

the forefront of responding to local or regional needs. Therefore, our role as federal policymakers should be to give states and local organizations the flexibility they need to be creative in solving their unique challenges. For this reason, our legislation would reduce duplicative reporting and application requirements that may deter local agencies and organizations from making the most effective use of taxpayer dollars. To ensure accountability, the bill would require that these pilot programs be targeted at specific, poverty-reducing outcomes.

While federal programs have helped many of those living in poverty manage day-to-day hardships, they are falling short of breaking the cycle of poverty that has trapped too many families. With this bill, we have the chance to make a permanent difference in the lives of families and to break the multigenerational cycle of poverty. Just as a child's ZIP code should not determine his or her future success, so should the bureaucratic siloed approach to poverty not make it so difficult for families to get the help they need to escape poverty. The federal government can be an effective partner in providing opportunities for parents and their children, lifting up families, and in turn, building stronger communities. State and local governments can be at the forefront of these efforts, and the increased flexibility proposed by this bill would help reform practices across government.

In addition to strong support from national organizations like Ascend at the Aspen Institute, I want to thank the Maine Community Action Association and the Maine Head Start Directors Association for endorsing this important legislation. I also thank Senator HEINRICH for his continued leadership and urge my colleagues to support this innovative approach to moving families out of poverty by giving them the tools they need to succeed.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. JONES, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. COONS):

S. 3339. A bill to restore military priorities, and for other purposes; read the first time.

S. 3339

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Restoring Military Priorities Act of 2020".

#### SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF REPROGRAMMED FUNDS.

All amounts transferred under the Department of Defense reprogramming action FY 20-01 RA, "Support for DHS Counter-Drug Activity Reprogramming Action", shall be restored to the appropriation accounts and the programs, projects, and activities for which such amounts were appropriated or otherwise made available by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2020 (division A of Public Law 116-93).

#### SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON GENERAL TRANSFER AUTHORITY.

Section 8005 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2020 (division A of Public Law 116-93; ) is amended by striking "\$4,000,000,000" and inserting "\$1,798,000,000".

#### SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS/GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM TRANSFER AUTHORITY.

Section 9002 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2020 (division A of Public Law 116-93; ) is amended by striking "\$2,000,000,000" and inserting "\$371,000,000".

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### 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, February 25, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### 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, February 25, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 2 p.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, February 25, 2020, at 2 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY

The Committee on Foreign Relations of the Subcommittee on East Asia, The Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

#### CONGRATULATING THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS ON THEIR VICTORY IN SUPER BOWL LIV

On Thursday, February 13, 2020, the Senate passed S. Res. 490, as follows:

S. RES. 490

Whereas, on Sunday, February 2, 2020, the Kansas City Chiefs (in this preamble referred to as the "Chiefs") defeated the San Francisco 49ers by a score of 31 to 20 to win Super Bowl LIV in Miami, Florida;

Whereas the Chiefs, established on August 14, 1959, playing in their 60th season in the National Football League (referred to in this preamble as the "NFL"), made their third Super Bowl appearance and their first Super Bowl appearance since Super Bowl IV;

Whereas Super Bowl LIV was the culmination of the 100th season of the NFL, a season in which the league has promoted stars both past and present, served the community, and looked toward the next 100 years of football;

Whereas the Chiefs overcame a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter and scored 21 straight points in the final 6 minutes and 13 seconds of gameplay to earn the victory;

Whereas the victory in Super Bowl LIV earned the Chiefs their second Super Bowl victory, ending their 50-year Super Bowl drought that had lasted since the team last won Super Bowl IV on January 11, 1970;

Whereas the Chiefs were participants in the first ever Super Bowl and are now champions of the centennial season of the NFL;

Whereas the Chiefs began their championship season in another great Missouri city, St. Joseph, holding training camp on the campus of Missouri Western State University for the tenth straight year;

Whereas head coach Andy Reid earned his 222nd career win, placing him sixth on the all-time wins list of the NFL and earning his first Super Bowl title in his 21-year tenure as a head coach in the NFL;

Whereas Andy Reid is the 24th head coach of the NFL to appear in more than 1 Super Bowl;

Whereas in the 2019 NFL season, the Chiefs earned a playoff bid for the sixth time in 7 seasons under Andy Reid;

Whereas quarterback Patrick Mahomes completed 26 of 42 pass attempts for 286 yards and 2 touchdowns, rushed 9 times for 29 yards and 1 touchdown, and was named Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl LIV;

Whereas Patrick Mahomes became the youngest player in NFL history to earn both the NFL Most Valuable Player award and a Super Bowl title, while setting a playoff record for most touchdowns thrown before the first interception to start a player's playoff career;

