

(d) DEFINITION OF COVERED DEGREE.—In this section, the term “covered degree” means a standard, undergraduate college degree in a field listed under section 3320(b)(4)(A)(i) of title 38, United States Code.

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendment be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The committee-reported amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 153), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

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#### VERA C. RUBIN OBSERVATORY DESIGNATION ACT

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3196 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3196) to designate the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope as the “Vera C. Rubin Observatory.”

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

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I further ask the bill be considered read three times and passed and the motion 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 bill (H.R. 3196) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

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#### RICHARD G. LUGAR POST OFFICE

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3105, introduced earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3105) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 456 North Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Richard G. Lugar Post Office”.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LANKFORD. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 3105) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 3105

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.*

#### SECTION 1. RICHARD G. LUGAR POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 456 North Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the “Richard G. Lugar Post Office”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Richard G. Lugar Post Office”.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS AND ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS TO ENSURE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COUNT

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 31, introduced earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 31) recognizing the importance and significance of the 2020 Census and encouraging individuals, families, and households across the United States to participate in the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and accurate count.

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

Mr. LANKFORD. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, 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 concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 31) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

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#### RECOGNIZING THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CELEBRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 450 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 450), recognizing the 71st anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the celebration of “Human Rights Day”.

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

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble 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. 450) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of December 10, 2019, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

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#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Rabbi Sharon A. Kleinbaum of New York.

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#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the cloture motions filed on the House messages to accompany H.R. 1865 and H.R. 1158 be waived.

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

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#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 397, H.R. 1759, AND H.R. 4018

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I understand there are three bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the titles of the bills for the first time en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 397) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 1759) to amend title III of the Social Security Act to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 4018) to provide that the amount of time that an elderly offender

must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by the amount of good time credits earned by the prisoner, and for other purposes.

Mr. LANKFORD. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

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ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 19, 2019

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 19; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, morning business be closed, and following Leader remarks, the Senate resume consid-

eration of the House message to accompany H.R. 1865 with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; finally, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture motion filed during Tuesday's session of the Senate ripen at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

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

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. LANKFORD. 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 8:07 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

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CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 18, 2019:

THE JUDICIARY

MATTHEW WALDEN MCFARLAND, OF OHIO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. DOUGLAS M. GABRAM

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANNA M. ADKINS AND ENDING WITH MARY E. ZANDER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF ZACHARY B. CICCOLO, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ANDREW J. OLIVER, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MARJORIE A. KUIPERS, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF YUANDRE G. DIEUJUSTE, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF THOMAS E. AXTELL, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF D014331, TO BE MAJOR.