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NOTICE OF A TIE VOTE UNDER S. RES. 27

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There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, July 21, 2022.

To the Secretary of the Senate:

S. 2980, a bill to authorize the voluntary donation of grazing permits and leases in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes, having been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee, with a quorum present, has voted on the bill as follows—

On the question of reporting the bill favorably with the recommendation that the bill be passed, 10 ayes to 10 noes.

In accordance with section 3, paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee has not reported the bill because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the RECORD pursuant to the resolution.

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To the Secretary of the Senate:

S. 387, a bill to protect, for current and future generations, the watershed, ecosystem, and cultural heritage of the Grand Canyon region in the State of Arizona, to provide for a study relating to the uranium stockpile in the United States, and for other purposes, having been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee, with a quorum present, has voted on the bill as follows—

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S. 1493, a bill to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes, having been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee, with a quorum present, has voted on the bill as follows—

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VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 267, Executive Calendar No. 902, confirmation of Shereef Elnahal as Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs. If I was present, I would have voted in support.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, on July 11, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 243, Executive Calendar No. 599, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to proceed with his nomination to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Mr. President, on July 12, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 244, Executive Calendar No. 599, the confirmation of the nomination of Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to confirm his nomination to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Mr. President, on July 12, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 245, Executive Calendar No. 1037, the motion to

invoke cloture on the nomination of Steven M. Dettelbach to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to proceed with his nomination to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Mr. President, on July 12, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 246, Executive Calendar No. 1037, the confirmation of the nomination of Steven M. Dettelbach to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to confirm his nomination to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Mr. President, on July 12, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 247, Executive Calendar No. 975, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2018, due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to proceed with his nomination to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2018.

Mr. President, on July 13, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 248, Executive Calendar No. 975, the confirmation of the nomination of Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2018, due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to confirm his nomination to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2018.

Mr. President, on July 13, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 249, Executive Calendar No. 976, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to proceed with his nomination to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Mr. President, on July 13, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 250, Executive Calendar No. 976, the confirmation of the nomination of Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to confirm his nomination to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Mr. President, on July 13, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 251, Executive Calendar No. 676, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Owen Edward Herrnsstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to proceed with his nomination to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Mr. President, on July 13, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 252, Executive Calendar No. 676, the confirmation of the nomination of Owen Edward Herrnsstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to confirm his nomination to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Mr. President, on July 13, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 253, Executive Calendar No. 908, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to proceed with her nomination as General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. President, on July 14, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 254, Executive Calendar No. 908, the confirmation of the nomination of Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to confirm her nomination to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. President, on July 14, 2022, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 255, Executive Calendar No. 968, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Julianna Michelle Childs, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit due to testing positive for COVID-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to proceed with her nomination to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

AFGHANISTAN

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, following my submission yesterday, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the next part of an investigation directed by the U.S. Central

Command concerning the Abbey Gate bombing in Afghanistan in August 2021.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ACTS-SCK-DO

Subject: Findings and Recommendation—Attack Against U.S. Forces Conducting NEO at Hamid Karzai International Airport on 26 August 2021.

(b) Training.

(i) Prior to deploying to the CENTCOM AOR in the spring of 2021, the units assigned to the SPMAGTF completed typical pre-deployment training, focused on their core METs (exhibits 53, 55, 56, 57, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81). Additionally, 2/1 conducted training at the Infantry Immersion Trainer (IIT) at Camp Pendleton, where they trained on embassy reinforcement and crowd control operations (exhibits 76, 77, 86). While deployed, 2/1's companies were distributed throughout the AOR, and conducted various training events that would prove beneficial while operating at HKIA later in their deployment.

(ii) Echo Company, 2/1 conducted two Mission Rehearsal Exercises (MRXs), along with STP, CLD-21 and MWSD-373, at PSAB in July 2021, where they focused on ECC operations and security and response to a MASCAL event (exhibits 53, 54, 56, 57, 76). Echo Company, 2/1 also conducted non-lethal weapons training at PSAB and additional medical training in Kuwait (exhibit 82).

(iii) Golf Company, 2/1 deployed three platoons to Jordan, and one platoon initially to Djibouti, and then to PSAB, where it supported the Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel (TRAP) mission. In Jordan, Golf Company focused on its core METs, but had the unique opportunity to train alongside the U.K.'s 2 PARA, and the 77th Royal Jordanian Marine Battalion (77th RJMB). Training with 2 PARA helped build a level of interoperability and familiarity that proved useful when Golf Company, 2/1 served alongside 2 PARA at Abbey Gate, HKIA, whereas training with 77th RJMB helped Golf Company Marines grow accustomed to operating with non-native English speakers, a skill that also proved useful at HKIA (exhibits 53, 76, 77, 80, 86, 89, 90). Third Platoon, Golf Company, 2/1 received extensive medical training while serving as the TRAP platoon, to include Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), Combat Trauma Management (CTM) training, and Valkyrie walking blood bank training (exhibits 86, 98). The rest of Golf Company conducted Combat Life Saver (CLS) refresher training, TCCC refresher training, and MASCAL training in Jordan, while Golf Company's junior Hospital Corpsmen conducted CTM and Valkyrie training prior to deploying to HKIA in support of the NEO (exhibits 77, 98).