Whereas in the American Football Conference Championship, Patrick Mahomes completed an iconic 27-yard scramble down the sideline for a touchdown to take the lead against the Tennessee Titans;

Whereas Patrick Mahomes became the first NFL quarterback with 3 double-digit comebacks in a single postseason;

Whereas Damien Williams rushed for 104 yards and scored 2 touchdowns, increasing his career playoff touchdown total to 11, tying Hall of Famer Terrell Davis for the

most touchdowns in an individual's first 6 playoff games;

Whereas Travis Kelce had 6 receptions for 43 yards and 1 touchdown;

Whereas Tyreek Hill had 9 receptions for 105 yards, including a crucial 44-yard reception on third-and-fifteen with only 7 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter;

Whereas Sammy Watkins had 5 receptions for 98 yards;

Whereas Bashaud Breeland led the team with 7 tackles and 1 interception;

Whereas Chris Jones was a disruptive force with 3 passes defended;

Whereas Frank Clark sacked the quarterback of the 49ers, Jimmy Garoppolo, on fourth-and-ten with fewer than 2 minutes remaining to seal the victory;

Whereas Harrison Butker was 1-for-1 in field goal attempts and 4-for-4 in point-after attempts;

Whereas Dustin Colquitt, the longest-tenured Chief, earned his first Super Bowl victory in his 15th season;

Whereas kick returner Mecole Hardman, tight end Travis Kelce, safety Tyrann Mathieu, and right tackle Mitchell Schwartz were named to the Associated Press All-Pro team for the 2019 season;

Whereas the Chiefs should be recognized for their tremendous resiliency in the face of adversity when trailing 24-0 against the Houston Texans in the American Football Conference Divisional Round, down by 10 against the Tennessee Titans in the American Football Conference Championship Round, and trailing 20-10 against the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl LIV;

Whereas the entire Chiefs roster contributed to the Super Bowl victory, including Nick Allegretti, Jackson Barton, Blake Bell, Bashaud Breeland, Alex Brown, Harrison Butker, Morris Claiborne, Frank Clark, Dustin Colquitt, Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, Cam Erving, Rashad Fenton, Eric Fisher, Kendall Fuller, Mecole Hardman, Demone Harris, Chad Henne, Tyreek Hill, Anthony Hitchens, Ryan Hunter, Chris Jones, Travis Kelce, Tanoh Kpassagnon, Darron Lee, Jordan Lucas, Patrick Mahomes, Tyrann Mathieu, LeSean McCoy, Matt Moore, Ben Niemann, Derrick Nnadi, Dorian O'Daniel, Mike Pennel, Byron Pringle, Reggie Ragland, Austin Reiter, Demarcus Robinson, Khalel Saunders, Mitchell Schwartz, Anthony Sherman, Daniel Sorensen, Terrell Suggs, Darwin Thompson, Charvarius Ward, Sammy Watkins, Armani Watts, Damien Williams, Xavier Williams, Damien Wilson, James Winchester, Stefen Wisniewski, Andrew Wylie, and Deon Yelder;

Whereas the victory of the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LIV instills an extraordinary sense of pride for fans in the States of Missouri and Kansas and across the Midwest; and

Whereas people all over the world are asking, "How 'bout those Chiefs?": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Kansas City Chiefs and their entire staff, Mayor of Kansas City Quinton Lucas, Governor of Missouri Mike Parson, and loyal fans of the Kansas City

Chiefs for their victory in Super Bowl LIV; and

(2) respectfully directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Kansas City Chiefs, Clark Hunt;

(B) the president of the Kansas City Chiefs, Mark Donovan; and

(C) the head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs, Andy Reid.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to modify the order of January 31 to allow Senators to have until Thursday, February 27, 2020, to have printed statements and opinions in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, if they choose, explaining their votes and include those in the documentation of the impeachment proceedings; finally, I ask that the two-page rule be waived.

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

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3339

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3339) to restore military priorities, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 27; 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, and morning business be closed; finally, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration

of the Greaves nomination, under the previous order.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M.

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 6:38 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM JORDAN GILLIS, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE ROBERT H. MCMAHON.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DOUGLAS BENEVENTO, OF COLORADO, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE ANDREW WHEELER, RESIGNED.

##### BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MICHAEL PACK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ALEX NELSON WONG, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

ALEX NELSON WONG, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

ALDONA Z. WOS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CANADA.

##### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

ELIZABETH GLEASON, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2020, VICE AARON PAUL DWORIN, TERM EXPIRED.

JESSE MERRIAM, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2024, VICE RAMON SALDIVAR, TERM EXPIRED.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate February 25, 2020:

##### THE JUDICIARY

ROBERT ANTHONY MOLLOY, OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, TO BE JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS.

SILVIA CARRENO-COLL, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

KATHARINE MACGREGOR, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.