

Army nomination of Slava Shapiro, to be Major.

Army nomination of Rachel M. Romaine, to be Major.

Army nomination of Kristy M. Chester, to be Major.

Army nomination of Kevin D. Dalling, to be Major.

Army nomination of Jay G. Sullivan, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Brian S. Borakove and ending with Colby B. Wyatt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Army nomination of Javier Trevino, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Brendan B. Reina, to be Major.

Army nomination of Benjamin A. Greif, to be Major.

Army nomination of Slade A. McPherson, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Jeffery G. Pioszak, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John D. Barnes and ending with Kristin M. Tortorici, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 15, 2019.

Marine Corps nomination of Daniel E. Callaway, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Nathan P. Dmochowski, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Navy nomination of Traci J. McKinnon, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Anthony M. Hruby, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Salahudin A. Adenkhali, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Bradley D. Coletti, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Timothy K. Lynch, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Dion M. Adams, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Christopher C. Cady, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Andrew C. Mueller, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Tyrone K. Potter, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Francis C. Dailig, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with David H. Craig III and ending with Byron B. Holloway, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 15, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with James M. Allen, Jr. and ending with Jonathan R. Wheeler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 22, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Eduardo B. Amora and ending with Gregory S. Woodard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Janpaul P. Amposta and ending with Lin L. Zheng, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Ashley A. Aclese and ending with Gisselle I. Zelsdorf, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Rachael E. Baker and ending with Sara J. Wooten, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Alexander Alba and ending with Myra S. Wearing, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Holly K. Aguigam and ending with Allison D. Weinberg, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Timothy J. Algiers and ending with Angela Zah, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Matthew W. Catanese and ending with Grant C. Glover, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Ramon Acosta and ending with Sen F. Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Jonathan T. Duenas and ending with James H. Phan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 9, 2019.

Navy nomination of Joshua K. Witt, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Stephen A. Jessogne, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Vanna J. Rocchi, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*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.)

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE—TREATY

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 116-1: Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia with seven declarations and one condition (Ex. Rept. 116-5)

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to Declarations and Conditions.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of North Macedonia, which was opened for signature at Brussels on February 6, 2019, and signed that day on behalf of the United States of America (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 116-1), subject to the declarations of section 2 and the conditions of section 3.

Sec. 2. Declarations.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declarations:

(1) REAFFIRMATION—THAT UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP IN NATO REMAINS A VITAL NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES. The Senate declares that—

(A) for 70 years the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has served as the pre-eminent organization to defend the countries in the North Atlantic area against all external threats;

(B) through common action, the established democracies of North America and Eu-

rope that were joined in NATO persevered and prevailed in the task of ensuring the survival of democratic government in Europe and North America throughout the Cold War;

(C) NATO enhances the security of the United States by embedding European states in a process of cooperative security planning and by ensuring an ongoing and direct leadership role for the United States in European security affairs;

(D) the responsibility and financial burden of defending the democracies of Europe and North America can be more equitably shared through an alliance in which specific obligations and force goals are met by its members;

(E) the security and prosperity of the United States is enhanced by NATO's collective defense against aggression that may threaten the security of NATO members; and

(F) United States membership in NATO remains a vital national security interest of the United States.

(2) STRATEGIC RATIONALE FOR NATO ENLARGEMENT.—The Senate declares that—

(A) the United States and its NATO allies face continued threats to their stability and territorial integrity;

(B) an attack against North Macedonia, or its destabilization arising from external subversion, would threaten the stability of Europe and jeopardize United States national security interests;

(C) North Macedonia, having established a democratic government and having demonstrated a willingness to meet the requirements of membership, including those necessary to contribute to the defense of all NATO members, is in a position to further the principles of the North Atlantic Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area; and

(D) extending NATO membership to North Macedonia will strengthen NATO, enhance stability in Southeast Europe, and advance the interests of the United States and its NATO allies.

(3) SUPPORT FOR NATO'S OPEN DOOR POLICY.—The policy of the United States is to support NATO's Open Door Policy that allows any European country to express its desire to join NATO and demonstrate its ability to meet the obligations of NATO membership.

