

including with respect to any entity required to be placed on such list by subsection (c)(2).

SA 5885. Mr. YOUNG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

SEC. _____ . PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF SUBSCRIPTION-BASED FUNDING MODEL AT MAJOR RANGE AND TEST FACILITY BASE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering shall, acting through the Director of the Test Resource Management Center, commence carrying out a pilot program to determine the feasibility, effectiveness, and operational impacts of implementing a subscription-based funding model for test and evaluation facilities.

(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The pilot program required by subsection (a) shall—

(1) be conducted during the two-year period beginning on the date of the commencement of the pilot program;

(2) include not fewer than two cyber-physical test and training ranges designated by the Director of the Test Resource Management Center;

(3) include at least one cyber-physical test and training range operated by, or under the authority of, the National Guard of a State;

(4) provide for participation by military departments, defense agencies, combat support agencies, federally funded research and development centers, and such other Department of Defense entities as the Director considers appropriate; and

(5) evaluate the applicability of subscription-based funding to cyber, cyber-physical, electronic warfare, modeling and simulation, and integrated test environments associated with the participating ranges.

(c) **SUBSCRIPTION-BASED FUNDING MODEL.**—For purposes of the pilot program required by subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall establish a funding structure under which participating organizations pay recurring subscription fees in exchange for access to specified range capabilities, infrastructure, services, test environments, cybersecurity resources, data management capabilities, and related support functions, in lieu of or in combination with traditional reimbursable or direct-user funding mechanisms.

(d) **ELEMENTS.**—In carrying out the pilot program required by subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall—

(1) establish subscription tiers or other recurring funding arrangements designed to support baseline operational, sustainment, modernization, and cybersecurity costs of participating ranges;

(2) assess the extent to which a subscription-based model improves funding predictability, resource utilization, infrastructure availability, and mission readiness;

(3) evaluate impacts on range scheduling, access, interoperability, and support for developmental testing, operational testing, training, experimentation, and rapid prototyping activities;

(4) identify authority constraints or other challenges associated with broader implementation of such a model;

(5) measure effects on cost recovery, user demand, and long-term sustainment of cyber-physical range capabilities; and

(6) develop recommendations regarding whether and how a subscription-based funding model could be expanded to additional test and evaluation facilities.

(e) **SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING RANGES.**—In selecting ranges for participation in the pilot program required by subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall prioritize cyber-physical ranges that—

(1) support joint testing, training, or experimentation activities;

(2) integrate operational technology, cyber, communications, electronic warfare, or weapon-system testing capabilities; and

(3) can provide representative data regarding the scalability of subscription-based funding approaches across test and evaluation facilities.

(f) **REPORT.**—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report describing the following:

(1) The actions taken under subsection (a).

(2) The status of implementation of integration required by such subsection.

(3) Any exceptions to full integration under subsection (b)(2).

(4) The reasons for the exceptions described in paragraph (3).

(g) **BRIEFING.**—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Under Secretary submits the report required by subsection (f), the Under Secretary shall provide the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a briefing on the matters covered by the report.

SA 5886. Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____ . NITAZINE CONTROL ACT.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Nitazene Control Act”.

(b) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) 2-Benzylbenzimidazole opioids are a class of synthetic opioids first synthesized in the 1950s that exhibit significant potency at the mu-opioid receptor, with some substances exceeding the potency of fentanyl.

(2) The Drug Enforcement Administration has temporarily or permanently scheduled multiple 2-benzylbenzimidazole opioids compounds under schedule I of section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812(c)) due to their high abuse potential and lack of accepted medical use.

(3) Nitazenes and related compounds have emerged in the illicit drug supply as designer drugs and contribute to overdose and fatal poisonings in the United States.

(4) A class-wide permanent scheduling of 2-benzylbenzimidazole opioids is necessary to preemptively address the proliferation of new analogs, streamline enforcement, and protect public health.

(5) The HALT Fentanyl Act (28 U.S.C. 801 note; Public Law 119–26) created pathways for research using schedule I controlled substances that apply to scheduled nitazenes.

(c) **SCHEDULE I CLASSIFICATION OF NITAZENES.**—

(1) **AMENDMENT.**—Schedule I of section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f)(1) Unless specifically exempted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of a 2-benzylbenzimidazole opioid, or which contains the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers of a 2-benzylbenzimidazole opioid.

“(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘2-benzylbenzimidazole opioid’ includes the following:

“(A) A substance that is structurally related to 2-benzylbenzimidazole with the following modifications:

“(i) At the 1-position, substitution with an alkyl linker connected to a substituted amine group containing hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, or heteroaryl group, such as a morpholino, pyrrolidino, or piperidinyl groups, whether or not further substituted.

“(ii) At the 2-position—

“(I) replacement of the alkyl portion of the benzyl group with a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, carbamates group, nitrogen, sulfur, or oxygen atom; or

“(II) replacement of the phenyl portion of the benzyl group with an aryl or heteroaryl group.

