

H.R. 266. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 14, 2019, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 24. An act to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. COONS):

S. 112. A bill to amend the charter of the Future Farmers of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 113. A bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 114. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide that activities relating to the training and readiness of the reserve components of the Armed Forces during a lapse in appropriations shall constitute voluntary services that may be accepted by the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. Res. 17. A resolution congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1, a bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, and for other purposes.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms.

CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill making continuing appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event an appropriations act expires prior to the enactment of a new appropriations act.

S. 47

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 47, a bill to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 69

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 69, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 80

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 80, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 94

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 94, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 105

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 105, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 106

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 106, a bill to reauthorize and extend funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 109, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 17—CONGRATULATING THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION TITLE

MR. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 17

Whereas the North Dakota State University (referred to in this preamble as “NDSU”) Bison football team won the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA”) Division I Football Championship Subdivision title game in Frisco, Texas, on January 5, 2019, in a convincing victory over the Eastern Washington University Eagles by a score of 38 to 24;

Whereas, with the 2018 NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision title, NDSU has now won 15 NCAA football championships;

Whereas NDSU has won 7 of the last 8 NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision titles, an exceptional achievement that is unprecedented in modern collegiate football history;

Whereas the NDSU Bison completed the 2018 NCAA football season with a perfect record of 15 wins and 0 losses, displaying extraordinary resilience and skill;

Whereas head coach Chris Klieman and the entire coaching staff led the NDSU Bison to an outstanding total of 69 wins and 4 national championships during the 5 seasons that Chris Klieman was head coach at NDSU, instilling character and perseverance in the members of the NDSU football program;

Whereas an estimated 17,000 NDSU Bison fans attended the championship game, reflecting the tremendous spirit and determination of Bison Nation that has helped propel the success of the team; and

Whereas the 2018 NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision title was a victory not only for the NDSU football team, but also for the entire State of North Dakota; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the North Dakota State University Bison football team as the champions of the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision;

(2) commends the players, coaches, and staff of North Dakota State University for—
(A) their hard work and dedication; and
(B) fostering a continuing tradition of excellence; and

(3) recognizes the students, alumni, and loyal fans who supported the North Dakota State University Bison football team during a successful quest to bring home another National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision trophy for North Dakota State University.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

MR. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Douglas McDonough, a congressional fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this year.

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

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

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APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the Senate and the Vice Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, appoints the following individual as a member of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence: Christopher A. R. Darby of New Hampshire.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 266

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 266 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The leader is correct.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 266) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask for a second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

CONGRATULATING THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION TITLE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consider-

ation of S. Res. 17, 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. 17) congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title.

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. 17) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 15; further, 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; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

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 following the remarks of our Democratic colleagues.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, over the weekend, as you may have heard, our government set a new record. It wasn't for the number of roads being built or repaired in this country. It wasn't for higher math scores or graduation rates for kids in the United States of America. It wasn't for passing the most bills or investing the most dollars in our future. It wasn't for paying attention to the next generation of Americans. It was for the longest shutdown in the history of the United States—a selfish act taken by partisan politicians that

is an embarrassment to our country and to our future.

It has been 24 days. We have Federal employees all over the State of Colorado and I am sure the State of Alaska, the Commonwealth of Virginia, as we heard before, who are out of work because of what Washington has done to them. It is nothing they have done. They have fulfilled their end of the bargain. But because we have a screw loose around here because we are the only modern, industrialized country in the world that shuts down its government for politics—our allies don't shut down their government for politics, and our foes don't shut down their government for politics. No local government shuts down its government for politics. No school district shuts down its government for politics. No State would ever think of doing it. No elected official at any level of those governments would show their face in the grocery store on the weekend after they shut down the government and said to the citizens of Alamosa or the citizens of Durango or the parents in Denver public schools: Sorry. Your kids can't come to school today because we are shutting down the government for politics.

It is ridiculous.

I met an air traffic controller today who got her check on Friday after she worked through the entire holiday. She had a kid. I don't know how old he was, but he was a baby who had to be carried. She worked the entire holiday, was separated from her family, got her check on Friday, and it was for 77 cents. The people in this body might as well be standing outside and lifting their middle finger at her and at the TSA workers who were there today at Denver International Airport making sure that we were safe, that the traveling public was safe, and who were not getting paid, unlike the people here during this shutdown.

By the way, that airport, which we are very proud of in Denver and in Colorado, the Denver International Airport, is the newest airport that has been built in the United States of America, and it was built almost a quarter of a century ago because we are not making the investments that anybody else in the world is making.

As I said, no other advanced country in the world shuts down its government for politics. I expect us to have disagreements. We should have disagreements, but we shouldn't shut down the government over this disagreement. It has been 24 days.

While we were shut down, other countries were actually investing in their future.

In the last 24 days, South Korea broke ground on an expanded bullet train outside their capitol of Seoul.

While we were shut down, Canada announced support for a new 5-megawatt geothermal plant—the first of its kind in that country.

India issued tenders to set up 7.5 gigawatts of new solar capacity.