

Lifestyle Survey reported using emergency food relief in 2017; and

Whereas, Military families that do not reside on a military base or installation receive a Basic Housing Allowance (BAH), which is meant to offset the cost of civilian housing for those who do not reside in government-provided housing, and the rate of the BAH depends on location, pay grade, and number of dependents of the service member; and

Whereas, Although the BAH is intended to offset the cost of civilian housing for servicemen and women who do not live on a military base, the amount of the BAH is currently considered as income for purposes of determining eligibility for SNAP, and certain other benefits, pursuant to federal law; and

Whereas, The “Military Hunger Prevention Act,” ¹ [currently] previously¹ pending in Congress as H.R. 1078 and S. 2488, would amend federal law to exclude the BAH when determining eligibility for certain federal benefits, including SNAP; and

Whereas, Among the many economic challenges faced by members of the military are: relatively low pay compared to non-military occupations; infrequent and insufficient pay raises; frequent transfers or deployments, particularly when the transfer is to a region of the country with a comparatively high cost of living; and the difficulty of spouses to find well-paying, long-term employment due to those transfers and deployments; and

Whereas, In order that members of the armed services and their families, who make considerable personal sacrifices to protect and serve the United States, have sufficient and nutritious food on their tables, it is fitting and proper that the law be amended to exclude the BHA from income for purposes of determining eligibility for SNAP and other federal programs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The Legislature and Governor of New Jersey respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to ¹introduce and¹ enact the “Military Hunger Prevention Act,” ¹ [currently pending in both houses of Congress.]¹ so that those members of the armed forces who make considerable sacrifices in order to serve our country, yet face hunger or require assistance, are able to benefit from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and other benefits, notwithstanding their receipt of a Basic Housing Allowance.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the Secretary of the Senate to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and every member of Congress elected from this State.

¹3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.¹

POM-119. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging the United States Congress to enact legislation making United States policy not to start a nuclear war and to prohibit the funding of further development and production of additional nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 61

Whereas, The use of even a small number of nuclear weapons could have catastrophic human, environmental, health, and economic consequences globally; and

Whereas, Approximately 14,000 nuclear weapons still exist in the world and pose an intolerable risk to humanity; and

Whereas, The United States has over 6,000 nuclear weapons, which combined are more

than 100 times more powerful than all the weapons used during World War II; and

Whereas, The United States is currently planning to spend nearly \$2 trillion over the next 30 years rebuilding its entire nuclear weapons arsenal; this is a gross misuse of funds that could instead be devoted to improving security, health, and education; and

Whereas, The United States maintains nearly 1,000 nuclear weapons on high alert so they are ready for launch within minutes of a presidential decision to do so, making them vulnerable to accidents, unauthorized use, cyber attacks, and miscalculations, thereby increasing the risk of nuclear use; and

Whereas, The United States currently reserves the right to use nuclear weapons in response to non-nuclear attacks by Russia, China, or North Korea, nations that could respond by using their own nuclear weapons, resulting in a nuclear war that could have devastating consequences; and

Whereas, The sole purpose of U.S. nuclear weapons should be to deter a nuclear attack on the United States, its forces, and its allies; there is no reason for the United States to ever use nuclear weapons first; and

Whereas, The U.S. President has sole authority to order a nuclear attack without any consultation or input; leaving the decision to one individual increases the chance of a nuclear weapon being used; and

Whereas, A policy renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons would severely constrain the ability of the President to order a nuclear attack, allowing attacks only in response to a nuclear attack; and

Whereas, Americans and all people on the planet should have the right to live a life free from the threat of nuclear weapons; and

Whereas, The United States should immediately change its policies, as well as actively pursue verifiable agreements with other nuclear-armed nations to reduce the number of nuclear weapons and eliminate them from the planet; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that, as an important first step, we call on the President of the United States to make it the policy of the U.S. that it will not start a nuclear war and therefore will not use nuclear weapons first, and we call on the United States Congress to pass legislation supporting this policy; and be it further

Resolved, That we call on Congress to not fund the development and production of additional U.S. nuclear weapons that can produce a relatively small nuclear explosion, making them suitable for rogue nuclear warfighting and potentially lowering the threshold to using nuclear weapons first; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

POM-120. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the United States Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 343