(iv) Fox Company, 2/1 deployed to the BEC, where the company executed fixed site security and crowd control operations, and trained on non-lethal weapons employment, all of which prepared them to operate at Abbey Gate (exhibit 81). All 2/1 companies discussed ROE and the importance of treating people at the gates of HKIA with empathy and respect prior to deploying to HKIA (exhibits 53, 54, 56, 57, 76, 77, 78, 81). The STP completed multiple MASCAL drills while deployed at Al Jaber, Kuwait and PSAB, prior to deploying to HKIA (exhibit 66).

e. Leadership.

(1) Key Finding. COMREL and Task Organization. The task organization worked. This was in large part due to pre-existing or quickly forged relationships among leaders at the highest echelons and adaptability at the lower echelons.

(a) The 82nd Airborne Division, led by MG Donahue, executed their mission with a clear

chain of command (exhibits 10, 121, 124, 125). The Division rapidly adapted to the changing situation, as they were responsible for security of the airhead, support to the NEO, planning for the retrograde of all personnel and equipment, demilitarization of arms and equipment, and executing the JTE (exhibits 121, 125). In addition to security, the Division conducted initial screening and recovery of AMCITs, LPRs, locally hired embassy personnel, SIV applicants, and at risk Afghans at South and West Gates (exhibit 143). Once identified and screened, these evacuees were processed through the ECC for manifesting and departure from HKIA (exhibits 121, 125).

(b) General McKenzie established the NEO COMREL, and officially granted 82nd Airborne TACON of JTF-CR (exhibit 10, 11, 238). In reality, JTF-CR was TACON to USFOR-A FWD, and merely coordinated with the 82nd Airborne Division (exhibits 18, 21, 40, 125). This adjusted COMREL, along with the mixing of tactical responsibilities, resulted in the 82nd conducting airfield security and NEO for one sector, and JTF-CR conducting airfield security and NEO in another sector (exhibits 15, 121, 125, 143, 155). The senior officers made this division of tasks work under the circumstances with adjusted COMREL, mutual trust, and shared understanding.

(2) Engaged and Responsive Leaders.

(a) The leadership of the U.S. Forces tasked with conducting a NEO at HKIA worked collaboratively to adapt in an uncertain, chaotic, ambiguous, and high-threat environment. U.S. Forces experienced rapidly changing, complex relationships and compressed timelines to conduct a NEO. These leadership challenges were exacerbated by the reality that the Taliban, who could be described as a supporting effort, were operating under a unity of effort as opposed to a unity of command (exhibits 53, 125). This was demonstrated at each location around the perimeter of HKIA, where Taliban assistance ranged from actively supporting crowd control, to non-support, and even actively taunting the Marines (exhibits 23, 53, 100, 102, 125, 146). RADM Vasely, MG Donahue, and BGen Sullivan conducted Key Leader Engagements (KLE) to coordinate activities, ensure mission accomplishment, and protect the force (exhibits 21, 23, 125). Their coordination with the Taliban facilitated crowd control and force protection, and minimized the incidence of kinetic engagements between U.S. Forces, and Taliban (exhibits 53, 104, 125). While the ROE may not have been entirely clear at all times, due to the rapidly changing situation, U.S. Forces retained the right to self-defense, the ability to engage individuals committing hostile acts or demonstrating hostile intent, and the ability to utilize riot-control measures in defense to protect the force and civilians.

(b) Military leadership at every level was engaged and responsive, enabling security of the airhead, executing the NEO, and planning to execute the Joint Tactical Exfiltration (JTE). There were numerous examples of great leadership during an operation amounting to simultaneous combat, evacuation, and humanitarian tasks during a compressed time, with constrained resources, and severe restrictions on terrain. There are three examples to highlight, the first being how leadership engaged the NSU and Taliban forces to assist with inner and outer perimeter security and checkpoint screening. Another example was the emplacement of the Chevron obstacle at Abbey Gate, which in combination with outside influences, had a profound impact on the flow of evacuees. The last example was the battle-field rotations conducted before 26 August and immediately before the blast at Abbey Gate. It should be noted that several leaders and Marines interviewed stated operations at