time again, that he is more interested in vilifying immigrants than he is in solving our immigration problems? His immigration policies have already caused immeasurable human suffering along our southern border and tarnished our reputation around the world. Providing his administration with an additional \$1 billion slush fund to enact this agenda is a nonstarter.

The fact is the President's wall does not have the votes to get through the House or Senate, and he is in no position to practice horse-trading of one untenable, unpopular, wasteful policy for another, nor will Congress stand by and watch the President take funds from our men and women in the military or their families in order to pay for the wall. This fight will continue into the next Congress, but I do not anticipate those basic facts will change. It is long past time for President Trump to recognize that we live in a democracy. We have three coequal branches of government. Governing effectively is not about making threats and false promises. Campaign slogans are no substitute for practical, affordable solutions.

I want to thank Chairman SHELBY for his steadfast partnership this year as we tried to get the appropriations process back on track. I know that he shares my disappointment that we were not able to complete our work, but I am proud of what we have accomplished this year. By working together across party lines, we moved all 12 bills out of the committee on strong bipartisan votes. We advanced 9 of the 12 bills through the Senate, also with strong bipartisan votes, and we were able to enact 5 of the 12 appropriations bills on time for the first time in decades.

I also thank Chairman SHELBY's staff and my staff for their hard work, expertise, and their commitment to accomplishing our goals this year.

I ask unanimous consent to print a list of the bipartisan committee staff in the RECORD. I look forward to working with him and his staff, and our colleagues in the House, in the next Congress to finish our work.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
STAFF

Charles Kieffer, Chanda Betourney, Jessica Berry, Jay Tilton, Jean Kwon, Shannon Hines, Jonathan Graffeo, David Adkins, Dianne Nellor, Adrienne Wojciechowski, Teri Curtin, Bob Ross, Jean Toal Eisen, Jennifer Eskra, Blaise Sheridan, Jordan Stone, Erik Raven, David Gillies, Brigid Kolish, John Lucio, Andy Vanlandingham, Doug Clapp, Chris Hanson, Samantha Nelson, Ellen Murray, Diana Hamilton, Reeves Hart, Scott Nance, Chip Walgren, Drenan Dudley,

Rachael Taylor, Ryan Hunt, Melissa Zimmerman, Alex Keenan, Mark Laisch, Lisa Bernhardt, Kelly Brown, Katie Finley, Chad Schulken, Jason McMahon, Tim Rieser, Alex Carnes, Kali Farahmand, Dabney Hegg, Christina Monroe, Nathan Robinson, Robert Putnam, Christy Greene, Blair Taylor, Jenny Winkler, Hong Nguyen, Clint Trocchio, George Castro, Mary Collins Atkinson, Lucas Agnew, Valerie Hutton, Elmer Barnes, Penny Miles, Karin Thames, Carlisle Clarke, Patrick Carroll, Elizabeth Dent, Carlos Elias, Dayne Cutrell, Amber Beck, Allen Cutler, Matt Womble, Rachel Littleton, Brian Potts, Mike Clementi, Colleen Gaydos, Katy Hagan, Chris Hall, Hanz Heinrichs, Kate Kaufer, Jacqui Russell, Will Todd, Tyler Owens, Jen Armstrong, Meyer Seligman, Molly Marsh, Andrew Newton, Lauren Comeau, Brian Daner, Courtney Bradford, Adam Telle, Peter Babb, Chris Cook, LaShawnda Smith, Marisa Rhode, Christian Lee, Leif Fonnesebeck, Emy Lesofski, Nona McCoy, Laura Friedel, Michael Gentile, Ashley Palmer, Jeff Reczek, Sarah Boliek, Patrick Magnuson, Jennifer Bastin, Joanne Hoff, Paul Grove, Jason Wheelock, Adam Yezerski, Clare Doherty, Gus Maples, Rajat Mathur, Jacob Press, and Jason Woolwine.

Mr. CORNYN. I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 2]

Cantwell	Heinrich	Schatz
Carper	Heitkamp	Scott
Cooms	King	Smith
Cornyn	Lankford	Tester
Gardner	Manchin	Warner
Graham	McConnell	Wyden
Harris	Murkowski	
Hassan	Rounds	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT). A quorum is not now present.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of all absent Senators, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FLAKE). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 71, nays 21, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 273 Leg.]

YEAS—71

Baldwin	Booker	Cardin
Barrasso	Boozman	Carper
Bennet	Brown	Casey
Blumenthal	Cantwell	Cassidy
Blunt	Capito	Coons

Cornyn	Johnson	Reed
Cortez Masto	Jones	Risch
Donnelly	Kaine	Roberts
Duckworth	King	Rounds
Durbin	Klobuchar	Schumer
Ernst	Kyl	Scott
Feinstein	Leahy	Shaheen
Fischer	Manchin	Shelby
Flake	Markey	Smith
Gardner	McConnell	Stabenow
Grassley	Menendez	Sullivan
Harris	Merkley	Tester
Hassan	Murkowski	Thune
Hatch	Murphy	Udall
Heinrich	Murray	Van Hollen
Heitkamp	Nelson	Warner
Hirono	Perdue	Warren
Hoeven	Peters	Wyden
Hyde-Smith	Portman	

NAYS—21

Alexander	Graham	Sanders
Collins	Kennedy	Sasse
Cotton	Lankford	Schatz
Cruz	Lee	Toomey
Daines	Moran	Whitehouse
Enzi	Paul	Wicker
Gillibrand	Rubio	Young

NOT VOTING—8

Burr	Heller	McCaskill
Corker	Inhofe	Tillis
Crapo	Isakson	

The motion was agreed to.

CHILD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2017—Continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO CONCUR WITH AN
AMENDMENT NO. 4163

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pending motion to refer be withdrawn, amendment No. 4164 be withdrawn, and the Senate vote on the motion to concur with further amendment with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the motion to concur with further amendment.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. For the information of all Senators, there are no more rollcall votes tonight. We will still be in session tomorrow. We have to see what the House does with what we just sent them.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

PUBLIC LANDS PACKAGE

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, on behalf of Chairman HATCH, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the lands package bill. I further ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS). Is there objection?

The Senator from Utah.

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, in reserving the right to object, we have a bill here that we received at 10 o'clock this morning, and it is 680-pages long. I have spent many hours reviewing it. This is a bill that came out of the committee on which I serve. I have been