“(iii) Substitution on the phenyl portion of the benzimidazole ring with a hydrogen atom, halogen, nitro, cyano, substituted or unsubstituted amide, amine, alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, or heteroaryl group.

“(iv) At the 6-position, substitution with hydrogen, nitro, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, and halogen groups.

“(B) A substance that exhibits agonist activity at the mu-opioid receptor.

“(C) Etonitazene, clonitazene, metonitazene, isotonitazene, protonitazene, butonitazene, etodesnitazene, flunitazene, N-pyrrolidino etonitazene, N-desethyl isotonitazene, and N-piperidinyl etonitazene.”.

(2) **REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY STATUS.**—Any substance included in the amendment made by paragraph (1) that was temporarily scheduled under section 201(h) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 811(h)) shall be deemed permanently scheduled and subject to the requirements of schedule I of section 202(c) of that Act (21 U.S.C. 812(c)) as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the initiation of new research using 2-benzylbenzimidazole opioids, as defined in subsection (f) of schedule I of section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812(c)), as added by paragraph (1) of this section, without proper registration and scheduling compliance.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I have four 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 COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 9 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 11:30 a.m., to conduct a closed business meeting.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted floor privileges for the day: Mumtaaz Hirsi and Elijah Minicozzi.

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted floor privileges until June 19, 2026: Nathan Hays, Bradley Fusilier, Gabby Sumrall, and Lucy John.

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, Nathan Hays, to whom I just referred, is an intern in my office. He is from Baton Rouge. He is a rising junior at LSU.

Lucy John is from Lafayette, LA. Lucy is a rising senior at Tulane.

Bradley Fusilier is from Ville Platte. Bradley is a rising senior at LSU.

And Gabby Sumrall from Monroe is a rising junior at Covenant College there.

They are interning in my office this summer, and I am glad to have them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar No. 750 through 756; and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy, with the exception of PN681-4; PN835-2; PN925; Matthew T. Anderson, PN969; and Blair W. Kessler, PN970; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions

be in order to any of the nominations; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. William E. Temple, V
Brig. Gen. Brian F. Wertzler

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. Constantin E. Nicolet

AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force 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

Lt. Gen. Daniel H. Tully
Maj. Gen. David G. Shoemaker

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. Guillaume N. Beurpere

NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Joseph F. Cahill, III

ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Michael W. Brancamp

NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Chaplains of the Navy and appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Navy while serving in that position under title 10, U.S.C., section 8082:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Carey H. Cash

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S
DESK

AIR FORCE

PN968 AIR FORCE nominations (125) beginning RUBEN ADORNO, and ending TAYLOR A. YOUTSLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 12, 2026.

PN969 AIR FORCE nominations (485) beginning MICHAEL R. ABBOTT, and ending JAY R. ZEIGLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 12, 2026, except Matthew T. Anderson.

PN970 AIR FORCE nominations (249) beginning KATHRYN L. ABBOTT, and ending

JONATHAN G. YAP, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 12, 2026, except Blair W. Kessler.

PN971 AIR FORCE nominations (27) beginning CORBIN A. ALDRIDGE, and ending SUNG B. YI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 12, 2026.

PN972 AIR FORCE nominations (240) beginning DONALD J. ADKINS, and ending ZHENG ZHONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 12, 2026.

PN973 AIR FORCE nominations (40) beginning KAILA W. ACRES, and ending JAIMIE M. WYCKOFF, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record or May 12, 2026.

ARMY

PN883 ARMY nomination of Timothy M. Benedict, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2026.

PN919 ARMY nomination of Robert T. Bundy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 13, 2026.

PN941 ARMY nomination of Gladys E. Scales, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN942 ARMY nomination of John M. Heaton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN943 ARMY nominations (3) beginning Andy Buissereth, and ending Eric S. Slater, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN944 ARMY nominations (2) beginning Kevin A. Chesnut, and ending Trevor R. Robles, which Nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN945 ARMY nomination of Jeremy D. Reed, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN946 ARMY nominations (3) beginning Joshua T. Kresowaty, and ending Mary C. Penniman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN947 ARMY nomination of Matthew S. McGuire, which was received by the Senate and appeared in nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN979 ARMY nomination of Michele L. Buratti, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 12, 2026.

MARINE CORPS

PN804 MARINE CORPS nomination of Scott M. Carter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 4, 2026.

PN948 MARINE CORPS nomination of Steven M. Warner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 30, 2026.

PN949 MARINE CORPS nomination of Garrett W. Vetter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN950 MARINE CORPS nomination of Michael J. Simpson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN951 MARINE CORPS nomination of Steven A. Bolt, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.

PN952 MARINE CORPS nomination of Samir J. Glenn-Roundtree, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2026.