

procuring certain covered telecommunications equipment and services, which included Huawei and ZTE equipment;

Whereas, in December 2018, the Government of Japan issued instructions effectively banning Huawei and ZTE from official contracts in the country;

Whereas, on December 7, 2018, a Vice-President of the European Commission expressed concern that Huawei and other Chinese companies may be forced to cooperate with China's intelligence services to install "mandatory backdoors" to allow access to encrypted data;

Whereas, in January 2019, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence issued a Worldwide Threat Assessment that describes concerns "about the potential for Chinese intelligence and security services to use Chinese information technology firms as routine and systemic espionage platforms against the United States and allies";

Whereas, in February 2019, the Government of New Zealand expressed serious concern about Huawei building the fifth generation wireless networks of New Zealand;

Whereas the Department of Justice has charged Huawei with the theft of trade secrets, obstruction of justice, and other serious crimes;

Whereas, against the strong advice of the United States and a number of the security partners of the United States, the governments of countries such as Germany have indicated that they may permit Huawei to build out the fifth generation wireless networks of those countries;

Whereas installation of Huawei equipment in the communications infrastructure of countries that are allies of the United States would jeopardize the security of communication lines between the United States and those allies;

Whereas secure communications systems are critical to ensure the safety and defense of the United States and allies of the United States;

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and other vital international security arrangements depend on strong and secure communications, which could be put at risk through the use of Huawei and ZTE equipment; and

Whereas there has been broad bipartisan consensus in Congress for years that Chinese companies like Huawei and ZTE present serious threats to national and global security; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That—

(1) Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and allies of the United States;

(2) the United States should reiterate to countries that are choosing to incorporate Huawei or ZTE products in their new telecommunications infrastructure that the United States will consider all necessary measures to limit the risks incurred by entities of the United States Government or Armed Forces from use of such compromised networks;

(3) the United States should continue to make allies of the United States aware of the ongoing and future risks to telecommunications networks shared between the United States and such allies; and

(4) the United States should work with the private sector and allies and partners of the United States, including the European Union, in a regularized bilateral or multilateral format, to identify secure, cost-effective, and reliable alternatives to Huawei or ZTE products.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 213. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

SA 214. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 213 proposed by Mr. McCONNELL to the amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra.

SA 215. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 268, supra.

SA 216. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 215 proposed by Mr. McCONNELL to the bill H.R. 268, supra.

SA 217. Mr. ROMNEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 218. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 219. Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 220. Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 222. Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 223. Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 224. Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 225. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN)) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 69, designating March 29, 2019, as "Vietnam Veterans Day".

SA 226. Mr. SCOTT, of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 227. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 228. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. JONES, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY,

Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Ms. SMITH, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 213. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following:
"This act shall be effective 1 day after enactment."

SA 214. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 213 proposed by Mr. McCONNELL to the amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike "1 day" and insert "2 days"

SA 215. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following.

"This Act shall take effect 3 days after the date of enactment."

SA 216. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 215 proposed by Mr. McCONNELL to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike "3 days" and insert "4 days"

SA 217. Mr. ROMNEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . BUDGETING FOR DISASTERS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the "Budgeting for Disasters Act".

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall—

(1) take effect on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply with respect to fiscal year 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter.

(c) **REPEAL OF EXEMPTION FOR DISASTER SPENDING FROM THE ANNUAL BUDGET CAPS.**—Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraph (D); and

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively.

(d) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) Section 254 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 904) is amended—

(A) in subsection (e), by striking the second sentence; and

(B) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by striking “, including a final estimate of the adjustment for disaster funding”.

(2) The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992 (Public Law 102-154; 105 Stat. 990) is amended—

(A) in title I in the matter under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR” under the heading “BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT” under the heading “EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FIREFIGHTING FUND” (43 U.S.C. 1474a), by striking “: *Provided further*” and all that follows and inserting a period; and

(B) in title II in the matter under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE” under the heading “FOREST SERVICE” under the heading “EMERGENCY FOREST SERVICE FIREFIGHTING FUND” (16 U.S.C. 556e) by striking “: *Provided further*” and all that follows and inserting a period.

(3) Section 430(c)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5189h(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (F), by adding “and” at the end; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (H).

(4) The matter under the heading “DISASTER RELIEF” under the heading “FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY” under chapter II of title I of the Dire Emergency Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers for Relief From the Effects of Natural Disasters, for Other Urgent Needs, and for Incremental Cost of “Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm” Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 5302) is amended by striking “: *Provided further*,” and all that follows and inserting a period.

(5) Section 2602(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621(e)) is amended by striking the second sentence.

(6) Section 104(a) of the Wildfire Suppression Funding and Forest Management Activities Act (43 U.S.C. 17648a-2(a)) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “section 251(b)(2)(F)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(F)(i)), as added by section 102 of this division” and inserting “section 251(b)(2)(E)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(E)(i))”.