(4) FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NATO.—

(A) SENATE FINDING.—The Senate finds that the United States will not support the accession to the North Atlantic Treaty of, or the invitation to begin accession talks with, any European state (other than North Macedonia), unless—

(i) the President consults with the Senate consistent with Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States (relating to the advice and consent of the Senate to the making of treaties); and

(ii) the prospective NATO member can fulfill all of the obligations and responsibilities of membership, and the inclusion of such state in NATO would serve the overall political and strategic interests of NATO and the United States.

(B) REQUIREMENT FOR CONSENSUS AND RATIFICATION.—The Senate declares that no action or agreement other than a consensus decision by the full membership of NATO, approved by the national procedures of each NATO member, including, in the case of the United States, the requirements of Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States (relating to the advice and consent of the Senate to the making of treaties), will constitute a commitment to collective defense and consultations pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

(5) INFLUENCE OF NON-NATO MEMBERS ON NATO DECISIONS.—The Senate declares that any country that is not a member of NATO shall have no impact on decisions related to NATO enlargement.

(6) SUPPORT FOR 2014 WALES SUMMIT DEFENSE SPENDING BENCHMARK.—The Senate declares that all NATO members should continue to move towards the guideline outlined in the 2014 Wales Summit Declaration to spend a minimum of 2 percent of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on defense and 20 percent of their defense budgets on major equipment, including research and development, by 2024.

(7) SUPPORT FOR NORTH MACEDONIA'S REFORM PROCESS.—The Senate declares that—

(A) North Macedonia has made difficult reforms and taken steps to address corruption, but the United States and other NATO member states should not consider this important process complete and should continue to urge additional reforms; and

(B) North Macedonia and Greece's conclusion of the Prespa Agreement, which resolved a long-standing bilateral dispute, has made possible the former's invitation to NATO, and the United States and other NATO members should continue to press both nations to persevere in their continued implementation of the Agreement and encourage a strategic partnership between the two nations.

Sec. 3. Conditions.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following conditions:

(1) PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION.—Prior to the deposit of the instrument of ratification, the President shall certify to the Senate as follows:

(A) The inclusion of North Macedonia in NATO will not have the effect of increasing the overall percentage share of the United States in the common budgets of NATO.

(B) The inclusion of North Macedonia in NATO does not detract from the ability of the United States to meet or to fund its military requirements outside the North Atlantic area.

Sec. 4. Definitions.

In this resolution:

(1) NATO MEMBERS.—The term "NATO members" means all countries that are parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

(2) NON-NATO MEMBERS.—The term "non-NATO members" means all countries that are not parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

(3) NORTH ATLANTIC AREA.—The term "North Atlantic area" means the area covered by Article 6 of the North Atlantic Treaty, as applied by the North Atlantic Council.

(4) NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY.—The term "North Atlantic Treaty" means the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington April 4, 1949 (63 Stat. 2241; TIAS 1964), as amended—

(5) UNITED STATES INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION.—The term "United States instrument of ratification" means the instrument of ratification of the United States of the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of North Macedonia.

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. COTTON (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2494. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide travel to Dover Air Force Base for family members of members of the Armed Forces who die outside of the United

States but not in a theater of combat operations so the family may receive the remains of the deceased, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2495. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish an exception to the penalty on early distributions from qualified plans for individuals diagnosed with certain terminal illnesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2496. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the Medicare and disability insurance benefits waiting periods for disabled individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2497. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain dependent income when calculating modified adjusted gross income for the purposes of eligibility for premium tax credits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2498. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify the Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. JONES, Mr. KING, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2499. A bill to effectively staff the public elementary schools and secondary schools of the United States with school-based mental health services providers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2500. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program for mental health professionals to relieve workforce shortages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2501. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2502. A bill to ban the Federal procurement of certain drones and other unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 2503. A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2504. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to veterans with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. UDALL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2505. A bill to provide that Executive Order 13783 and certain rules shall have no force or effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2506. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into appropriate arrangements with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide for a report on the health impacts of air traffic noise and pollution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2507. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize admission of Canadian retirees as long-term visitors for pleasure described in section 101(a)(15)(B) of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. 2508. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a council to conduct a survey and analysis of the employment figures and demographics in the energy, energy efficiency, and motor vehicle sectors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REED, Ms. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 316. A resolution supporting the clean vehicle emissions standards of the United States and defending the authority of States under the Clean Air Act to protect the people of those States from harmful air pollution; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. Res. 317. A resolution recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of September 2019 as "PCOS Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CARDIN):