Whereas, the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund was created in 2001 to compensate individuals for illnesses and deaths due to exposure to toxins at the September 11th attack sites; and

Whereas, the fund was reauthorized in 2011 and then again in 2015, allowing individuals to submit claims until December 18, 2020; and

Whereas, the World Trade Center Health Program was essentially established to diagnose and treat medical issues of September 11th responders and victims; and

Whereas, the \$7.3 billion fund has already paid out approximately \$5 billion to 21,000 claimants and still has approximately 19,000 additional claims; and

Whereas, insufficient money exists to pay current and projected claims at the same levels under current procedures, and claimants that are unpaid will see a drastic cut in payments; and

Whereas, more than 90,000 Americans, including approximately 1,500 residents of this Commonwealth, struggle with illnesses related to the September 11th attacks as of 2018; and

Whereas, the fund should be reauthorized and fully funded through 2090, which will make it last until the 2090 expiration date of the World Trade Center Health Program; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to reauthorize and fully fund the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEE, from the Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report entitled “The 2019 Joint Economic Report” (Rept. No. 116-58).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 727. A bill to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROUNDNS for Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.

*Army nomination of Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Mary F. O’Brien, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Bryan P. Fenton, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Place, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Robert T. Wooldridge II, to be Brigadier General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. David G. Bellon, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. ROUNDNS for Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary’s desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Mark C. Alderman and ending with Denean V. E. Zozo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 29, 2019.

Air Force nomination of Robert K. Rankin, Jr., to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Judy A. Rattan, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Gaylan A. Gray and ending with Jordan H. Lindeke, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 18, 2019.

Air Force nominations beginning with Hans Eric Anker and ending with Brian Douglas Zullo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 18, 2019.

Air Force nomination of John W. Poulter, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Thomas D. Ausherman, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Edward J. Brennan and ending with Kenneth A. Stremmel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lauren A. Baker and ending with Jesse W. Johnson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jonathan D. Barnes and ending with Jeremiah P. Sexton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Army nomination of Larry D. Crowder, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Jason B. Bariatti and ending with Mark A. Patterson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 18, 2019.

Army nomination of Roger M. Lewis, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Thelma D. Cummings and ending with Kyungkun Lee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 18, 2019.

Army nomination of Joshua S. Anderson, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Joseph P. Blakeney, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Patrick D. Clary, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Marie P. Corpuz, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Ernest M. Dorema, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Simone M. Edwards, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Luciano G. Mizerani, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Rochelle S. Pressley, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Howard G. Rice, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Virginia L. Egli, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Darren K. Purcell, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph R. Adams and ending with Liang Zhou, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Army nominations beginning with Ryan H. Allred and ending with Anna Yoo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Army nominations beginning with Keith J. Andrews and ending with Jeffrey T.

Whorton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Marine Corps nomination of Timothy K. Gallagher, Jr., to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Kyle A. Ugone, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Sean M. Williams, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Christopher D. McLin, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Navy nomination of Christopher M. Johnson, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Benny P. Volkmann, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Eric A. Polonsky, to be Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Vincent L. Ackerman and ending with James L. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Ricardo M. Abakah and ending with Yu Zheng, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Alexander Aldana and ending with Robert J. Wishmeyer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Timothy G. Boyle and ending with Delicia G. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Aaron T. Allison and ending with Kristin B. Whitehouse, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Ryan B. Bareng and ending with Timothy A. Springer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Kevin L. Albert and ending with James H. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Arturo Alvarado, Jr. and ending with Elizabeth M. Zuloaga, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2019.

By Mr. GRAHAM for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Douglas Russell Cole, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Matthew Walden McFarland, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Kea Whetzel Riggs, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Robert Anthony Molloy, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2156. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2157. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to expand the use of global payments to hospitals in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2158. A bill to improve certain programs of the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to heritable disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2159. A bill to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2160. A bill to require carbon monoxide alarms in certain Federally assisted housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LEE):

S. 2161. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2162. A bill to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to annually hire at least 600 new Border Patrol agents, to report quarterly to Congress on the status of the Border Patrol workforce, and to conduct a comprehensive staffing analysis; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2163. A bill to establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 2164. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2165. A bill to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2166. A bill to designate Regional Ocean Partnerships of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 2167. A bill to require a certain percentage of natural gas and crude oil exports be