SA 218. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title III and insert the following:

TITLE III

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Military Personnel, Air Force”, \$59,629,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

RESERVE PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel, Air Force”, \$7,323,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Pro*

vided, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps”, \$200,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force”, \$400,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force”, \$342,012,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2020, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force”, \$738,290,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2020, for necessary expenses for Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (FSRM) related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

RESERVE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve”, \$3,505,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2020, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

PROCUREMENT

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force”, \$46,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Other Procurement, Air Force”, \$84,587,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force”, \$66,656,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force”, \$1,072,000, for necessary expenses for Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (FSRM) related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SA 219. Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 8, beginning on line 12, strike “Cindy” and all that follows through “cold” on line 14 and insert “Cindy, losses of peach and blueberry crops in calendar year 2017 due to extreme cold, blueberry productivity losses in calendar year 2018 as a result of extreme cold and hurricane damage in calendar year 2017, and losses of milk and aquacultured plants and animals”.

SA 220. Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 20, strike “occurring in calendar years 2018 and 2019” and insert “occurring during the period beginning on January 1, 2018, and ending on the date of enactment of this Act”.

SA 221. Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 16, strike ‘milk’ and insert ‘aquacultured plants and animals, milk,’.

SA 222. Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes;

which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title III, under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps” strike “\$200,000,000” and insert “\$381,000,000”.

In title III, under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force” strike “\$400,000,000” and insert “\$550,000,000”.

SA 223. Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title XI of division A, insert the following:

SEC. 11. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this division for the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Homeland Security, or the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to plan, develop, or construct a new physical barrier along the Southwestern border of the United States.

SA 224. Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title XI of division A, insert the following:

SEC. 11. Notwithstanding section 201 of the National Emergencies Act of 1976 (50 U.S.C. 1621), section 284 or 2808 of title 10, United States Code, section 923 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2293), or any other provision of law, no funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this division or prior to the date of the enactment of this Act may be used for the construction of barriers, land acquisition, or any other associated activities on the Southern border of the United States without specific statutory authorization from Congress.

SA 225. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN)) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 69, designating March 29, 2019, as “Vietnam Veterans Day”; as follows:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of Vietnam from 1955 to 1975 and involved regular forces from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and Viet Cong guerrilla forces in armed conflict with the Armed Forces of the United States, the armed forces of allies of the United States, and the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam;

Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States became involved in Vietnam because the United States Government wanted to provide direct support by the Armed Forces to the Government of the Republic of Vietnam to defend against the growing threat of Communism from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces of the United States began serving in an advi-

sory role to the Government of South Vietnam in 1955;

Whereas, as a result of the incidents in the Gulf of Tonkin on August 2 and 4, 1964, Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (Public Law 88-408) by an overwhelming majority on August 7, 1964, which provided to the President of the United States the authority to use armed force to assist the Republic of Vietnam in the defense of its freedom against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam;

Whereas, in 1965, ground combat units of the Armed Forces of the United States arrived in the Republic of Vietnam to join approximately 23,000 personnel of the Armed Forces who were already present there;

Whereas, by December 1965, approximately 184,000 troops of the Armed Forces of the United States were in Vietnam, and by 1969, the number of such troops reached a peak of approximately 549,500, including members of the Armed Forces who were supporting the combat operations from Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Japan, the Philippines, and aboard Navy vessels;

Whereas, on January 27, 1973, the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Viet-Nam (commonly known as the “Paris Peace Accords”) was signed, which required the release of all prisoners-of-war of the United States held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all Armed Forces of the United States from South Vietnam;

Whereas, on March 29, 1973, the Armed Forces of the United States completed the withdrawal of combat units and combat support units from South Vietnam;

Whereas, on April 30, 1975, North Vietnamese forces captured Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, effectively placing South Vietnam under Communist control;

Whereas more than 58,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States lost their lives in the Vietnam War, and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States were wounded in Vietnam;

Whereas, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam;

Whereas the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States and a conflict that caused a generation of veterans to wait too long for the public of the United States to acknowledge and honor the efforts and services of those veterans;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were often wrongly criticized for the decisions of policymakers that were beyond the control of those members; and

Whereas designating March 29, 2019, as “Vietnam Veterans Day” would be an appropriate way to honor the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in South Vietnam and throughout Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War: Now, therefore, be it

SA 226. Mr. SCOTT of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 16, strike “milk” and insert “milk, timber.”

SA 227. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

(a) DECLARATION.—The Trafalgar Road Fire in Bella Vista, Arkansas shall be deemed to be an emergency under section title V of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191 et seq.).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on August 1, 2018.

SA 228. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. JONES, Mr. REED, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Ms. SMITH, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 201 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

NO USE OF FUNDS FOR LITIGATION IN TEXAS V. UNITED STATES

SEC. 1. None of the funds made available under this Act, or any other Act, may be used by the Department of Justice for the cost of litigation in opposition to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148; 124 Stat. 119) in Texas v. United States, No. 4:18-cv-00167-O (N.D. Tex.).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 4 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, “Department of Energy’s Atomic energy defense program.”

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 10 a.m., to