

All of this support is consistent with applicable Arms Export Control Act authorities, statutory authorities that permit the Department of Defense to provide logistics support to foreign countries, and the President's constitutional power as Commander in Chief. None of this support has introduced United States military personnel into hostilities.

We are providing this support for many reasons. First and foremost, it is our duty to protect the safety of the more than 80,000 Americans who reside in certain coalition countries that have been subject to Houthi attacks from Yemen. Houthis, supported by Iran, have used missiles, armed drones, and explosive boats to attack civilian and military targets in those coalition countries, including areas frequented by American citizens, such as the airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In addition, the conflict in Yemen represents a "cheap" and inexpensive way for Iran to cause trouble for the United States and for our ally, Saudi Arabia.

S.J. Res. 7 is also dangerous. The Congress should not seek to prohibit certain tactical operations, such as in-flight refueling, or require military engagements to adhere to arbitrary timelines. Doing so would interfere with the President's constitutional authority as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, and could endanger our service members by impairing their ability to efficiently and effectively conduct military engagements and to withdraw in an orderly manner at the appropriate time.

The joint resolution would also harm the foreign policy of the United States. Its efforts to curtail certain forms of military support would harm our bilateral relationships, negatively affect our ongoing efforts to prevent civilian casualties and prevent the spread of terrorist organizations such as al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula and ISIS, and embolden Iran's malign activities in Yemen.

We cannot end the conflict in Yemen through political documents like S.J. Res. 7. Peace in Yemen requires a negotiated settlement. Unfortunately, inaction by the Senate has left vacant key diplomatic positions, impeding our ability to engage regional partners in support of the United Nations-led peace process. To help end the conflict, promote humanitarian and commercial access, prevent civilian casualties, enhance efforts to recover American hostages in Yemen, and defeat terrorists that seek to harm the United States, the Senate must act to confirm my nominees for many critical foreign policy positions.

I agree with the Congress about the need to address our engagements in foreign wars. As I said in my State of the Union address in February, great nations do not fight endless wars. My Administration is currently accelerating negotiations to end our military engagement in Afghanistan and drawing down troops in Syria, where

we recently succeeded in eliminating 100 percent of the ISIS caliphate. Congressional engagement in those endeavors would be far more productive than expending time and effort trying to enact this unnecessary and dangerous resolution that interferes with our foreign policy with respect to Yemen.

For these reasons, it is my duty to return S.J. Res. 7 to the Senate without my approval.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 16, 2019.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER of Maryland, Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland, Mr. PALAZZO of Mississippi, and Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

The message further announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 1903(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. SUOZZI of New York.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7455(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. BRINDISI of New York, Mr. WOMACK of Arkansas, and Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1644. An act to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission.

H.R. 1957. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 16, 2019, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 7. Joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-978. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Honduras to Export Poultry Products to the United States" (RIN0583-AD58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 12, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-979. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenazaquin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9990-02-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-980. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyvinyl acetate - polyvinyl alcohol copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9987-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-981. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phytophthora ramorum; Regulated Areas, Regulated Establishments, and Testing Protocols" ((RIN0579-AE30) (Docket No. APHIS-2015-0101)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-982. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Student Eligibility, Convicted Felons, Lottery and Gambling, and State Verification Provisions of the Agricultural Act of 2014" (RIN0584-AE41) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-983. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Order Amending Marketing Order 959" ((7 CFR Part 959) (Docket No. AMS-SC-17-0067)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-984. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the

State of New York; Amendment to Marketing Order 929 and Referendum Order" ((7 CFR Part 929) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0017)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-985. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Increased Assessment Rate" ((7 CFR Part 987) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0058)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-986. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Change in Committee Structure for Processed Pears" ((7 CFR Part 927) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0078)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-987. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Milk Marketing Orders - Amending the Class 1 Skim Milk Price Formula; Correction" ((7 CFR Part 1000) (Docket No. AMS-DA-18-0096)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-988. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Onions Grown in the Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon; Amendments to Marketing Order 956" ((7 CFR Part 959) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0028)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-989. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Samuel A. Graves, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-990. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-991. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the report on activities of the National Guard Counterdrug assistance and activities for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-993. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-994. A communication from the Chief of the Officer Accessions Policy Branch, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reserve Officers' Training Corps" (RIN0702-AA76) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-995. A communication from the Chief of the Officer Accessions Policy Branch, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schools and Colleges" (RIN0702-AA89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-996. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allotments for Child and Spousal Support" (RIN0790-AJ98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-997. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Defense Privacy Program" (RIN0790-AJ20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 209. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-34).

#### 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, Ms. HAS-SAN, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. KAINA):

S. 1221. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to create an innovation zone initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 1222. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide hospital care and medical services to veterans in the Freely Associated States of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia and to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of establishing regional offices, suboffices, contact units, or other subordinate offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Freely Associated States to provide such care and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1223. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisi-

tion rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1224. A bill to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1225. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish the Office of Older LGBT Policy and a rural outreach grant program carried out by such Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 1226. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from gross income for interest on certain small business loans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LANKFORD, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 1227. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1228. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BROWN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1229. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the provision of military housing to members of the Armed Forces and their families through private entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1230. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 172. A resolution to authorize testimony in an administrative hearing for Bryan K. Stanley before the Mississippi Division of Medicaid; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms.