

and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 589. INCLUSION ON THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL OF THE NAMES OF THE SOLDIERS WHO DIED ON FLYING TIGER FLIGHT 739 ON MARCH 16, 1962.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall authorize the inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in the District of Columbia of the names of the 93 soldiers who died on Flying Tiger Flight 739 when it crashed in the Pacific Ocean en route to Vietnam on March 16, 1962.

(b) REQUIRED CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Secretary of the Interior, the American Battle Monuments Commission, and other applicable authorities with respect to any adjustments to the nomenclature and placement of names pursuant to subsection (a) to address any space limitations on the placement of additional names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

(c) NONAPPLICABILITY OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—Chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”), shall not apply to any activities carried out under subsection (a) or (b).

**SA 752.** Mr. BURR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

(E) An assessment of risk when considering foreign sources of foundational research of biotechnology for application by the Department.

**SA 753.** Mr. PERDUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title III, add the following:

**SEC. 342. REPORT ON AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACTED SHIP MAINTENANCE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—If amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2020 for operation and maintenance for the Navy for private contracted ship maintenance either remain available after September 30, 2020, or are appropriated in the Other Procurement, Navy account, not later than November 1 of each fiscal year in which either of those conditions exist, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on contracted ship maintenance conducted by the Secretary during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following with respect to contracted ship maintenance included in the report:

- (1) The name and hull number of the ship.
- (2) The date of contract award.
- (3) The period of performance for the contract.
- (4) The contract type.
- (5) The amount of funding awarded for the contract at the time of contract award.
- (6) The maximum contract funding amount.
- (7) The projected and actual dates and amounts of contract funding obligations and expenditures.
- (8) The name and location of the contractor performing the maintenance.
- (9) The scope of contracted work.
- (10) A description of the effect on such maintenance activity of funds described in subsection (a) remaining available after September 30, 2020.

(11) A general assessment of and related recommendations with respect to private contracted ship maintenance funds remaining available for more than one year.

(12) Such other matters as the Secretary of the Navy considers appropriate.

**SA 754.** Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1086. POWERS OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION IN PERFORMANCE OF FUNCTIONS.**

Section 20113(b)(1) of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “425” and inserting “1325”; and

(2) by striking “not in excess of the rate of basic pay payable for level III of the Executive Schedule” and inserting “at a rate that does not exceed the per annum rate of salary of the Vice President of the United States under section 104 of title 3”.

**SA 755.** Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1086. REPORT ON UNITED STATES CAPABILITIES TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND REPAIR SUBMARINE CABLES.**

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than November 1, 2019, the Secretary of Transportation shall, in consultation of the Secretary of Defense, submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the capabilities of the United States to install, maintain, and repair submarine cables, including Government cables and commercial cables.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

- (1) A description and assessment of the threats to submarine cables.

(2) A description of current United States capabilities to install, maintain, and repair submarine cables described in subsection (a), including Government capabilities and private-sector capabilities.

(3) A description and assessment of any gaps in the capabilities referred to in paragraph (2).

(4) A description and assessment of options to address the gaps referred to in paragraph (3), including the establishment of a program for cable vessels modeled on the Maritime Security Program.

(5) Such recommendations as the Secretary of Transportation considers appropriate in light of the matters set forth in the report, including, if applicable, the appropriate stipend (per vessel) for a program for cable vessels modeled on the Maritime Security Program.

(c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(2) The term “cable vessel” means any vessel as follows:

(A) A vessel that is classed as a cable ship or cable vessel by, and designed in accordance with the rules of, the American Bureau of Shipping, or another classification society accepted by the Secretary of Transportation.

(B) Any other vessel that is capable of installing, maintaining, and repairing submarine cables.

(3) The term “Maritime Security Program” means the program in connection with the Maritime Security Fleet under chapter 531 of title 46, United States Code.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I have 8 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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Thomas Peter Feddo, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security, Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Paul Shmotolokha, of Washington, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Allison Herren Lee, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Security of the Committee on Commerce is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at a time to be determined, to conduct a hearing.

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF  
THE INTERIOR TO AUTHORIZE  
UNIQUE AND ONE-TIME AR-  
RANGEMENTS FOR DISPLAYS ON  
THE NATIONAL MALL AND THE  
WASHINGTON MONUMENT DURING  
THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON  
JULY 16, 2019 AND ENDING ON  
JULY 20, 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.J. Res. 60, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 60) requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on July 16, 2019 and ending on July 20, 2019.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be considered read a third

time and passed, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 60) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

WOMEN VETERANS APPRECIATION  
DAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 235 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 235) designating June 12, 2019, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day."

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I further ask that the resolution be agreed to; the Booker amendment to the preamble at the desk be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, 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. 235) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 750) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the preamble)

In the ninth whereas clause of the preamble, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), strike "designing" and insert "designating".

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 235

Whereas, throughout all periods of the history of the United States, women have proudly served the United States to secure and preserve freedom and liberty for—

- (1) the people of the United States; and
- (2) the allies of the United States;

Whereas women have formally been a part of the United States Armed Forces since the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901, but have informally served since the inception of the United States military;

Whereas women have served honorably and with valor, including—

- (1) disguised as male soldiers during the American Revolution and the Civil War;
- (2) as nurses during World War I and World War II; and
- (3) as combat helicopter pilots in Afghanistan;

Whereas, as of May 2019, women constitute approximately 15 percent of United States Armed Forces personnel on active duty, including—

- (1) nearly 19 percent of active duty personnel in the Air Force;

(2) 18 percent of active duty personnel in the Navy;

(3) 14 percent of active duty personnel in the Army;

(4) 8 percent of active duty personnel in the Marine Corps; and

(5) nearly 15 percent of active duty personnel in the Coast Guard;

Whereas, as of May 2019, women constitute nearly 21 percent of personnel in the National Guard and Reserves;

Whereas by 2020—

(1) the population of women veterans is expected to reach 2,000,000, which represents an exponential increase from 1,100,000 in 1980; and

(2) women veterans are expected to constitute more than 10 percent of the total veteran population;

Whereas the United States is proud of and appreciates the service of all women veterans who have demonstrated great skill, sacrifice, and commitment to defending the principles upon which the United States was founded and which the United States continues to uphold;

Whereas women veterans have unique stories and should be encouraged to share their recollections through the Veterans History Project, which has worked since 2000 to collect and share the personal accounts of wartime veterans in the United States; and

Whereas, by designating June 12, 2019, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day", the Senate can—

(1) highlight the growing presence of women in the Armed Forces and the National Guard; and

(2) pay respect to women veterans for their dutiful military service: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates June 12, 2019, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day" to recognize the service and sacrifices of women veterans who have served valiantly on behalf of the United States.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE  
19, 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 19; 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, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Kacsmayk nomination under the previous order.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:29 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate: