

following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees:

"This week we're continuing to confirm more unobjectionable nominees who've had to move through the Senate more slowly than they should. Yesterday, we confirmed Sarah Daggett Morrison to serve as a District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. And despite the fact that our Democratic friends forced us to file cloture on her nomination, when she finally received her vote, she was confirmed by an overwhelming bipartisan margin – 89 to 7.

"That's probably because Ms. Morrison, like the other nominees we are considering this week, is thoroughly non-controversial and very well qualified for the job. And thanks to the modest reform to Senate rules that we put in place this spring, more nominees that fit this description are being confirmed in a fraction of the time it would have otherwise taken.

"So I hope the strong bipartisan support we saw yesterday will be shown to the jurists we'll vote to confirm to the federal bench today: Pamela Barker to the Northern District of Ohio; Corey Maze to the Northern District of Alabama; Rodney Smith to the Southern District of Florida; Thomas Barber to the Middle District of Florida; And Jean-Paul Boulee to the Northern District of Georgia.

"Together, these nominees possess over a century of legal experience. Their resumes include work in state attorney's offices, as county judges, and as state solicitor general. They include a former U.S. army trial defense counsel and a U.S. Supreme Court litigant. Each has demonstrated a commitment to upholding the Constitution and preserving the rule of law. Each deserves our strong, bipartisan support."

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The Border Crisis is Unacceptable and Unsustainable

'Partisan theater in the House doesn't improve the conditions in border shelters. Melodramatic hearings and presidential harassment don't secure the border. 'The Resistance' doesn't pay the bills. This spectacle of opposition for opposition's sake, even on such an obvious non-partisan priority, has been more than embarrassing. It's completely irresponsible... We're going to act in the Senate. And we're going to move forward to provide the funding necessary to try to solve this humanitarian crisis.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:*

"The Trump Administration's new agreement with Mexico marks an important breakthrough in the ongoing border crisis. It kept harmful tariffs from going into effect and cemented new steps to make certain that immigration enforcement and the rule of law are priorities on both sides of the border.

“But, of course, the Mexican government was not the only outstanding party with an unmet responsibility to address this crisis. Here in Congress, we have been waiting for six weeks – six weeks -- now for our Democratic colleagues to get serious about the administration’s urgent request for more resources for border security and humanitarian efforts.

“This week’s progress with our Mexican neighbors throws Democrats’ refusal to act into even starker relief. My colleagues and I have come to the floor day after day, week after week, detailing all the evidence that our southern border is in a state of crisis. The inflow of would-be illegal immigrants is unprecedented. Our facilities and our efforts to house and care for the individuals we detain are stretched to the breaking point.

“In short, the men and women stationed on our southern border are running on fumes. They’ve been charged with a task that circumstances have made incredibly difficult, and they are begging for more funding to keep up. As I noted yesterday, the most recent data show that apprehensions last month reached a thirteen-year high. Higher numbers in every category: More individuals, more family units, and more unaccompanied children. Arriving at border facilities that are already over capacity.

“The Border Patrol is teetering on the brink. They’re nearing the point where they’ll be unable to perform even the most basic humanitarian and security functions for lack of resources. And this is even with funds being diverted away from other important priorities at the Department of Homeland Security on a contingency basis.

“Let me say that again, one more time. The Department of Homeland Security has had to pull money and people off of other critical missions just to try and meet the overwhelming surge of human traffic at the border. This is the department that includes the Transportation Security Administration, the Secret Service, and the U.S. Coast Guard. And Congress’s inaction has backed them into this corner. The officials who are responsible for protecting the homeland and safeguarding these individuals could not have been clearer in their pleading to Congress. They could not have been clearer.

“The acting Homeland Security Secretary has told us already that, quote, ‘*Given the scale of what we are facing, we will exhaust our resources before the end of this fiscal year.*’ The acting director of Immigrations and Custom Enforcement has said, quote, ‘*We are begging.*’ Begging. ‘*We are asking Congress to please help us.*’ By any honest reckoning, this constitutes a crisis. And that’s why Americans across the entire political spectrum agree that Democrats in Congress need to put aside their allergy to finding any inch of common ground with President Trump and finally agree to get something done.

“Because, we know exactly what the hold up has been here. The *New York Times* reported in late May exactly why this money didn’t make it into the disaster funding package, despite Republican efforts. Quote: ‘*Democrats balked at allocating billions of dollars more toward border security.*’ Democrats balked at the *New York Times*. Around the same time, one House Democrat admitted as much. He told reporters, ‘*In my opinion, we do have to come up with some money. But we’ve got to convince our more progressive friends...*’

“Well, I’m sorry that a security and humanitarian crisis is not convincing enough to the far left. I’m sorry that two separate *New York Times* editorials haven’t made an impact on House Democrats either. So here you have it. The *New York Times* editorial page, May 5th – incredibly enough: ‘*Congress, Give Trump His Border Money.*’ That’s the *New York Times* saying give Trump the border money. They didn’t listen. So several weeks later, on May 23rd, as I quoted: ‘*Democrats balked at allocating billions of dollars more toward border security.*’

“So June 9th, a couple days ago, the *New York Times*: ‘*When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?*’ So here you have a situation -- you’ve got the Donald Trump Administration and the *New York Times* on the same side. And House Democrats don’t want to take this up. Goodness. I’m having a hard time remembering the last time the *New York Times* editorial page was on the same side as the Trump Administration or Republicans in Congress.

“Not a common sight. But here we are. All of us agree the border crisis is unacceptable and unsustainable. But still, House Democrats will not act. Yesterday, even my colleague the Democratic Leader admitted where this extended delay is coming from. He told reporters, ‘*The House wasn’t for it, but we were.*’ Yeah, I guess that was true. But in any event, that’s where we are now. The House Democrats are the problem.

“So, if they’re serious about wanting to resolve this, I hope they can get a grip on their far-left colleagues in a hurry. So, here’s what we’re going to do. Chairman Shelby has announced the Appropriations Committee will vote on a \$4.5 billion package a week from tomorrow. More than \$3 billion in humanitarian funds to do things like expand shelter facilities and increase dedicated care for unaccompanied children. And another billion dollars to prop up critical security missions.

“I’m grateful for Chairman Shelby’s interest in this, his leadership and the work of Senator Capito and Senator Blunt. I cannot urge my Democratic friends strongly enough to finally – what does it take to convince them? -- get serious and find their way to ‘yes.’ House Democrats may want to come down to the left of the *New York Times* editorial page. There’s not much space over there. The rest of the country thinks this is just crazy. Because it is.

“Partisan theater in the House doesn’t improve the conditions in border shelters. Melodramatic hearings and presidential harassment don’t secure the border. ‘The Resistance’ doesn’t pay the bills. This spectacle of opposition for opposition’s sake, even on such an obvious non-partisan priority, has been more than embarrassing. It’s completely irresponsible. It needs to end soon. In the coming days, it will. We’re going to act in the Senate. And we’re going to move forward to provide the funding necessary to try to solve this humanitarian crisis.”

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Hi everyone,

The Senate is in session and is voting on 2 resolutions of disapproval on arms sales. Please read Leader McConnell's full remarks on this topic below, and what's at stake --

"The Senate will vote on two resolutions that would undermine U.S. influence and credibility in the Middle East and ultimately make the region a more dangerous place. Some of our colleagues seek to block arms sales to two of the United States' closest partners in the region: Bahrain and Qatar. These resolutions are misguided. They would make the United States a less reliable partner, weaken the influence we have with our friends, and open the door to other, more unscrupulous powers like Russia and China." – Leader McConnell

The Senate is voting now on three roll call votes in relation to the following:

1. Motion to discharge S.J.Res.20, Arms Sale resolution of disapproval to Bahrain (Failed, 43-56).
2. Motion to discharge S.J.Res.26, Arms Sale resolution of disapproval to Qatar (Voting now).
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #217, Edward F. Crawford, of Ohio, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Ireland.

At 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #193, David Stilwell, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).
2. (If cloture is invoked) Confirmation of Executive Calendar #217, Edward F. Crawford, of Ohio, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Ireland.

Yesterday in the Senate (6/12/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #42, Pamela A. Barker, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. Confirmed (91-5)
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #43, Corey Landon Maze, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. Confirmed (62-34)
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #44, Rodney Smith, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Confirmed (78-18)
4. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #46, Thomas P. Barber, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Confirmed (77-19)
5. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #49, Jean-Paul Boulee, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Confirmed (85-11)
6. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #193, David Stilwell, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs). Invoked (93-4)

Wrap Up:

- S.Res.246 – Pulse Nightclub
- S.Res.248 – VA Beach Mass Shooting
- S.Res.249 – UMD Women's Lacrosse
- H.R.299 – Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans

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McConnell: Efforts to Block Arms Sales to Our Partners in Middle East are Misguided

'Later today, the Senate will vote on two resolutions that would undermine U.S. influence and credibility in the Middle East and ultimately make the region a more dangerous place. Some of our colleagues seek to block arms sales to two of the United States' closest partners in the region: Bahrain and Qatar. These resolutions are misguided. They would make the United States a less reliable partner, weaken the influence we have with our friends, and open the door to other, more unscrupulous powers like Russia and China.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding an effort in the Senate to block arms sales to Bahrain and Qatar:

"Later today, the Senate will vote on two resolutions that would undermine U.S. influence and credibility in the Middle East and ultimately make the region a more dangerous place. Some of our colleagues seek to block arms sales to two of the United States' closest partners in the region: Bahrain and Qatar. These resolutions are misguided. They would make the United States a less reliable partner, weaken the influence we have with our friends, and open the door to other, more unscrupulous powers like Russia and China. And there is the small matter that neither of these resolutions would even solve the problem that seems to have motivated them.

"I understand that many members of this body are genuinely concerned about some of the actions of our Saudi partners in Yemen. Fortunately, the Senate has repeatedly expressed these concerns directly through our legislative and oversight authority. And, as I've stated in the past, members should share their concerns and discuss these matters directly with members of our administration or with Saudi officials. And if Senators are upset about the State Department's recent invocation of a national emergency to advance arms sales to Saudi Arabia, they will have an opportunity to vote on that matter.

"So the Senate has ample opportunity to make our voice heard about Riyadh's behavior. But the two resolutions we'll vote on today are not that opportunity. Whatever frustrations my colleagues may feel with the course of the conflict in Yemen, taking swipes at our relationships with Bahrain

and Qatar is not the right response. Bahrain's involvement in the Yemen conflict has been limited to defensive border security operations. And for the past two years, Qatar has been completely uninvolved.

"Moreover, both Bahrain and Qatar provide absolutely essential support to our military operations in the region, without which our ability to project power and protect US interests would be severely challenged. Qatar is home to U.S. Central Command's forward headquarters in the region, with ten thousand U.S. personnel and upwards of one hundred aircraft. It's the hub for many of our ongoing efforts against ISIS and other regional threats. In Bahrain, you'll find the headquarters of the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet. That's another seven thousand U.S. personnel — plus assets responsible for command and control of over 3 million square miles of international waters.

"I would remind my colleagues of the briefing we received recently about the growing Iranian threat in the region. I would encourage them to reflect on recent attacks, probably by Iran or its proxies, against civilian vessels in UAE, against civilian airports in Saudi Arabia and UAE, and near our Embassy in Baghdad. In fact, literally just hours ago, two more commercial shipping vessels were apparently attacked off the coast of Oman.

"These attacks may appear directed at the countries that use them to export petrochemicals, or at the international owners of the vessels. But the fact is they threaten the very underpinnings of the global trading system and customary law of the sea that ensures freedom of transit on the seas. We do not know who was responsible for these latest attacks yet, but it is not unreasonable to suspect an Iranian hand in them. I hope in coming days we have clarity about who is responsible, but what is clear is the growing tension and instability in the region.

"At a time of growing threats to US personnel, interests, and partners posed by Iran, do we really want to send this kind of signal to our partners? If we turn our back on them, can we continue to count on the significant support they provide us, or the freedom of maneuver our large presence in their countries affords us? As the State Department has announced, the proposed sales that are at issue today would provide each of these host nations with important enhanced security capabilities, including anti-aircraft systems and support equipment. They will also tie these nations closer to the United States, at a time when our adversaries would happily sell comparable weapons at less cost, and with fewer restrictions.

"In recent years we have seen both Republican and Democrat administrations seek to reduce the U.S. military footprint in the region and have our partners assume more responsibility for their own security. So it is curious that Senators would want to not only sever security ties with these partners but also limit their ability to defend themselves. In each of these cases, the U.S. arms sales in question have followed normal procedures. They've been properly screened and vetted. And they've been reviewed and approved by both the chairmen and ranking members of the Foreign Relations Committee, and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Let me repeat: the Chairmen and Ranking Members of these committees reviewed and approved these arms sales. That's bipartisan, bicameral support.

"In sum, I would ask my colleagues who support these resolutions whether they have even spoken to the Bahraini or Qatari Ambassadors to discuss any concerns. I would encourage them to visit Doha and Manama to confer with the leaders of these countries and speak with the thousands of American sailors and airmen based there. I would encourage my colleagues to ask our own senior military officials whether we'll be better off if our partners purchase Russian or Chinese military systems instead of ours. And I would encourage them to ask our diplomats whether America will have more, or less, influence with our partners if we capriciously block their purchase of American weapons. I strongly urge each of my colleagues to reject these resolutions."

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Modest Reform Helping Bipartisan Nominees Get Through Senate at an Efficient Pace

'Remember, earlier this spring, we put in place a modest reform to Senate rules so we could consider these uncontroversial, lower-level nominations at a more reasonable pace. That had been the Senate's normal tradition until very recently, and we restored it.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees:

"This week, the Senate has been remarkably productive in confirming more of the president's well-qualified nominees. We've confirmed nine newly-minted judges to fill vacancies on the federal bench. Today, we'll turn to the executive branch and confirm David Stillwell to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and Edward Crawford to serve as Ambassador to Ireland.

"Remember, earlier this spring, we put in place a modest reform to Senate rules so we could consider these uncontroversial, lower-level nominations at a more reasonable pace. That had been the Senate's normal tradition until very recently, and we restored it. At the time, I recall my friends across the aisle insisting that the majority would use these more efficient procedures to push through all kinds of polarizing and controversial people.

"Well, here are a few of the roll call votes the Senate has taken on nominations this week: 91 to 5. 62 to 34. 77 to 19. 85 to 11. And yesterday afternoon, on a procedural vote for Mr. Stilwell, 93 to 4. Virtually all of us can remember a time when nominations of this sort would have passed the Senate by voice vote. These days, Democrats are making us file cloture and spend floor time on each. But at least our new Senate rules are helping us get these thoroughly bipartisan nominees through at a more efficient pace."

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Urgent Need to Address Crisis at Our Southern Border

‘Senate Republicans will not be deterred. The crisis at the border hasn’t gone anywhere and neither has our resolve to address it. Next week, the Senate will move forward. The Appropriations Committee will vote again. And I hope Democrats in the House of Representatives will finally, finally realize that “The Resistance” doesn’t pay the bills. No more political posturing. No more automatic, knee-jerk opposition to absolutely everything the administration asks for. It is way past time for action.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

“All this week, I’ve been calling attention to the fact that Democrats in the House have spent six weeks ignoring the urgent need for more funding for the crisis on our southern border. I have recited one quotation after another from the administration leaders who are responsible for securing our nation and caring for individuals while they’re detained. They’re pleading with Congress to act.

“*We are at a full-blown emergency... the system is broken.*’ That’s the acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection. *‘We are running out of money. We are functionally out of space.’* That one’s from the Secretary of Health and Human Services. I’ve also run down the underlying statistics. The flood of people attempting to cross the U.S.-Mexico border has continued at historic levels. Our border agents are overwhelmed. Our facilities are filled beyond capacity — in some cases, with more than seven times more men, women, and children than their intended capacity. Seven times more than their intended capacity.

“This is a full-fledged crisis and everybody knows it. The status quo cannot hold. Already, the Department of Homeland Security is having to move people and money away from other important efforts to triage more help toward the border. The administration has been saying this is a crisis. The officials on the ground have been saying this is a crisis. My Republican colleagues and I have been saying this is a crisis.

“And lest anyone think this is some partisan exercise, the *New York Times* editorial board has been saying it’s a crisis. Two editorials over the last several weeks: *‘Congress, Give Trump His Border Money.’* And *‘When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?’* Those are headlines in the *New York Times* – not frequently allied with this administration. Everyone seems to understand this – except Democrats over in the House.

“It’s not like our House colleagues are too busy working on pragmatic, bipartisan legislation with any shot at becoming law. No, here’s what they’re up to: One House committee spent yesterday holding a hearing on pathways to single-payer health insurance. In other words, barking up the tree of ‘Medicare for None,’ their big proposal to take away every American’s private health insurance, take away Medicare as we know it, and force everyone into a new, untested, one-size-fits-all government system. That’s what they’re up to over there. That’s the score. They have no time for the border crisis, but plenty of time for socialist daydreams.

“Even my colleague the Democratic Leader has admitted the Democrat-controlled House is the problem here. We’ve even heard it from House Democrats themselves. One told reporters that his progressive colleagues weren’t convinced the emergency funding was necessary. So it seems ‘The Resistance’ has convinced Washington D.C. Democrats that they need to come down to the left of the *New York Times* editorial page. There’s not much space to the left of the New York Times editorial page.

“But Senate Republicans will not be deterred. The crisis at the border hasn’t gone anywhere and neither has our resolve to address it. Next week, the Senate will move forward. The Appropriations Committee will vote again. And I hope Democrats in the House of Representatives will finally, finally realize that ‘The Resistance’ doesn’t pay the bills. No more political posturing. No more automatic, knee-jerk opposition to absolutely everything the administration asks for. It is way past time for action.”

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Hi everyone,

The Senate convened at 10:00 am today. Yesterday was a pro-forma/No Vote Day in the Senate.

At 12:00 pm today (vote starting now), the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #222, Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 pm – 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

At 2:15 pm, the Senate will proceed to five roll call votes on the following:

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1. (If cloture is invoked) Confirmation of the Cairncross nomination.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #22, Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #28, Allen Cothrel Winsor, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #50, James David Cain, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.
5. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #118, Greg Girard Guidry, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following items in the following order (sets up this week):

1. Executive Calendar #222, Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.
2. Executive Calendar #22, Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
3. Executive Calendar #28, Allen Cothrel Winsor, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.
4. Executive Calendar #50, James David Cain, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.
5. Executive Calendar #118, Greg Girard Guidry, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
6. Motion to proceed to Cal. #114, S.1790, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.

Looking ahead/Potential items:

Nominations (exec branch and judges), NDAA, Border Supp, Arms Sales Resolutions of Disapproval

NOTE: Please read several statements below from Leader McConnell on many topics, ranging from, 1) events unfolding in Hong Kong and Iran, 2) work on the NDAA, and 3) passage of the "Taxpayer First Act" that passed last week: ICYMI: this is the largest IRS reform package in twenty years. *Also, Leader McConnell was on Fox & Friends yesterday morning – you may be interested in his remarks from the show (end of this email).

Full remarks below: a few excerpts from this morning:

Senator McConnell: (10:03 a.m.) --

Spoke on Iran: "Tehran must not be rewarded for terror and intimidation. The U.S. and our partners need to stand firm and apply concerted, coordinated, diplomatic and economic pressure until Tehran changes its behavior. Acting Secretary Shanahan at the ask of his military commanders, has ordered additional forces to the Middle East for purposes of defense and deterrence."

Spoke on Hong Kong: "Over the past several days, millions of residents have taken to the streets to defend their autonomy and rule of law from mainland China. After days of tension, this past weekend brought some good news. In a sign that the people's demonstrations had sent a clear message, Hong Kong officials announced that the government would suspend consideration of the proposed extradition bill indefinitely."

Spoke on NDAA: "The bill is a step further towards implementing our important new national defense toward renewing the readiness and lethality of our forces, towards making sure we never ask brave men and women to step in harm's way without the tools to help them succeed. This crucial legislation has a chance to be a major bipartisan success story of this congress."

Spoke on IRS: "There will be more accountability within the I.R.S. when it comes to cybersecurity, careful management of technology, and overall efficiency. There will be a new streamlined system for addressing identity theft. There will be better procedures for advanced notification in the event of an audit or an asset and there will be new steps to make it easier to file your taxes and supporting documents online."

Last week in the Senate (ICYMI):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Motion to discharge S.J.Res.20, Arms Sale resolution of disapproval to Bahrain. Not agreed to (43-56)
2. Motion to discharge S.J.Res.26, Arms Sale resolution of disapproval to Qatar. Not agreed to (42-57)
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #217, Edward F. Crawford, of Ohio, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Ireland. Invoked (92-7)
4. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #193, David Stilwell, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs). Confirmed (94-3)
5. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #217, Edward F. Crawford, of Ohio, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Ireland. Confirmed (90-4)

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Wrap Up:

S.Res.189 – Condemning all forms of antisemitism

H.R.3151 – Taxpayer First Act

S.Res.231 – Poway Synagogue

Executive Session – cleared by consent...

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE

1. PN #97, Alexander Crenshaw, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.
2. PN #99, George M. Marcus, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.
3. PN #100, Susan M. McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years. (Reappointment).
4. PN #513, Michael O. Johanns, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years. (Reappointment).

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1. Executive Calendar #298, Irving Bailey, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2021.
2. Executive Calendar #299, Christopher P. Vincze, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of

Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2019.

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Senate Passes Most Significant IRS Reforms in Twenty Years

‘This legislation is the most thorough package of reforms to the Internal Revenue Service in twenty years. Let me say that again: The Senate just passed the most significant reforms to the IRS in two decades. It will create a new, independent process for appeals to ensure taxpayers receive fair treatment. And during dispute resolution, taxpayers will now get access to the same information the IRS has. There will be more accountability within the IRS when it comes to cybersecurity, careful management of technology, and overall efficiency.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding passage of the Taxpayer First Act:

“I want to celebrate another legislative accomplishment that the Senate notched late last week. On Thursday, the Senate passed the *Taxpayer First Act* and sent it to President Trump’s desk to become law. This legislation is the most thorough package of reforms to the Internal Revenue Service in twenty years. Let me say that again: The Senate just passed the most significant reforms to the IRS in two decades.

“It will create a new, independent process for appeals to ensure taxpayers receive fair treatment. And during dispute resolution, taxpayers will now get access to the same information the IRS has. There will be more accountability within the IRS when it comes to cybersecurity, careful management of technology, and overall efficiency.

“There will be a new, streamlined system for addressing identity theft. There will be better procedures for advance notification in the event of an audit or asset seizure. And there will be new steps to make it easier to file your taxes and supporting documents online. So this is a significant accomplishment. These reforms will make one of the least appealing annual tasks for hardworking Americans a little bit less painful.

“A year and a half ago, the Republican members of this body joined with House Republicans and President Trump to deliver historic tax cuts and tax reform to the American people. Middle-class families, parents, small business owners, farmers, and job creators across the nation are keeping more of what they earn and sending less to the IRS. And now, thanks to this latest achievement, the IRS will be just a little bit easier to deal with as well.”

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The United States Needs to Remain Engaged, Prepared, and Powerful

‘The growing global unrest should be a lesson to us as the Senate gets ready to turn to the National Defense Authorization Act later this week. I know my colleagues on both sides share my hope that this year’s NDAA can build on the successes of the past two years. Our first obligation to the American people is to ensure for their defense. It’s essential we continue rebuilding our military by authorizing sufficient support to modernize and sustain the advantages that America’s all-volunteer armed forces have over our adversaries.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the upcoming Senate debate on the National Defense Authorization Act:

“All these events I’ve discussed, from Iran’s misbehavior to China’s aggressiveness, underscore one thing very clearly: The United States needs to remain engaged, prepared, and powerful. We need to leave zero doubt among our friends and allies, our most violent foes, and everybody in between: While the United States does not seek conflict, we must be prepared to decisively defeat our adversaries if conflict is forced upon us. That’s deterrence.

“The growing global unrest should be a lesson to us as the Senate gets ready to turn to the *National Defense Authorization Act* later this week. I know my colleagues on both sides share my hope that this year’s NDAA can build on the successes of the past two years. Our first obligation to the American people is to ensure for their defense. It’s essential we continue rebuilding our military by authorizing sufficient support to modernize and sustain the advantages that America’s all-volunteer armed forces have over our adversaries.

“Working with the Trump Administration in recent years, we’ve been able to end a chapter of harmful spending cuts that had left military leaders less able to address emerging challenges. As a result, last year’s legislation -- named for our dear colleague, the late John McCain -- authorized the largest year-on-year increase in defense funding in fifteen years. The bill introduced last week

is a step further toward implementing our important new National Defense Strategy. Toward renewing the readiness and lethality of our forces. Toward making sure that we never ask brave American men and women to step into harm's way without all possible tools and training to help them succeed.

"This crucial legislation has a chance to be a major bipartisan success story of this Congress. It's already off to an encouraging start, having been voted out of the Armed Services Committee by an overwhelmingly bipartisan margin. And it's easy to see why. As great-power competitors like Russia and China continue to challenge U.S. interests, this NDAA will help maintain and expand our alliances and partnerships, along with our own ability to stand firm.

"The bill puts readiness front and center. In recent decades, our most formidable competitors have taken every opportunity to deploy new technological threats. Keeping American and allied servicemembers out of harm's way means keeping up with these developments — and outpacing them. The bill takes steps to expand oversight and increase efficiency at the Pentagon. And it honors the tremendous sacrifices made by servicemembers and their families by securing the largest pay raise in a decade, along with several other important reforms."

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A Strong But Peaceful Response from the People of Hong Kong

'Over the past several days, millions of residents have taken to the streets to defend their autonomy and the rule of law from continued encroachment by the communist government of mainland China. After days of tension, this past weekend brought some good news. In a sign that the people's demonstrations had sent a clear message, Hong Kong officials announced that the government would suspend consideration of the proposed "extradition" bill indefinitely.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding protests in Hong Kong over a proposed extradition law:

"Last week I spoke about the people's uprising in Hong Kong. Over the past several days, millions of residents have taken to the streets to defend their autonomy and the rule of law from continued encroachment by the communist government of mainland China. After days of tension, this past weekend brought some good news. In a sign that the people's demonstrations had sent a clear

message, Hong Kong officials announced that the government would suspend consideration of the proposed 'extradition' bill indefinitely.

"The fate of Hong Kong and its special status is a subject I have watched carefully for decades. Early on in my Senate tenure, I introduced the legislation that still governs our relationship with Hong Kong — the U.S.-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, which President Bush 41 signed into law. On the day I introduced that legislation, I said it was heartening to see that '*democracy is finally gaining a tenuous foothold in Hong Kong.*'"

"Well, the nearly 30 years since then have shown us all just what the people of Hong Kong can do when the terms of their independence and freedom are respected. We've seen Hong Kong thrive — in large measure due to the political and economic freedoms and stable rule of law that Hong Kong's special status has enabled. But we've also seen — clearly, in recent days — that freedom's foothold in the shadow of mainland China is not a given. It remains '*tenuous*' even now.

"So I wanted to again express my admiration for the people of Hong Kong and their strong but peaceful response to this proposed encroachment. I'm glad to see their leaders respect their willingness to stand their ground. And I hope the city's authorities will continue to respect the clear will of the people on these issues moving forward."

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Senate to Consider Measures That Will Impact Our Presence and Influence in Iran

'I support these prudent efforts to respond to Iranian intimidation. Defensive military deployments will help us protect American interests in the region and deter Iranian aggression. I encourage the administration to continue working closely with our partners across the globe to encourage Iran's leaders to cease their aggression. And I hope Iran's leaders will listen to the demands of their people, who continue to protest against the stifling authoritarianism of the Islamic Republic, for a better, more prosperous, more peaceful life.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the growing threat of Iranian aggression:

"For years, American administrations of both parties have properly labeled Iran as the world's most active state sponsor of terrorism. This assessment is based on the cold, hard facts of Tehran's behavior. Iran's support for terrorism knows few bounds, sectarian or geographic. Iran has provided support to Sunni, Shi'a, and secular terrorists. It has conducted or sponsored attacks around the world, including a plot in Washington D.C. during the Obama Administration to blow up

a local restaurant and kill the Saudi Ambassador to the United States.

“And we know Tehran is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of American servicemembers in Iraq and Afghanistan – Americans murdered by Iran’s proxies. So while it should be shocking that Iran is now conducting more attacks against civilian shipping vessels in international waters, unfortunately, it really isn’t all that shocking. This is the kind of behavior we’ve witnessed over the years. Until recently, the United States spent years failing to hold Iran sufficiently accountable for its terrorism, proxies, and ‘grey zone’ tactics. Tehran was emboldened to tread all over international law.

“Now, things are different, and Iran’s corrupt, moribund economy is feeling the pressure of U.S. sanctions. So it is not surprising that the Mullahs now resort to their favorite tool — violence. The president has said he does not seek conflict with Iran. Neither does the Senate. Nevertheless, the risks of a conflict are real. But make no mistake: they are being driven by Tehran’s decisions to resort to violence. And that includes what the Secretary of State has described as a ‘*blatant assault*’ on international shipping, threatening the freedom of navigation in international waters.

“Tehran must not be rewarded for terror and intimidation. The United States and our partners need to stand firm and apply concerted, coordinated diplomatic and economic pressure until Tehran changes its behavior. Acting Secretary Shanahan, at the request of his military commanders, has ordered additional forces to the Middle East for purposes of defense and deterrence. As he made clear when announcing this deployment, the United States does not seek conflict with Iran.

“I support these prudent efforts to respond to Iranian intimidation. Defensive military deployments will help us protect American interests in the region and deter Iranian aggression. I encourage the administration to continue working closely with our partners across the globe to encourage Iran’s leaders to cease their aggression. And I hope Iran’s leaders will listen to the demands of their people, who continue to protest against the stifling authoritarianism of the Islamic Republic, for a better, more prosperous, more peaceful life.

“I also appreciate the administration’s effort to keep Congress apprised of the latest intelligence, deployments, and diplomatic efforts. I understand committee staff received a classified briefing yesterday, and I look forward to hearing from the State Department’s top career diplomat at the Republican lunch today. I hope my colleagues across the aisle rethink their decision to turn down his offer to brief them.

“And I understand the administration will be sending up interagency teams this week to brief the oversight committees in a classified setting as well. For our part, the Senate will consider several measures in the coming days that will directly impact our presence and influence in this troubled region, including arms sales to key regional partners and the NDAA. I urge every one of my colleagues to keep these deadly serious developments at the top of our minds as we attend to our business in the days ahead.”

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McConnell on Fox & Friends

'What we're seeing now on the Democratic side is a debate about whether socialism would be a good thing for America. I never thought in my lifetime we would be debating the free enterprise system in this country.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) joined Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends" this morning to discuss the crisis at the border, stopping socialism, and Iran. See below for highlights or [click here](#) to watch to the full interview.

On addressing the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

"It's a real problem. We [recently] passed a supplemental for the floods, storm, damages we had in Puerto Rico, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Nebraska. In the Senate, we wanted to add to it roughly \$5 billion that the president requested to deal, not with the wall, but just the humanitarian part of the crisis at the border. The Democrats insisted on stripping it out. So I'm going to bring it up freestanding next week and see if they really are interested in dealing with this massive humanity that we have to take care of at the border. What is the objection?"

"This is not about the wall, but about the humanitarian crisis. I think it is safe to say the president is getting more cooperation out of Mexico than he is out of Congressional Democrats."

On stopping socialism:

"Holding the Senate is really important. What we're seeing now on the Democratic side is a debate about whether socialism would be a good thing for America. I never thought in my lifetime we would be debating the free enterprise system in this country. That is what we're debating. If we hold the Senate, I've said—with a smile on my face—I'm the 'Grim Reaper.' What I meant was, none of these socialist schemes, the 'Green New Deal,' 'Medicare for All,' are going to pass the Senate. Of course, when the president is reelected that would be the backstop as well to veto that kind of stuff that would fundamentally change America into something it has never ever been."

On Iran:

"We're squeezing them very hard with sanctions that the Treasury Department has done an excellent job of pursuing. That is why you see them striking out with these attacks on vessels in the Persian Gulf. The sanctions are really hurting. The president made the right decision backing out of the nuclear deal because it wasn't much of a deal."

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Hi everyone,

The Senate is in Executive Session and on Executive Calendar #22, [Matthew J. Kacsmark](#), of Texas, to be [United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas](#), post-cloture.

At 3:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to five roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of the Kacsmark nomination (vote starting now).
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #28, Allen Cothrel Winsor, of Florida, to be [United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida](#).
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #50, James David Cain, Jr., of Louisiana, to be [United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana](#).
4. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #118, Greg Girard Guidry, of Louisiana, to be [United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana](#).
5. Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Cal. #114, [S.1790, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020](#).

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following items last week in the following order – sets up this week, then NDAA:

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1. Executive Calendar #222, Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.
2. Executive Calendar #22, Matthew J. Kacsmark, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
3. Executive Calendar #28, Allen Cothrel Winsor, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.
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Other votes are possible this week and next, like privileged resolutions of disapproval of Arms Sales – timing TBD.

Looking ahead/Potential items:

Nominations (exec branch and judges), NDAA, Border Supp, privileged Arms Sales Resolutions of Disapproval.

Yesterday in the Senate (6/18/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #222, Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation. Invoked (59-37)
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #222, Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation. Confirmed (59-37)
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #22, Matthew J. Kacsmark, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Invoked (52-44)
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #28, Allen Cothrel Winsor, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. Invoked (54-42)

5. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #50, James David Cain, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Invoked (76-20)
6. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #118, Greg Girard Guidry, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Invoked (53-43)

Wrap Up:

H.J.Res.60 – Smithsonian

S.Res.235 – Women Veterans Appreciation Day with Booker Amendment

Please read several statements below from Leader McConnell.

As you know, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is next up in the Senate.

Please read Leader McConnell's remarks on it below, a notice from RPC, and an executive summary and one-pager (attached) from the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC). If you are tracking amendments to the NDAA please contact the sponsoring office of the amendment for a copy.

Thanks,
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National Defense Authorization Act Up Next In Senate

'The legislation authorizes tens of billions of dollars for new battle-force ships and an expansion of the Joint Strike Fighter program. It lays groundwork for expanding missile defense batteries. And it delivers a \$1.4 billion increase in funding for cutting-edge research and development. And from bases across America to posts overseas, the NDAA accounts for the needs of servicemembers and their families. It prioritizes military construction and addressing problems with military family housing. It streamlines the delivery of benefits through the defense health program. And it locks in a 3.1% pay raise for uniformed personnel.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm a new Secretary of Defense and the upcoming Senate debate on the National Defense Authorization Act:

"First, I want to express my gratitude for Acting Secretary Pat Shanahan, whom we learned yesterday will soon be leaving the Department of Defense. The Acting Secretary has served in a crucial post during challenging times and difficult circumstances. His deliberate leadership and steady focus on implementing the National Defense Strategy served the nation, the Pentagon, and the men and women of the armed forces well.

"I respect his decision to withdraw his candidacy, and I hope it will bring an end to the media's scrutiny of his family. It is unfortunate that this news means we are no closer to having a Senate-confirmed Secretary of Defense in place. As the Senate considers the NDAA this week, the many challenges facing our nation are top of mind.

"We need to modernize our military to meet the challenges posed by Russia and China. We need to stay assertive against global terrorist organizations like ISIS and al Qaeda until they are decisively defeated. We need to continue to reform and enhance critical partnerships from NATO to the Middle East to the Indo-Pacific. And of course, we face an urgent need to deter and defend against Iranian aggression. These challenges and opportunities demand strong leadership.

"So while the Senate still looks forward to considering a nominee to formally serve as the Secretary of Defense, we should take heart in President Trump's choice for the next Acting Secretary: Mark Esper, our current Secretary of the Army. Mr. Esper is no stranger to the Senate. Among the many impressive stops on his resume, he served with the Foreign Relations Committee and later as national security advisor to then-Majority Leader Frist. Many of us will remember his calming demeanor and professionalism.

"He's served in several capacities at the Pentagon as well, including as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. And immediately prior to becoming Secretary of the Army, he'd also built a successful career in the private sector. And all of this came after Mr. Esper's own decorated military service. His graduation from West Point was followed by Army Ranger training, which then led to serving in the Gulf War with the storied 101st Airborne.

"Given the precarious international situation and challenges facing our nation, I'm encouraged that an experienced, tested, and capable leader such as Secretary Esper will be at the helm in the Pentagon. I look forward to working closely with him to defend America and advance our interests.

"Now, on a related matter, later today, the Senate will officially turn to this year's *National Defense Authorization Act*. Every year, this legislation focuses this chamber on one of our most fundamental constitutional duties: providing for the common defense. Every year, the Senate approves authorizing legislation to address the needs of America's men and women in uniform.

"Over the past two years, working closely with the Trump Administration on the NDAA has yielded big results. We've authorized major investments in everything from new cutting-edge systems, to improved services for military families, to massive strides toward restoring the readiness of our all-volunteer force. But as the headlines are reminding us every day, this is no time to let up. Just the opposite.

"Russia's designs on eastern Europe and the Middle East have certainly not abated. Nor has Putin's investment in long-range strike capabilities, from advanced hypersonic weapons to new missiles or stealthy submarines. Nor has China's increasingly aggressive Pacific strategy. Nor has Iran's hell-bent commitment to underwriting terrorism and proxy conflicts throughout the Middle East. So this year's NDAA is built with a heavy emphasis on strengthening our partnerships in the most troubled regions of the world. Of course, it also ensures the United States military will sustain its place as the most prepared, best-equipped, and most lethal fighting force in the world.

"The legislation authorizes tens of billions of dollars for new battle-force ships and an expansion of the Joint Strike Fighter program. It lays groundwork for expanding missile defense batteries. And it delivers a \$1.4 billion increase in funding for cutting-edge research and development. And from bases across America to posts overseas, the NDAA accounts for the needs of servicemembers and their families. It prioritizes military construction and addressing problems with military family housing. It streamlines the delivery of benefits through the defense health program. And it locks in a 3.1% pay raise for uniformed personnel.

"Of course, our work on the floor in the coming days is just the last chapter. Our colleagues on the Armed Services Committee and their staffs have been working overtime on this impressive legislation for many weeks. So as we take the next step today, we should thank Chairman Inhofe and our colleagues for their leadership thus far."

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McConnell Supports Rollback of Obama-Era Anti-Coal Regulation

‘I look forward to the administration rolling out a new policy that upholds the rule of law, keeps the EPA within its statutory role, and encourages American energy reliability and affordability. Just one more win for all the Americans who live and work in communities where affordable, homegrown American energy sources like coal still matter a lot. Another win for states like Kentucky. It’s nice to have an administration that isn’t narrowly focused on just the big, blue urban areas, but looks out for all of our country.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the end of a harmful Obama anti-coal regulation that will be finalized later today.

“The previous administration left a sprawling mess of regulation tangled throughout the federal government and the U.S. economy. Sweeping left-wing visions were dreamt up here in Washington and forced on farm families, domestic manufacturers, and small businesses throughout the country with little regard for the consequences. The reach of regulators grew longer and longer. And the burden on American prosperity became heavier and heavier.

“So, naturally, rolling back much of this mess and putting Washington D.C. back in its place has been a major priority for Republicans in Congress and the Trump Administration. But some actions were so egregious and so likely illegal, that the courts put a halt to them before we could even reform or repeal them. As my colleagues recall, implementation of the so-called ‘Clean Power Plan’ was frozen by a Supreme Court stay more than three years ago in 2016.

“The Obama Administration’s War on Coal had already done plenty of damage in places like my home state of Kentucky. But at least this additional hammer blow on so many Americans’ livelihoods was held off. It would have weaponized a federal agency to bury energy producers and all those who depend on them under one-size-fits-all regulations with duplicative mandates and unrealistic timelines. And as production of the most affordable and reliable energy available to American families dried up, it would have left higher electricity costs in its wake.

“Higher domestic power prices would mean fewer American jobs here at home, with no meaningful effect on global emissions. Any rational observer would have concluded that this regulation was all pain for no gain -- just good American jobs being shipped overseas. This was a bad idea that many of us here in the Senate fought tooth and nail. Back in 2013 and 2014, after President Obama’s EPA Administrator refused my request to come meet with Kentuckians, I held hearings in Kentucky about the negative impacts the plan would have. I worked with governors to hold off on implementation. I helped spearhead an amicus brief in the legal proceedings, and led on legislation to overturn the rule.

“So unwinding this proposed economic self-sabotage and sticking up for working families has been a top priority of mine and many of my colleagues for years. And fortunately it has also been a major priority for the Trump Administration. Last year, they announced a proposed rule to do away with it. And later today, the EPA will be finalizing it and making it official.

"I look forward to the administration rolling out a new policy that upholds the rule of law, keeps the EPA within its statutory role, and encourages American energy reliability and affordability. Just one more win for all the Americans who live and work in communities where affordable, homegrown American energy sources like coal still matter a lot. Another win for states like Kentucky. It's nice to have an administration that isn't narrowly focused on just the big, blue urban areas, but looks out for all of our country."

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McConnell on Border Crisis: Let's Put Partisanship Aside and Advance This Targeted, Bipartisan Solution

'As I've noted before, today my colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee will begin marking up a standalone funding measure to address the humanitarian crisis on our southern border. By now, it could hardly be more obvious that the border crisis is unacceptable and unsustainable. I think all of us know perfectly well that immigration is a politically charged subject. But surely, at a minimum, Congress ought to at least be able to provide these emergency funds.'

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"As I've noted before, today my colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee will begin marking up a standalone funding measure to address the humanitarian crisis on our southern border. By now, it could hardly be more obvious that the border crisis is unacceptable and unsustainable. I think all of us know perfectly well that immigration is a politically charged subject. But surely, at a minimum, Congress ought to at least be able to provide these emergency funds. This is what my Republican colleagues and I have been saying over and over again for weeks now.

"Remember, we are talking about money for non-controversial purposes, mostly humanitarian efforts. These are resources so that authorities can better accommodate the men, women, and children who have been turning up in record numbers on our southern border. Resources to alleviate the overcrowding in facilities; to lighten the untenable burden that our overstretched agencies are having to bear.

"Whatever the Senate's other disagreements—and there are plenty—this funding, for these purposes, in the midst of this crisis, should be a slam-dunk. I won't repeat here all the facts and statistics that show why the status quo is so unsustainable. By now we all know that the agencies on our border are running on fumes.

"The acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection has said, quote, *'We are at a full-blown emergency... the system is broken.'* The acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement has put it this way: *'We are begging. We are asking Congress to please help us.'* And as I've noted several times, even the *New York Times* Editorial Board has seen fit to side the Trump administration on this issue. One of their two editorials on this subject was headlined: *'Congress, give Trump his border money.'*

"It has now been 50 days since President Trump submitted a request for emergency aid for badly overstretched agencies. In that time, partisan resistance has blocked progress. At least one House Democrat from a border state has publicly admitted that his left flank inside his own caucus has been the obstacle here.

"But here in the Senate, I think many of us, Republicans and Democrats alike, hope and expect that we can do better. This body can take the lead, set a better standard, and deliver a clear message. If the Appropriations Committee can approve this legislation today, across party lines, it will be a big sign of progress. A big, bipartisan vote will be a big step toward the Senate forging a real consensus where House Democrats have failed and finally getting this urgently-needed funding moving.

"I am grateful to Chairman Shelby and Ranking Member Leahy for finding common ground and generating this progress. I urge my fellow committee members on the Democratic side — let's finally put partisanship aside and vote to advance the kind of targeted, bipartisan solution that this crisis has needed for weeks."

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McConnell Introduces U.N. Ambassador Nominee Kelly Knight Craft at Senate Hearing

'Thank you for the opportunity to introduce this nominee — a distinguished stateswoman and leader, and of course a proud Kentuckian. The Bluegrass is proud of this daughter of our Commonwealth. I'm confident our entire nation will be proud of the fine service she will render as our Ambassador to the United Nations.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks today before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of Kelly Knight Craft of Kentucky, President Trump's nominee to be the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations:

"Thank you for the opportunity to introduce this nominee — a distinguished stateswoman and leader, and of course a proud Kentuckian. The Bluegrass is proud of this daughter of our Commonwealth. I'm confident our entire nation will be proud of the fine service she will render as our Ambassador to the United Nations.

"Of course, most of you are already familiar with Kelly Knight Craft. Almost exactly two years ago, I came here to introduce her nomination to be our Ambassador to Canada. I noted her impressive record of public service. I talked about her unanimous Senate confirmation back in 2007, to serve as an alternate representative for our delegation to the UN General Assembly.

"I described how her performance in that role, including her work on the New Partnership for Africa's Development, showed that Ms. Craft is a talented consensus-builder. And I predicted that, if confirmed, she would skillfully manage America's relationship with our neighbor to the north. A week later, her nomination was reported favorably out of this committee on a voice vote. And one week after that, she was confirmed by the full Senate. Again, by voice vote.

"So let's talk about the past two years — and the impressive record of the first-ever woman to serve as our Ambassador to Canada. Historically, that post is not one that is typically viewed as one of the tougher assignments in the diplomatic corps. But as it would turn out, Ambassador Craft's tenure brought a host of tough issues and thorny questions to the fore.

"Everything from rethinking NAFTA to navigating real differences between Canada's leadership and our administration. The relationship was tested. And by all accounts, our Ambassador rose to the occasion and did an outstanding job. On economics, she helped achieve the successful trade negotiations that culminated in the USMCA; helped secure a new chapter for the Regulatory Cooperation Council between the two countries; and defended access for U.S. businesses.

"On the diplomatic front, her time as Ambassador has seen greater cooperation and coordination on numerous critical fronts. Canada joined the front lines of the new U.S.-led international sanctions on Russia over its actions against Ukraine. Canada's played an important role with the Lima Group, the international coalition committed to a peaceful and democratic transition for Venezuela. And just recently, Ambassador Craft spoke out forcefully when China unlawfully detained Canadian citizens. This is a record of significant achievement. It reflects hard work, careful study, and great skill. And she has won respect both at home and abroad.

"The current premier of Ontario has reflected, quote, *'Every premier I know thinks the world of her... She really proved herself over some tough times.'* And watching Ambassador Craft's tenure, a former Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. has concluded, quote, *'she's done the job very well.'* As it happens, I am actually meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau tomorrow to discuss the USMCA. I know that our conversations will only be building on a huge amount of successful work by Ambassador Craft to forge the path.

"So Mr. Chairman, following a successful tenure from Ambassador Haley, it is vital that our next UN Ambassador possess the knowledge, talent, and experience to continue skillfully advancing our nation's interests and values. That's why I am proud to say Ambassador Craft is a phenomenal selection by the president. I am proud to support her nomination. And I am proud to introduce her this morning."

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**S. 1790 – NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY2020**

NOTEWORTHY

Background The Senate Armed Services Committee has filed S. 1790, the fiscal year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. The committee voted on May 23 to advance this bill to the Senate floor by a vote of [25-2](#).

Floor Situation: The Senate is expected to begin debate on the NDAA during the week of June 17.

Executive Summary: The fiscal year 2020 NDAA authorizes \$741.6 billion for defense spending within the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee: \$674 billion for the base budget and \$76 billion for the overseas contingency operations budget. The bill provides for a 3.1 percent pay raise for members of the armed forces, creates a new Space Force, invests the necessary resources to achieve the goals in the most recent National Defense Strategy, and prioritizes research and development into key technologies.

OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUE

The [National Defense Authorization Act authorizes](#) funding for defense, military construction, and energy-related national security programs. The total funding authorized for national defense will equal the president's request of \$750 billion. The Senate Armed Services Committee-reported bill authorizes \$674 billion for the base defense budget and \$76 billion for overseas contingency operations for a total of \$741.6 billion. An additional \$8.4 billion in defense-related activities count against the defense budget cap for 2020 but are authorized by other committees.

The Department of Defense's fiscal year 2020 budget [request](#) totaled \$750 billion for national defense activities. Of that amount, \$577 billion was for the base defense and energy-related national security budget and \$164 billion for "overseas contingency operations." An additional \$9 billion was requested as emergency spending.

CONSIDERATIONS ON THE BILL

The fiscal year 2020 NDAA being considered by the Senate makes significant reforms to DOD through the creation of the U.S. Space Force as a sixth military service. The last time a new military service was created was 1947.

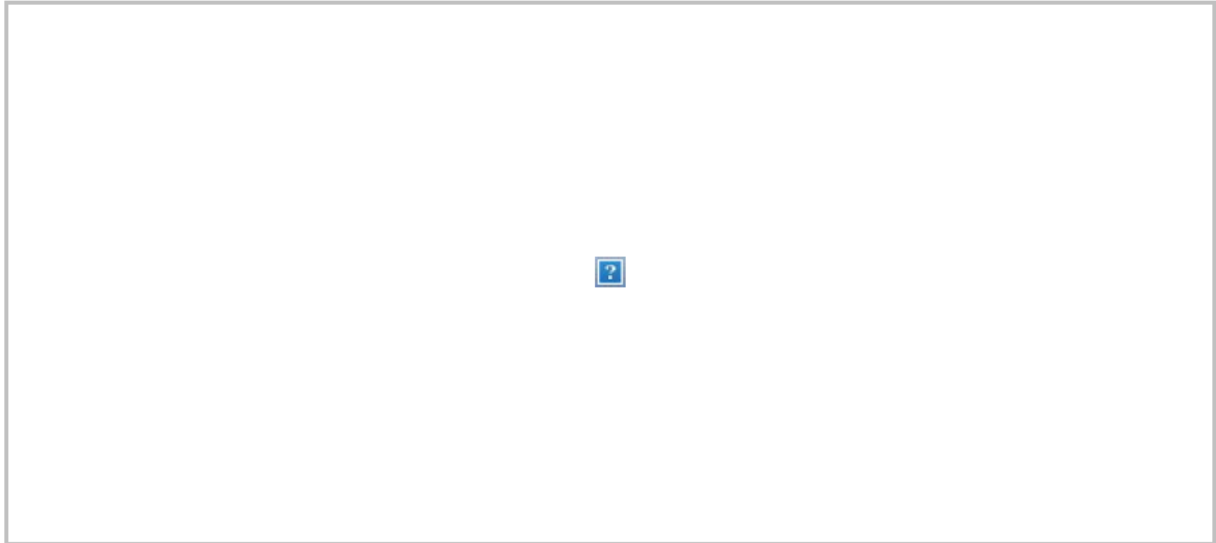
The SASC-passed NDAA also makes significant decisions regarding the future of our nuclear weapons deterrent. Continued investment and commitment to the nuclear triad is necessary today if DOD is going to field a new intercontinental ballistic missile, a new bomber, and a new strategic ballistic-missile submarine in the next 15 years.

President Trump has taken several actions as commander-in-chief to secure our southern border and address the crisis of illegal immigration. In February, he declared a national emergency and ordered the transfer of \$3.6 billion in military construction funding to be redirected toward wall construction at the southern border. Additionally, the Pentagon has used its non-emergency transfer authority to move \$2.5 billion in military funding for counterdrug programs to be used to construct fencing on the southern border.

NOTABLE BILL PROVISIONS

Pay Raise and End Strength

Increases the pay of all members of the armed forces by 3.1 percent, the largest pay raise in nearly a decade, and authorizes the active-duty end strength of the military at the following levels:



U.S. Space Force

Establishes the U.S. Space Force as a sixth military service within the Air Force.

Redesignates the current commander of Air Force Space Command as the commander of U.S. Space Force. One year after enactment, the commander of U.S. Space Force will be added as a permanent member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Reforms space acquisition by changing the current principal assistant to the secretary of the Air Force for space to the principal assistant to the secretary of the Air Force for space acquisition and integration. This person will oversee all space acquisition activities.

For one year after enactment, the commander of the U.S. Space Force will serve as the commander of U.S. Space Command. After one year, there will be two separate four-star positions for the head of U.S. Space Force and the commander of United States Space Command.

Requires U.S. Space Force to utilize Air Force military and civilian personnel and prohibits adding additional bureaucracy without reductions elsewhere.

Establishes an assistant secretary of defense for space policy within the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Nuclear Weapons Modernization

Fully funds the president's request for nuclear modernization and ensures that DOD maintains the replacement modernization plans for all three legs of the nuclear triad.

Also authorizes funding for the Department of Energy's warhead-life extension programs and modernizes and replaces its aging infrastructure.

Return of Great Power Competition: China and Russia

Increases funding for DOD to develop the capability to acquire rare earth minerals instead of relying on China.

Requires the Pentagon to analyze and provide a list of academic institutions in China and Russia with significant military research as part of their overall research and development.

Increases research and development for rapid testing of new transformational weapons systems such as hypersonic weapons and directed energy.

Authorizes support for an Army Multi-Domain Task Force for the Indo-Pacific region and increases funding to forward-base military capabilities in the Pacific.

Limits military cooperation with Russia and prohibits any recognition of Russian sovereignty over Crimea.

Advances missile defense capabilities and technology to counter ballistic, cruise, and hypersonic missiles being contemplated by Russia and China.

Prioritizes America's cybersecurity strategy in response to the 2018 DOD Cyber Strategy and Cyber Posture Review.

Expands the capacity, innovation, and integrity of the defense industrial base, including setting up processes to gain insight into foreign ownership and control and influence over defense contractors.

Expands provisions in the Never Contract with the Enemy Act.

Military Construction, Family Housing, and Family Support

Authorizes \$18 billion for military construction, including family housing.

Authorizes \$3.6 billion to replenish funding for any projects that may be repurposed by the president for border wall construction.

Funds \$2.6 billion to repair military installations in Florida and North Carolina as part of disaster recovery.

In order to address the flaws and shortcomings in the military's efforts to outsource its housing to contractors, the NDAA takes the following actions:

- Directs DOD to create a Military Tenant Bill of Rights;
- Authorizes a clear and fair dispute resolution process for military tenants;
- Increases DOD oversight of military contractors;
- Enhances quality assurance and quality control measures;
- Authorizes more than \$300 million for additional government personnel to oversee contractors on military installations while providing direct hiring authority for these positions;

Authorizes DOD to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Council of State Governments to assist with funding and development of interstate compacts on licenses for military spouses. Extends the ability of DOD to reimburse spouses for licensure and certification costs by two years.

Modernization and Procurement

Authorizes \$10 billion for 94 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft:

- \$5.4 billion for 60 F-35A fighters for the Air Force
- \$1.3 billion for 12 F-35B fighters for the Marine Corps
- \$2.5 billion for 22 F-35C fighters for the Navy

Provides authority to the secretary of defense to award multiyear contracts for F-35s bought in fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Authorizes the following aircraft purchases in addition to the F-35 program:

- \$948 million for eight F-15X aircraft for the Air Force
- \$2.8 billion for 15 KC-46A refueling tankers for the Air Force
- \$871 million for eight MC-130J cargo planes for the Air Force

- \$807 million for 48 AH-64E Apache helicopters for the Army
- \$1.3 billion for 66 UH-60M Blackhawk helicopters for the Army

Authorizes \$24.1 billion to fund 12 new battleships and accelerate funding for additional ships:

- \$5.6 billion for Arleigh Burke class destroyers
- \$9.0 billion for Virginia class submarines
- \$1.8 billion for Columbia class submarines

Fully funds development of the new B-21 bomber.

Allies and Partners

Authorizes \$4.8 billion for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund.

Authorizes \$500 million for cooperative missile programs between the United States and Israel – Iron Dome, Arrow 3, and David's Sling – in accordance with the U.S.-Israel memorandum of understanding.

Authorizes \$300 million for security assistance to Ukraine, of which \$100 million is only available for lethal assistance, and specifies that coastal defense and anti-ship missiles are eligible categories of security assistance.

Research and Development

Authorizes \$104 billion in research and development funding for fiscal year 2020, which is \$1.5 billion above the president's request.

Requires DOD to work with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission to establish two test beds to test and integrate DOD systems with non-military systems – both government and private sector – using the same electromagnetic spectrum.

Authorizes \$25 million for DOD to advance spectrum sharing programs so that 5G wireless networks can be used most efficiently.

Requires the secretary of defense to establish supply chain and operational security standards for its purchases of microelectronics in order to mitigate the threats to the supply chain while ensuring a competitive and secure industrial base.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION

The president has not released a Statement of Administration Policy.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is not yet available.



From: [Suares, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
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Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019 12:11:18 PM
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Hi everyone,

The Senate convened at 9:30 am today and resumed consideration of the pending arms sales Joint Resolutions.

Please note, all time since cloture was invoked on the motion to proceed (yesterday, 88-11) to S.1790, NDAA, will count post-cloture on the motion to proceed.

At 11:30 am (voting now), the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on passage of the following arms sales resolutions:

1. Menendez [S.J.Res.36](#) (passed, 53-45)
2. Menendez [S.J.Res.38](#) (voting now)
3. Menendez En Bloc [S.J.Res.27](#), [S.J.Res.28](#), [S.J.Res.29](#), [S.J.Res.30](#), [S.J.Res.31](#), [S.J.Res.32](#), [S.J.Res.33](#), [S.J.Res.34](#), [S.J.Res.35](#), [S.J.Res.37](#), [S.J.Res.39](#), [S.J.Res.40](#), [S.J.Res.41](#), [S.J.Res.42](#), [S.J.Res.43](#), [S.J.Res.44](#), [S.J.Res.45](#), [S.J.Res.46](#), [S.J.Res.47](#), [S.J.Res.48](#)

(Note: all arms sales resolutions will be voted on today)

At 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #122, Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

Yesterday in the Senate (6/19/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #22, Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Confirmed (52-46)
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #28, Allen Cothrel Winsor, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. Confirmed (54-44)
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #50, James David Cain, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Confirmed (77-21)
4. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #118, Greg Gerard Guidry, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Confirmed (53-46)
5. Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Cal. #114, S.1790, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020. Invoked (88-11)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.253 – Juneteenth Independence Day

Looking ahead/Potential items:

Nominations (exec branch and judges), NDAA, Border Supp, privileged Arms Sales Resolutions of Disapproval.

Please read Leader McConnell's floor remarks below on NDAA and the crisis at the southern border.

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The National Defense Authorization Act Deserves Overwhelmingly Bipartisan Vote

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the National Defense Authorization Act:

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“We’ve all seen the recent headlines: ‘*Russia successfully tests hypersonic intercept missile that can shoot down Western weapons*’. ‘*Chinese military technology now close to parity with U.S.*’ And in just the last few hours, Iran shot down an American surveillance aircraft in international airspace over the Strait of Hormuz. Fortunately the aircraft was unmanned. Let me say that again: Last night the Iranians shot down a United States aircraft in international airspace. So, it could certainly not be clearer that we need to keep modernizing our national defense, continue rebuilding our readiness, and persist with our new National Defense Strategy.

“Fortunately, this legislation includes billions of dollars for modernizing our capabilities, restoring the Navy’s fleet strength, and investing in the latest generation of combat aircraft. Billions more for critical research efforts aimed at keeping U.S. weapons systems on the cutting edge and ensuring American servicemembers never enter a fair fight. And it prioritizes greater efficiency and transparency at the Pentagon, so we can better support military families through the sacrifices of service.

“So again I’d like to thank Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Reed for guiding the committee process. I hope the Senate can work through this legislation swiftly and give it the overwhelming bipartisan vote it deserves.”

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Senate Moving Forward with Legislation to Address Crisis at Our Southern Border

‘The House Democrats have failed to get their act together. So now the Senate is moving forward. Yesterday, thanks to the leadership of Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy, the Appropriations Committee approved a significant funding measure by an overwhelming vote of 30 to 1. Thirty to one. Just the kind of big, bipartisan vote that we ought to see in this situation. Non-controversial funding for necessary programs to mitigate a national crisis. Republicans have been urging this kind of consensus for weeks. And now the Senate is rising to the occasion.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

“For nearly two months, my Republican colleagues and I have come to the floor constantly to raise the alarm on the humanitarian crisis on our border. Record numbers of migrants have pressed upon the U.S.-Mexico border, including never-before-seen numbers of families and unaccompanied children. The agencies that care for these individuals and the facilities that house them have been stretched dangerously thin.

“We all know this. It’s why the administration requested supplemental funds seven weeks ago. It’s why agency heads and law enforcement officials have literally begged Congress to act. But until yesterday, we had not seen progress. Why? Because — stop me if this sounds familiar — the Democratic House of Representatives has been more interested in denying this White House whatever it asked for, however necessary it might be, simply because it was this White House that was asking for it.

“My friend the Democratic Leader has acknowledged publicly it was the Democrat-controlled House that has been the hurdle. One House Democrat from a border state has likewise admitted it’s the left flank of his own conference that’s been the stumbling block. As the press has noted, some leading Democrats let partisanship so cloud their judgment that they actually called the humanitarian problems a ‘*manufactured*’ crisis, or an ‘*artificial*’ crisis. Well, these seven weeks of wasted time have made two things abundantly clear: Partisanship doesn’t change the facts. And ‘the Resistance’ doesn’t pay the bills.

“The House Democrats have failed to get their act together. So now the Senate is moving forward. Yesterday, thanks to the leadership of Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy, the Appropriations Committee approved a significant funding measure by an overwhelming vote of 30 to 1. Thirty to one. Just the kind of big, bipartisan vote that we ought to see in this situation. Non-controversial funding for necessary programs to mitigate a national crisis. Republicans have been urging this kind of consensus for weeks. And now the Senate is rising to the occasion. We need to vote on this legislation before we recess at the end of the month. The Senate should not let even more time slip by without addressing this crisis head-on. And if we receive the same kind of bipartisan cooperation that was signaled in the committee vote yesterday, we won't have to.”

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Hi everyone,

The Senate was in session today and resumed consideration of [S.1790, the NDAA](#). Today was the intervening day on the NDAA (ICYMI: cloture on the NDAA was filed last night).

Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 26th, the Senate will convene at 10:00 am and resume consideration of the NDAA.

At 12:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on substitute amendment #764, as modified, to S.1790, NDAA.

Note: under regular order, at 11:00 am there will be a filing deadline for all second degree amendments in relation to the following:

- Substitute amendment #764, as modified.
- S.1790 (the underlying NDAA).

Today in the Senate (6/25/19):

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes during today's session of the Senate.

*Note: on Monday night the Motion to Proceed to S.1790, NDAA was agreed to (86-6).

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items during today's session of the Senate.

Reminder: Leader McConnell filed cloture on the following items in the following order last night:

1. Substitute amendment #764, as modified.
2. S.1790, NDAA.

A somewhat long update ahead.....! Please read if you have a moment! *(especially Leader McConnell's floor remarks on the situation in the Middle East).



Floor excerpts – full remarks below:

- Spoke on the Udall Amendment (AUMF):
 - "Therefore, I will strongly oppose the Udall Amendment which would gratuitously take

crucial options off the table. It would hamstring both our commanders and our diplomats all of whose leverage depends on the knowledge the United States reserves the right to act forcefully if and when necessary."

- Spoke on NDAA:
 - "The current situation with Iran is a stark reminder of our urgent responsibility to ensure our military remains equipped and ready to deter threats and defeat potential challenges to our security. When we pass the NDAA this week, the senate will extend a 58-year tradition of authorizing the resources that U.S. forces need to stay on the cutting edge, and I hope we'll do so with wide bipartisan support."
- Spoke on the border crisis:
 - "For months, record numbers of people have arrived at the border overwhelming, completely overwhelming agencies and facilities. The Department of Homeland Security has had to redirect resources and personnel from other critical missions to assist the Border Patrol. Secretary of HHS. has said we're running out of money. This is the Secretary of Health and Human Services."

Looking ahead/Potential items:

NDAA, Border Supp, Nominations (exec branch and judges)

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Other items:

TOPIC: this week's priorities: NDAA and Border Supplemental:

ICYMI please read Leader McConnell's remarks at the stakeout today:

Excerpts:

MCCONNELL:

Well, good afternoon, everyone. We have two priorities this week. We need to pass the NDAA and the border supplemental. I am rather surprised that the democratic leader seems to be willing to do that, but not until Friday. And I--that's obvious that he feels the need to shut the Senate down in effect for a couple of days in order to accommodate all the members of his conference who are running for president. I'm encouraged that he wants to pass both of these bills. I do, too. But, a little perplexed about the time out in the middle of the week related to an activity that has nothing to do with being a United States senator.

QUESTION:

Mr. McConnell.

MCCONNELL:

Before taking your questions, let me address the Udall Amendment. Number one, nobody's advocating going to war with Iran. Not the president, not the secretary of state, none of the generals, no one. What you're seeing here, once again, as we've seen since 1979, one of these periods during which the Iranians act out either directly or through surrogates, and presidents of both parties over the years have pushed back against these efforts that have been directed against us. So, I'll be opposing the Udall Amendment. We're not opposed to having the vote and we are working on having that vote, passing NDAA, and doing the supplemental as I said earlier all this week. I believe that the democratic leader's position, if I were you, I'd ask him why we couldn't be working on that the next couple of days.

QUESTION:

Leader McConnell, thank you. Since you're opposed to the Udall Amendment (INAUDIBLE), what is war? What is the definition of where Congress does? Is it sending in troops? Is it airstrikes? Is it cyber attack that we've done? What is war and under what conditions does Congress have to act under the Constitution?

MCCONNELL:

Well, presidents and Congresses for a number of years have argued over the War Powers Act. Every administration, I believe, has taken the view that it was not constitutional. We've gone back and forth. So, let's at least understand what it clearly is not. It is not what is happening now or what happened when we responded on other occasions over the last 35 or 40 years to provocative acts on the part of the Iranians or their surrogates. So, clearly, this is not something that triggers a response of this sort. And, you know, I don't think it's a good for this country to see Iranians observing us arguing over all this either. So, my hope is that it will be defeated. We'll find out by how much of a margin, but we--we hope to defeat it. It's simply not required under this set of circumstances.

QUESTION:

Aside from the border supplemental, (INAUDIBLE) just bringing asylum proposal--legislation or immigration reform legislation either later this year or before the election?

MCCONNELL:

Well, as you know, Chairman Lindsey Graham and the committee are working on an authorizing bill to deal with some of the legal challenges that we have on dealing with it. Let's take a look. It'd be great if we could get some bipartisan support for it. But, the only thing we can deal with in the short term is the humanitarian crisis and we're going to deal with that this week. Which day we end up dealing with it will largely be up to the other side.

QUESTION:

Mr. McConnell, on the supplemental, is there any chance that the Senate would pass what the House is poised to pass today? And then separately, can you just tell us what your message is to the 9/11 first responders (INAUDIBLE)?

MCCONNELL:

Yeah. Well, number one, I--I believe I--somebody correct me if I'm wrong--that the administration opposes what I think the House is going to do on the border supplemental.

UNKNOWN:

Correct.

MCCONNELL:

We believe that they support what we're going to do. And the idea here is to get a signature. So, I think once we can get that out of the Senate, hopefully on a vote similar to the one in the appropriations committee, I'm hoping that the House will conclude that's the best way to get the problem solved, which can only happen with a signature. I'm going to be meeting with a 9/11 group later today. Look forward to it. As I've said repeatedly, we're certainly going to address this issue. Thank you.

TOPIC: Tax Treaties:

For those of you who have been following tax treaties over the past many, many years – today was an important marker: the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a Business Meeting addressing the 4 protocols (in addition to other items on their agenda) – details below.

All four protocols on the agenda today -- Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxemburg -- were passed successfully out of committee on a voice vote. Next step: floor consideration (likely during the next work period/post July 4th).

TREATIES

- Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 ([Treaty Doc. 113-4](#))
- Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 ([Treaty Doc. 112-1](#))
- Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 ([Treaty Doc. 114-1](#))
- Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 ([Treaty Doc. 111-8](#))

<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/hearings/business-meeting-062519>

TOPIC: Finishing up work on the NDAA this week: a note from this morning from Scott Sloofman in Leader McConnell's Communications Center:

All: Just now on the Senate floor, Leader McConnell rebuked Senator Schumer for his shocking suggestion yesterday that the Senate delay consideration of the vital FY 2020 NDAA because of the Democratic presidential debates this week:

"So especially in light of current events, I was incredulous to hear the Democratic Leader call yesterday to postpone moving forward with the NDAA. Apparently some of our Democratic

friends need to go hit the presidential campaign trail. They can't be here because they got to go campaign. For not one day, but two this week.

They're too busy to stay in the Senate and authorize the resources that our all-volunteer armed forces rely on.

Postpone legislation on our national defense to accommodate the presidential race? In the middle of this ongoing crisis overseas?

Come on. Come on.

I'm sorry our Democratic friends feel compelled to skip out so they can compete for the favor of "the Resistance." The rest of us, the Republican majority — we're going to be right here, we're going to be right here working and voting to make America stronger and safer."

As you know, the United States Senate is currently considering the National Defense Authorization Act. The [FY 2020 NDAA](#) is significant legislation that "supports a total of \$750 billion in fiscal year 2020 funding for national defense." It also accomplishes many additional national priorities including, a 3.1% pay raise for our men and women in uniform, the establishment of the Space Force, and makes "investments in critical equipment, weapons, and missile defense platforms."

Yet, according to Senator Chuck Schumer, the Democratic presidential debate is a more important priority for Senate Democrats than passing legislation that bolsters our national security. Shockingly, on the Senate floor yesterday, the Democratic leader called for the postponement of the NDAA to accommodate the schedules of Senate Democrats who believe running for president is more important than doing their day job:

*SENATOR SCHUMER: Democrats believe the full Senate should be present to vote on the Udall amendment. Leader McConnell is no doubt aware that several members of this body will be **absent this week for the Democratic Presidential debates. We should wait to have the vote until the full body is present.** There is no rush to complete the NDAA. We have passed it very frequently later in the year with no harmful consequences to our military."*

[Watch Video](#)

At any time, Senator Schumer's comments would be shocking. Given recent events, Senator Schumer's out-of-touch comments, putting politics above national security, are outrageous. Thankfully, the Republican-led Senate has its priorities straight and will be moving ahead with this vital legislation this week.

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Have a great night,

Thanks,
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McConnell Announces Andrew Ferguson to Serve as Chief Counsel

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced today that Andrew Ferguson, currently the Chief Counsel for Nominations and the Constitution for the Senate Judiciary Committee, will join his leadership office as Chief Counsel.

"I am thrilled that someone as talented and well-respected as Andrew will be joining our team in this critical capacity," McConnell said. "Andrew has clerked at the highest levels of the federal judiciary, thrived in private practice, and has served Chairmen Grassley and Graham with distinction as a senior counsel for the Judiciary Committee." "The last two and a half years have been a time of historic progress for the Senate in defending the Constitution and confirming brilliant judicial nominees who understand the proper role of judges in our constitutional republic," McConnell continued. "Andrew has played a big part in that success. I'm glad I will have him on board as we keep up this crucial work."

Ferguson is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia School of Law. His experience includes clerkships on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and on the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Clarence Thomas. He also spent years in private practice in private practice as a trial and appellate litigator. Immediately prior to his current Judiciary Committee position as Chairman's Chief Counsel for Nominations and the Constitution, he served as Senior Special Counsel to then-Chairman Grassley during the confirmation process for Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Ferguson will start in Leader McConnell's leadership office on July 11. He will advise Leader McConnell on legal matters including judicial nominations, immigration, and other key issues.

“By 2019, nobody should need a history lesson on Iran. But apparently, some need a refresher, because there should be no question about who is at fault. Iran has disregarded international law and violated the laws of armed conflict since the first days of the Islamic Republic. Its malign activities as the world’s ‘most active state sponsor of terrorism’ include: Their crusade to destroy Israel, including sponsorship of countless terrorist attacks. The malevolence throughout the Persian Gulf, including proxies in Yemen who’ve recently attacked civilian targets. Perennial threats to close the Strait of Hormuz, a key international waterway essential to global commerce. “And of course, the long-standing asymmetric war they’ve waged against us. Beginning with the infamous takeover of the U.S. embassy in 1979 and the 50-plus hostages held captive for 444 days. The provision of weapons, training, funding, and direction to terrorist groups, including Hamas, Hizballah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the Taliban, and Shiite militias in Iraq that are responsible for the murder of hundreds of United States service members from Lebanon to Iraq to

aggression. *Blame America first.* our country, our administration, our president are somehow to blame for Tehran’s violent derangement syndrome that they repeat Iranian talking points and advertise the absurd notion that “But unfortunately, we’re already seeing extreme voices on the far left so afflicted by Trump

partisanship. as any nation has aimed at the United States of America in years. This is not the time for that was flying over international waters. This is as violent and dangerous of an overt provocation recklessness from Tehran reached a new level. Iran fired on an unmanned U.S. intelligence aircraft “The Senate and the nation are closely watching the situation in the Gulf. Last week, the recent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the growing threat of Iranian aggression:

“What is not productive, is an effort being promoted by the Democratic Leader that would preemptively tie the hands of our military commanders, weaken our diplomatic leverage, embolden our adversaries, and create a dangerous precedent. . . . Nearly every president has utilized limited use of force against adversaries without pre-authorization from the Congress. Of course major hostilities require Congressional concurrence and the support of American people. The Democrats should stop their fear mongering, because no one is calling for major military operations. Not the president. Not his military commanders. Not Republicans in Congress.”

The Senate and Nation are Closely Watching the Situation in the Gulf

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Afghanistan. And more attacks plotted on U.S. targets worldwide, including in our own homeland. The record is blindingly obvious.

"It's why so many of us opposed the Obama Administration's 'deal' with Iran. Many of us understood the agreement not only failed to properly address the nuclear threat, but also completely ignored the other threats Iran posed to international peace and stability. In fact, some prescient members of this body warned the deal would amplify Iran's dangerous behavior. I remember back in 2015, the current Ranking Member on the Foreign Relations Committee insisted the Obama Administration's policy would invite the kind of mess we see today.

"Here's what he said: *'If there is a fear of war in the region, it will be one fueled by Iran and its proxies and exacerbated by an agreement that allows Iran to possess an industrial-sized nuclear program, and enough money in sanctions relief to significantly continue to fund its hegemonic intentions.'* That's our colleague from New Jersey back in 2015.

"And here was my colleague from New York, the current Democratic Leader. Quote: *'Under this agreement, Iran would receive at least \$50 billion dollars in the near future and would undoubtedly use some of that money to redouble its efforts to create even more trouble in the Middle East, and, perhaps, beyond.'* The Democratic Leader acknowledged that the hardliners', quote, *'number one goal [is] strengthening Iran's armed forces and pursuing even more harmful military and terrorist actions.'*

"That is exactly the situation President Trump inherited in 2017: an emboldened Tehran committed to spending its new resources on military capabilities, exporting terrorism, and pursuing regional hegemony. So President Trump was right to seek a better deal and apply maximum pressure on Tehran until it changes its destabilizing behavior. Tough sanctions are compounding the economic pain the Mullahs have brought on their own people through corrupt mismanagement.

"Iran is responding to this legitimate and judicious application of diplomatic and economic pressure the way it effectively operated for years: through violence. Attacks against commercial vessels in international waters. Sponsored attacks against civilian targets in the Gulf. And then last week's unprovoked attack on our unarmed aircraft. We face a choice. Will we legitimize and incentivize Iran's use of terror and aggression? Or will we stay resolute, applying appropriate and proportionate pressure until Tehran respects fundamental norms of international behavior?

"Last Thursday, President Trump consulted with a bipartisan group of Congressional leaders and national security chairmen and ranking members. The president weighed advice from a number of sources. It is clear he was listening to Congressional leaders. And clearly, the president wants to avoid war. Hence the deliberate and judicious approach he has taken since the shoot-down. Hence his repeated efforts to give Iran's leaders an off-ramp towards negotiations.

"Nevertheless, there is a general consensus that this act of aggression cannot stand. Tehran must understand that it may not respond to legitimate diplomatic pressure with illegitimate violence. It is in our national security interest for the United States to deter attacks against American forces operating legally in international waters, and to honor our long history of defending the freedom of the seas and freedom of international commerce. And since Iran's aggression and threats to global commerce threaten everyone, I hope all nations will join the United States and its allies in condemning Tehran and imposing significant consequences for its hostile acts.

"I understand the significant appetite in Congress for the president to consult with us as he continues to deliberate. That is appropriate. My colleagues should share their views with the administration. I understand the Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees will be holding hearings with senior administration officials after July 4. But what is not productive, is an effort being promoted by the Democratic Leader that would preemptively tie the hands of our military commanders, weaken our diplomatic leverage, embolden our adversaries, and create a dangerous precedent.

“So I will strongly oppose the Udall amendment, which would gratuitously take crucial options off the table. It would hamstring both our commanders and our diplomats, all of whose leverage depends on the knowledge that the United States reserves the right to act forcefully if and when necessary. Ten years ago, my friend the Democratic Leader said, verbatim, *‘When it comes to Iran, we should never take the military option off the table.’* That is exactly what the amendment he supports would do.

“Nearly every president has utilized limited use of force against adversaries without pre-authorization from the Congress. Of course major hostilities require Congressional concurrence and the support of American people. The Democrats should stop their fear mongering, because no one is calling for major military operations. Not the president. Not his military commanders. Not Republicans in Congress. This amendment would impose unprecedented limitations that would go far beyond the War Powers Resolution.

“As drafted, it could prevent U.S. military forces from defending themselves against attack, or conducting a timely counterattack. If we had actionable intelligence that an attack was imminent, it could prevent U.S. forces from doing anything about it. If Israel was attacked, it would prevent U.S. forces from providing immediate assistance to our closest ally in the region. This amendment flies in the face of many Democrats’ past clarity about Iran, and casts doubt on our seriousness in defending our own military personnel, much less the freedom of the seas. Democrats must set aside the habit of unthinking, reflexive opposition to every single thing this president does.

“Perhaps it would help if they were reminded of what the Democrat candidate for president in 2016 had to say about what her policy would be towards Iran and the Gulf, were she to be elected: *‘I will reaffirm that the Persian Gulf is a region of vital interest to the United States... We’ll keep the Strait of Hormuz open. We’ll increase security cooperation with our Gulf allies, including intelligence sharing, military support, and missile defense to ensure they can defend against Iranian aggression, even if that takes the form of cyberattacks or other nontraditional threats. Iran should understand that the United States, and I as President, will not stand by as our Gulf allies and partners are threatened. We will act.’*

“Nearly every word of that statement accurately describes the policy the Trump Administration has pursued for the last two years. Our Gulf allies and partners are threatened by Iran. Israel is threatened by Iran. The Strait of Hormuz is threatened by Iran. And America has been attacked by Iran. The threat is not in doubt. The question is whether Democrats still mean what they said, or whether they’ve completely changed their minds about how the U.S. must respond simply because the White House has changed parties.”

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Non-Controversial Emergency Funding for Border Crisis Deserves Overwhelmingly Bipartisan Support

'So I was encouraged last week when badly-needed emergency funding finally garnered some momentum. Under the leadership of Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy, the Appropriations Committee approved funding, 30 to one... Partisan delays have exacerbated this crisis long enough. It's well past time my Democratic colleagues stop standing in the way and let the Senate get this done.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

"Of course, the NDAA does not exhaust the urgent priorities we should attend to this week. As my Republican colleagues and I have been arguing for two months now, Congress must address the humanitarian crisis on our southern border. The situation is well-documented. For months, record numbers of people have arrived at the border, overwhelming our agencies and facilities.

"The Department of Homeland Security has had to redirect resources and personnel from other critical missions to assist the Border Patrol. The Secretary of Health and Human Services has said: *'We are running out of money. We are functionally out of space.'*

"So I was encouraged last week when badly-needed emergency funding finally garnered some momentum. Under the leadership of Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy, the Appropriations Committee approved funding, 30 to one. There is no reason, no excuse, why this non-controversial measure should not get a similar overwhelming bipartisan vote here on the floor this week. There is no reason it shouldn't happen today. Partisan delays have exacerbated this crisis long enough. It's well past time my Democratic colleagues stop standing in the way and let the Senate get this done."

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Senate Must Ensure U.S. Forces Maintain

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So especially in light of current events, I was incredulous to hear the Democratic Leader call yesterday to postpone moving forward with the NDAA. Apparently some of our Democratic friends need to go hit the presidential campaign trail. They're too busy to stay in the Senate and authorize the resources that our all-volunteer armed forces rely on. I'm sorry our Democratic friends feel compelled to skip out so they can compete for the favor of the Republican majority — we'll be here, working and voting to make America stronger and safer.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the National Defense Authorization Act:

"It's appropriate, that this very week, the Senate is considering the National Defense Authorization Act. The current situation with Iran is a stark reminder of our urgent responsibility to ensure our military remains equipped and ready to deter or threats and defeat potential challenges to our security. When we pass the NDAA this week, the Senate will extend a 58-year tradition of authorizing the resources that U.S. forces need to stay on the cutting edge. And I hope we'll do so with wide, bipartisan support.

"This year's NDAA directs \$750 billion to fund the priorities of the Department of Defense, from the Navy's fleet strength to missile defense capabilities. It increases procurement for critical weapons systems, doubles down on research and development of next-generation technologies, and makes new investments in training and support services for servicemembers and their families. In short, this is legislation that sends a clear signal to our men and women in uniform, and to the rest of the world. It says: The United States takes today's challenges seriously. We take our commitments seriously. And we take our defense seriously.

"So especially in light of current events, I was incredulous to hear the Democratic Leader call yesterday to postpone moving forward with the NDAA. Apparently some of our Democratic friends need to go hit the presidential campaign trail. They're too busy to stay in the Senate and authorize the resources that our all-volunteer armed forces rely on. I'm sorry our Democratic friends feel compelled to skip out so they can compete for the favor of the Republican majority — we'll be here, working and voting to make America stronger and safer."

Competitive Edge

Leader McConnell Statement on Mark Esper

'I am pleased that President Trump has announced his intent to nominate Secretary of the Army Mark Esper to serve as Secretary of Defense. Mr. Esper's distinguished military service and record of leadership at the Pentagon make him an outstanding choice.'

LOUISVILLE, KY – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement regarding the president's intent to nominate Mark Esper for Secretary of the Department of Defense:

"I am pleased that President Trump has announced his intent to nominate Secretary of the Army Mark Esper to serve as Secretary of Defense. Mr. Esper's distinguished military service and record of leadership at the Pentagon make him an outstanding choice.

"From managing competition with great-power adversaries to deterring aggression from hostile states like Iran and North Korea to countering continuing threats posed by terrorists, the United States faces a long list of national security challenges.

"I am confident that Mark Esper will be an effective partner with the Congress as we work together to address these challenges/threats -- especially by supporting the readiness and modernization of U.S. forces and maintaining and strengthening our strategic alliances and partnerships around the world. It is fitting that one of his first acts as Acting Secretary will be to represent the United States at a conference of NATO defense ministers.

"The Pentagon and its many evolving missions require capable and steady leadership. I hope the Senate will act expeditiously when we receive the nomination of this highly-qualified national security leader."

Background: The Senate will consider this nomination in a timely manner. Additional details and scheduling announcements regarding confirmation hearings will be forthcoming from the [Senate Armed Services Committee](#).

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Hi everyone,

The Senate is voting on 5 roll call votes this afternoon in relation to the Border Supplemental and the NDAA.

At 2:00 pm the Senate will vote on the following (voting now):

1. Passage of H.R.3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations – the House Democrats Emergency Border Supplemental. (60 vote threshold) Failed: 37-55
2. Motion to table Paul amendment #902 (offset Border Supp with cuts to foreign aid) in relation to H.R.3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations. (Majority threshold)
3. Adoption of Shelby substitute amendment #901 to H.R.3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations (Senate substitute on Border Supp). (60 vote threshold)
4. Passage of H.R.3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, as amended, if amended. (60 vote threshold)
5. Motion to invoke cloture on substitute amendment #764, as modified, to S.1790, NDAA.

Please note, a sixth vote is possible on the motion to invoke cloture on the underlying S.1790, NDAA, if cloture is not adopted on substitute amendment #764, as modified.

More on the schedule as these votes unfold....

Thanks, Erica

Please see Leader McConnell's remarks from the floor this morning on passing a Border Supplemental and NDAA this week.

Thanks,
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McConnell on Emergency Funding for Border Crisis: We Must Pass This Measure This Week

'...the House has not made much progress toward actually making a law. Just more "Resistance theater." The Senate has a better and more bipartisan way forward. The bill negotiated by Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy won huge bipartisan support in committee. It's a productive compromise that would go a long way to begin addressing the border crisis. No poison pills; just a clean bill to provide the emergency appropriations the White House requested two months ago. We have waited long enough to act. We should not wait any longer.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

"First and foremost, the American people are continuing to hear elected officials talk a great deal about the humanitarian and security crisis on the southern border. Both sides of the aisle have talked a lot about this issue for the past two months. Here's the difference: It's Republicans who've actually supported giving the administration and the agencies the emergency funding they have begged for. Republicans have raised the alarm about the conditions on the border and have actually wanted to do something about it.

"Our Democratic colleagues have talked a lot about the issue, too. But for weeks and weeks, talk is all the House of Representatives has been willing to do. House Democrats have been consistently uncooperative and uninterested in anything except political posturing. They have talked endlessly about the suffering at the border but have resisted every effort to actually make a law and get help on the way.

"For eight weeks now, the men and women and children on our southern border have learned the hard way that 'the Resistance' does not pay the bills. The *New York Times* editorial board, of all places, wrote seven weeks ago, quote, '*Congress, give Trump his border money.*' But week after week, from the House, nothing. First they objected to including the funding in the disaster bill. And now that they've finally passed something last night, it's a go-nowhere proposal filled with poison-pill riders which the president would veto.

"They had to drag their bill way to the left to earn the support of most Democrats. As a result the House has not made much progress toward actually making a law. Just more 'Resistance theater.' The Senate has a better and more bipartisan way forward. The bill negotiated by Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy won huge bipartisan support in committee. It's a productive compromise that would go a long way to begin addressing the border crisis. No poison pills; just a clean bill to provide the emergency appropriations the White House requested two months ago. We have waited long enough to act. We should not wait any longer. We must pass this measure this week."

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National Defense Authorization Act Addresses Priorities at Home and Abroad

'...there are countless local stories — of servicemembers, families, communities, and installations throughout our country. A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to help cut the ribbon on a new state-of-the-art chemical weapons destruction facility at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Madison County... The use of chemical weapons is a stain on human history. It's time for civilized nations the world over to turn the page once and for all. And the Blue Grass Army Depot is ready to do its part. So this year's NDAA will authorize the funding that facility needs — and the resources for countless installations across the country that each play important roles in their own communities.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the National Defense Authorization Act:

"The *National Defense Authorization Act* is one of the most significant pieces of legislation we tackle each year. It addresses many national and international priorities. But underneath, there are countless local stories — of servicemembers, families, communities, and installations throughout our country.

"A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to help cut the ribbon on a new state-of-the-art chemical weapons destruction facility at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Madison County. For decades, this Depot has been home to a more than 500-ton stockpile of lethal chemical agents. Now, following years of hard work and advocacy, it will instead be the place where this toxic legacy of war is unwound. Earlier this month, the new facility safely destroyed its very first munition. And this is just the very beginning. This work will continue until the entire stockpile is eliminated.

"This Kentucky accomplishment reminds us of the terrible role that chemical weapons have played throughout history. Mankind has conscripted science onto the battlefield since warfare's earliest days, from contaminating water to poisoning arrows and bullets. But the fast-paced industrialization of the early 1900s brought forth a whole new wave of horrors. The use of weapons like mustard gas caused devastation in the trenches of World War I.

"President Franklin Roosevelt, responding to the proliferation of these weapons by our adversaries, mobilized an unprecedented level of chemical production during World War II. And while neither side deployed chemical agents on the battlefield, their murderous use in Nazi concentration camps and Japanese experiments rank among the worst atrocities ever. And then, during the Cold War, these horrific weapons brought new challenges to our nation's strategic defense and to communities like Richmond, Kentucky.

"As the first chemical agents arrived in my home state in the 1940s, they were stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot -- only miles away from schools and thousands of families. When I joined the Senate in 1985, the Army had recently announced plans to begin the destruction of Blue Grass' stores through a process called 'incineration'—literally burning the agents. Imagine that for a moment. Just throwing a warhead into an oven or burn pit.

“Fortunately, and understandably, nearby residents were concerned about releasing toxins into the air. Those fears only grew as we learned about numerous nerve-gas leaks at the Depot that had occurred over the previous decade. What happened next was a textbook example of representative democracy. The people of Kentucky used their voice in the U.S. Senate, changed the policy of this nation, and made the world a safer place.

“It’s been my privilege for the last three decades to work alongside this community for the safe destruction of these deadly chemicals. This effort would not have been possible without allies like Craig Williams, an incredible local leader who pored over every detail until he became the leading expert on the Depot. Together, we stopped the Army’s incineration plans and convinced the Department of Defense to adopt the safest and most advanced alternative for the responsible destruction of the stockpile. The fight wasn’t easy. But it was a fight worth having. Not only to protect the Kentuckians potentially in harm’s way; but also to uphold our national commitment to destroy these terrible weapons.

“In 1984, President Reagan asserted America’s leadership in calling for an international prohibition on chemical weapons. The next decade we made international progress toward that same goal by joining the Chemical Weapons Convention. The continued work in Madison County is part of this historic commitment.

“Now, unfortunately, while the U.S. is taking these steps, these horrific weapons still pose a threat to international peace. Some of our adversaries are choosing a different path by preserving, modernizing, and using their stockpiles. Remember, Syrian dictator Bashar Assad’s use of chemical weapons against his own people was the subject of the Obama administration’s failure to enforce its own so-called ‘red line’. We also saw Russian operatives deploy advanced nerve agents in the middle of a residential neighborhood in the United Kingdom just last year.

“Thankfully, President Trump has taken a different approach to American leadership. On two occasions, this administration has ordered strikes on Syrian military targets after the Assad regime crossed the red line. As my colleagues remember, we’ve also deported Russian agents and placed new sanctions following the chemical attack on Sergei Skripal. The Senate has taken action as well. The first piece of legislation we passed this Congress, S.1, includes the *Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act* which would hold the Assad regime and its enablers more accountable for recent atrocities.

“The use of chemical weapons is a stain on human history. It’s time for civilized nations the world over to turn the page once and for all. And the Blue Grass Army Depot is ready to do its part. So this year’s NDAA will authorize the funding that facility needs — and the resources for countless installations across the country that each play important roles in their own communities. I hope my Senate colleagues will join me in keeping our commitment to finally finish this national security mission.”

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Hi everyone,

The Senate convened at 9:30 am and resumed consideration S.1790, the NDAA.

At 11:45 am, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on substitute amendment #764, as modified, to S.1790, the NDAA.
2. Adoption of Romney amendment #861 (To provide that funds authorized by the Act are available for the defense of the Armed Forces and United States citizens against attack by foreign hostile forces) in relation to S.1790, the NDAA.

At 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Adoption of substitute amendment #764 (as modified), as amended, if amended, to S.1790, the NDAA.
2. Passage of S.1790, NDAA, as amended, if amended.

Note: at a time to be determined on Friday, June 28, the Senate will vote on Udall amendment #883 (To prohibit unauthorized military operations in or against Iran) (60 vote threshold), notwithstanding passage of S.1790, NDAA, as amended, if amended.

Please note, further roll call votes are possible during today's session of the Senate...

Yesterday in the Senate (6/26/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Passage of H.R.3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations. Not passed (37-55)
2. Motion to table Paul amendment #902 in relation to H.R.3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations. Tabled (77-15)
3. Adoption of Shelby substitute amendment #901 to H.R.3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations. Adopted (84-8)
4. Passage of H.R.3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, as amended. Passed (84-8)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.266 - St. Louis Blues

S.528 - Fairness for Breastfeeding Mothers Act

H.R.866 - Fairness for Breastfeeding Mothers Act

ICYMI: please read Leader McConnell's full remarks below on the Border Supplemental state of play. Yesterday the Senate's Border Supp passed overwhelmingly 84-8. The President has threatened to veto the House Democrats partisan Border Supplemental bill. More info on Border Supp state of play below.

Also, ICYMI: Leader McConnell was a very popular topic at last night's Democrat Presidential Debate!!

Daily Beast: [Mitch McConnell Looms Over First Democratic Debate](#)

CNN: [Mitch McConnell, the Grim Reaper, haunts Democrats' debate](#)

Herald Leader: [In debate, Democrats turn to a popular target who's not Donald Trump](#)

Time: [The Debate Showed That 2020 Democrats Don't Have a Plan to Deal with Mitch McConnell](#)

Vox: [Democrats need a better answer to the Mitch McConnell question](#)

Vox: [The power of Mitch McConnell, explained by one question in the Democratic debate](#)

Thanks, Erica

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McConnell floor excerpts: Full remarks below....

Senator McConnell: (9:37 am)

- Spoke on the border crisis.
 - "Eight weeks ago the Administration sent Congress an urgent request for humanitarian money for the border. For eight weeks we've seen evidence nearly every day that the conditions have been getting worse. But during all this time our Democratic House colleagues have been unable to produce a clean measure to provide this humanitarian funding with any chance of becoming law."
- Spoke on e-cigarettes.
 - "The C.D.C. estimates that in 2018, e-cigarette use in America increased by 1.5 million. So we introduced legislation that would accomplish something very important. Raise the minimum wage from purchasing tobacco and vapor products to 21 nationwide. We want to put a huge dent in these pathways to childhood addiction and help get these products out of high schools altogether."
- Spoke on NDAA.
 - "The NDAA is simultaneously a target to guide the modernization of our all-volunteer force, a supply line to restore readiness and keep U.S. personnel equipped with the most cutting-edge lethal capabilities, a promise of critical support services to military families, and a declaration to both our allies and adversaries of America's strategic resolve. This year's bill authorizes the investments that will support all these goals and a major pay raise for military personnel to boot."

Spoke on the Udall Amendment.

- “It should be soundly rejected. We know that our democratic colleagues have political differences with President Trump. I think the whole country has gotten that message pretty loud and clear. But they have chosen a terrible time and a completely irresponsible manner to express themselves.”

Border Supp state of play from last night:

- The Senate’s bipartisan border supplemental passed the Senate by an overwhelming vote of 84 – 8.
- The House-passed border supplemental failed in the Senate by a vote of 37 – 55.

Leader McConnell announced this morning that the Senate would move to table Pelosi’s partisan amendment to the bipartisan Senate border aid package should she succeed in House passage.



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House Should Pass Bipartisan Senate Humanitarian Funding Bill

‘The United States Senate is not going to pass a border funding bill that cuts the money for ICE and the Department of Defense. It’s not going to happen. We already have our compromise. The Shelby-Leahy Senate bill is the only game in town... It’s time to make a law. I urge my colleagues across the Capitol to take up the clean, bipartisan bill that the Senate passed 84 to 8 and send it on for President Trump’s signature without any more unnecessary delays.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

“Eight weeks ago, the administration sent Congress an urgent request for humanitarian money for the border. For eight weeks, we’ve seen evidence nearly every day that the conditions have been getting worse. But during all this time our House Democratic colleagues have been unable to produce a clean measure to provide this humanitarian funding with any chance of becoming law. The proposal they finally passed this week was way to the left of the mainstream. The president made it clear it would earn a veto, not a signature. Even so, in an abundance of fairness, the Senate voted on Speaker Pelosi’s effort, poison-pill riders and all. It earned just 37 votes.

“Fortunately, we do have a chance to make law this week on a hugely bipartisan basis. Yesterday the Senate advanced a clean, simple humanitarian funding bill by a huge margin. Thanks to Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy, this bipartisan package sailed through the Appropriations Committee, 30 to one. And yesterday it passed the full Senate – listen to this – 84 to 8. We sent that clean bill over to the House by a vote of 84 to 8. The Shelby-Leahy legislation has unified the Appropriations Committee. It has unified the Senate. The administration would sign it into law. So all our House colleagues need to do to help the men, women, and children on the border this week is pass this unifying bipartisan bill and send it on to the president.

"For weeks, we have heard our House Democratic colleagues speak a lot about the poor conditions, the overstretched facilities, the insufficient supplies. Today, our bill gives them the chance to actually do something about it. Now, I understand that instead of moving forward with this bipartisan bill, Speaker Pelosi is signaling she may choose to drag out the process even more, and might persist in some variety of the left-wing demands that caused the House bill to fail dramatically in the Senate yesterday.

"I understand that some of the further changes the House Democrats are discussing may be unobjectionable things the Trump administration may be able to secure for them administratively. But it is crystal-clear, that some of these new demands would drag this bipartisan bill way back to the left and jeopardize the Shelby-Leahy consensus product that unified the Senate and is so close to becoming law.

"For example: I understand that House Democrats may ask the Speaker to insist on — listen to this — cutting the supplemental funding for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Defense. In the middle of this historic surge on the border, they want to claw back some of this badly-needed money from the men and women on the front lines. It looks like these cuts would represent pay cuts to ICE staff, including pay that people have already earned, and cuts to the money for investigating child trafficking.

"Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy have already reached a bipartisan agreement. Both sides have already compromised. We are standing at the five-yard line. And yet apparently, some in the House want to dig back into that 'Abolish ICE' playbook and throw a far-left partisan wrench into the whole thing. Well, let me be perfectly clear, I am glad the Speaker and the administration are discussing some of these outstanding issues. But if House Democrats send the Senate back some partisan effort to disrupt our bipartisan progress, we will simply move to table it.

"The United States Senate is not going to pass a border funding bill that cuts the money for ICE and the Department of Defense. It's not going to happen. We already have our compromise. The Shelby-Leahy Senate bill is the only game in town. It's time to quit playing games. It's time to make a law. I urge my colleagues across the Capitol to take up the clean, bipartisan bill that the Senate passed 84 to 8 and send it on for President Trump's signature without any more unnecessary delays."

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Senate to Pass Bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act

"This year's bill authorizes the investments that will support all these goals — and a major pay raise for military personnel, to boot. I'm especially proud that it supports the ongoing missions of Kentucky's installations, and the many military families that call our state home... So today, once

again, I'd like to thank Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Reed for their leadership throughout this process. They've produced legislation that each member of this body should be proud of. Particularly in these troubled times, this is exactly the message the United States Senate needs to send.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the National Defense Authorization Act and the growing threat of Iranian aggression:*

"Later today, the Senate will vote to fulfill a solemn responsibility. For a 59th consecutive year, we'll pass the *National Defense Authorization Act*. I hope and expect we'll do it by a wide, bipartisan margin. It would be difficult to overstate the importance of this legislation to the ongoing missions of our nation's men and women in uniform. The NDAA is simultaneously: A target to guide the modernization of our all-volunteer force. A supply line to restore readiness and keep U.S. personnel equipped with the most cutting-edge, lethal capabilities. A promise of critical support services to military families. And a declaration, to both our allies and adversaries, of America's strategic resolve.

"This year's bill authorizes the investments that will support all these goals — and a major pay raise for military personnel, to boot. I'm especially proud that it supports the ongoing missions of Kentucky's installations, and the many military families that call our state home. This NDAA is the product of a robust, bipartisan process that has consumed our colleagues on the Armed Services Committee for weeks. Nearly three hundred amendments were adopted during markup.

"So today, once again, I'd like to thank Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Reed for their leadership throughout this process. They've produced legislation that each member of this body should be proud of. Particularly in these troubled times, this is exactly the message the United States Senate needs to send. I look forward to passing it today.

"But passing the NDAA itself is not the only important message the Senate will send this week on national security. On Friday morning, we will vote on a badly ill-conceived amendment that would literally make our nation less secure and make American servicemembers less safe. I respect my colleagues, but this amendment from Senator Udall and others is as half-baked and dangerous a measure as we've seen on the floor for quite some time. It should be soundly rejected.

"We know that our Democratic colleagues have political differences with President Trump. I think the whole country has gotten that message loud and clear. But they have chosen a terrible time and a completely irresponsible manner to express themselves. Rather than work with the president, who shares the goal of avoiding war with Iran, they have gratuitously chosen to make him the enemy. Let me repeat that: rather than work with the president to deter our actual enemies, they have chosen to make him the enemy.

"At the very moment that Iran has been stepping up its aggression throughout the Middle East, these senators are proposing radical new restrictions on the administration's ability to defend U.S. interests and our partners. The Udall amendment would require the administration to secure explicit authorization from Congress before our forces would be able to respond to all kinds of potential Iranian attacks.

"That includes attacks on American civilians. Let me say that again. Some of our colleagues want us to go out of our way and create a brand-new obstacle that would block the President from swiftly responding if Iran attacks American civilians. Or U.S. diplomatic facilities. Or Israel. Or the military forces of an ally or partner. Or if Iran closes the Strait of Hormuz. In all these scenarios, the Udall amendment would hamstring the executive branch from reacting quickly. And in modern warfare, time is of the essence. The War Powers Resolution explicitly recognizes the reality that Administrations may need to respond quickly and with flexibility.

"This amendment could even constrain our military from acting to prevent an imminent attack. As written, it appears to suggest they must absorb the attack before defending themselves. And even then, for how long would they be allowed to conduct retaliatory strikes? How absurd. How dangerous. Iran attacks Israel? No timely response from the U.S. — especially if Congress happens to be on recess. Iran attacks American civilians? The president's hands would be tied.

"This is never how the American presidency has worked. For very good reason. I ask my colleagues to stop obsessing about Donald Trump for a minute. Think about a scenario involving a future or past president. Hypothetically, then, would it be appropriate for Congress to tie a president's hand with legislation preventing military action to defend NATO allies from a Russian attack without explicit congressional approval? If conflict came in August and the U.S. and its NATO allies didn't act decisively, front-line states could be gobbled up before Congress even convenes to consider an AUMF.

"The Udall amendment would represent a huge departure from the basic flexibility that presidents

of both parties have always had to take immediate military steps, short of full-scale war, to respond to immediate crises. This ploy is being advertised as some kind of courageous reassertion by Congress of our constitutional authority. But it's nothing of the sort. It's a departure from our constitutional traditions and norms. Nobody is talking about a full-scale war with Iran. Not the president. Not the administration. Heaven forbid, if that situation were to arrive, consultation with Congress and widespread public support would of course be necessary.

"The Udall amendment is something completely different. It defines self-defense in a laughably narrow way and then, in all other situations, proposes that President Trump should be stripped of the basic powers of his office unless Democrats in Congress write him a permission slip. I don't think so. This is a terrible idea at any moment, let alone as Iran is escalating its violence and searching for any sign of American weakness. I ask my colleagues: do not embolden Iran. Do not weaken our deterrence. Do not undermine our diplomacy. Do not tie the hands of our military commanders. Reject this dangerous mistake when we vote on the Udall amendment tomorrow."

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McConnell-Kaine Tobacco-Free Youth Act

Advances to Senate Floor

"So I was proud to take the lead on this. And I was proud my colleague from Virginia joined me in leading this effort, giving this cause the strong bipartisan momentum it deserves. Yesterday, our measure cleared an important milestone. The HELP Committee approved our Tobacco-Free Youth Act and advanced it here to the floor along with other legislation."

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding legislation to raise the national minimum age for purchasing tobacco products to 21:

"Just last month, I introduced legislation along with my colleague from Virginia, Senator Kaine, to address a serious and growing public health issue. As Senator Kaine and I laid out in May, the growing popularity and accessibility of tobacco products like e-cigarettes and vapor products are endangering America's youth. The CDC estimates that in 2018, youth e-cigarette use in America increased by 1.5 million.

"So we introduced legislation that would accomplish something very important: Raise the minimum age for purchasing tobacco and vapor products to 21, nationwide. We want to put a huge dent in these pathways to childhood addiction and help get these products out of high schools altogether. "Now, as a Virginian and a Kentuckian, neither Senator Kaine nor I lack an appreciation for the history of tobacco in America. For generations, this hugely important cash crop helped build our states and, indeed, the whole nation's early prosperity. But today, new doors are open to

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Kentucky's growers and producers. And parents back home are rightly worried that e-cigarettes and vapor products pose new threats to young people at a critical stage of their development.

"So I was proud to take the lead on this. And I was proud my colleague from Virginia joined me in leading this effort, giving this cause the strong bipartisan momentum it deserves. Yesterday, our measure cleared an important milestone. The HELP Committee approved our *Tobacco-Free Youth Act* and advanced it here to the floor along with other legislation.

"I want to thank Chairman Alexander, Ranking Member Murray and all our colleagues on the committee for including our legislation in this package and advancing it. I look forward to continuing to work with them, with Senator Kaine, and with all of our colleagues as we work to get this important proposal signed into law."

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More on the Senate's Border Supplemental Package from Senate Approps --

Shelby letterhead



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SENATE CONSIDERS BIPARTISAN BORDER SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today delivered remarks on the Senate floor regarding emergency supplemental appropriations for humanitarian assistance and security at the southern border. The [legislation](#), which passed the Senate Appropriations Committee last week by a vote of 30-1, provides a total of \$4.59 billion to address the border crisis and contains no poison pills from either party.

Chairman Shelby stated, "This is a solid bill. It provides the resources needed to address the crisis we face. It contains no poison pills, and it is poised to pass the Senate with strong bipartisan support, unlike the version that came out of the House last night. So I say to our colleagues in the House, now that there is bipartisan acknowledgment that the crisis on our southern border is real, do not derail the one bipartisan vehicle with a real chance of becoming law. Those who want to alleviate the suffering on our southern border will soon have a bipartisan path forward in the Senate bill. Those who choose to obstruct over partisan demands

will soon have a lot of questions to answer when this crisis escalates further. There is no excuse for Congress leaving town at the end of the week without getting this done. Let's come together and do our job."

The bipartisan package, which provides \$4.59 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations to address the humanitarian and security crisis at the border, includes:

- \$2.88 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide safe and appropriate shelter and care for children in its custody;
- \$1.1 billion for Customs and Border Protection to establish migrant care and processing facilities, provide medical care and consumables, and pay travel and overtime costs for personnel;
- \$209 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to fund transportation costs and medical care for detainees, conduct human trafficking operations, and pay travel and overtime costs for personnel;
- \$30 million for Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse states and localities for expenses they have incurred related to the massive influx of migrants;
- \$220 million for the Department of Justice to help process immigration cases and provide badly needed resources to the U.S. Marshals Service for the care and detention of Federal detainees; and
- \$145 million for the various branches of the U.S. military who have incurred operating expenses in support of multiple missions along the border.

Chairman Shelby's full remarks, as prepared, are as follows:

"There is no longer any question that the situation along our southern border is a full-blown humanitarian and security crisis.

"Leader McConnell has firmly established this fact here on the Senate floor, and charges from the other side of a manufactured crisis have fallen silent.

"At this juncture there is little need to recapitulate the case for action.

"We know what our professionals on the front lines need to get a handle on the situation.

"The only question is, will Congress come together and act or fall prey to partisanship while the crisis escalates further?"

"I am pleased to say that last week the Appropriations Committee charted a course for strong, bipartisan action.

"By a vote of 30-1, the committee approved an emergency appropriations bill to address the crisis at the border. 30-1.

"Such an overwhelming bipartisan vote would not have been possible without the cooperation

of my good friend and Vice Chairman, Senator Leahy.

“I want to thank Vice Chairman Leahy for working with me to find a path forward.

“This bipartisan committee product, which I will soon offer as a substitute amendment to the House bill, provides \$4.59 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations to address the humanitarian and security crisis at the border.

“It does not contain everything Vice Chairman Leahy wanted. It does not contain everything I wanted.

“More importantly, it does not contain any poison pills from either side.

“That is why it passed the Appropriations Committee by a vote of 30-1.

“And that is what gives us the best chance of passing a bill without further delay.

“I want to briefly outline for my colleagues the particulars of the package reported by the Appropriations Committee.

“Of the total funding provided, the lion’s share - \$2.88 billion – will help the Department of Health and Human Services provide safe and appropriate shelter and care for children in its custody.

“An additional \$1.1 billion is included for Customs and Border Protection, to establish migrant care and processing facilities; provide medical care and consumables; and pay travel and overtime costs for personnel.

“\$209 million is provided for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to fund transportation costs and medical care for detainees; conduct human trafficking operations; and again, to pay travel and overtime costs for personnel.

“\$30 million is for FEMA, to reimburse states and localities for expenses they have incurred related to the massive influx of migrants in their communities.

“\$220 million is included for the Department of Justice, to help process immigration cases and provide badly needed resources to the U.S. Marshals Service for the care and detention of Federal prisoners.

“Finally, \$145 million is provided for the various branches of the U.S. military who have incurred operating expenses in support of multiple missions along the border.

“This is a solid bill. It provides the resources needed to address the crisis we face. It contains no poison pills.

“And it is poised to pass the Senate with strong bipartisan support, unlike the version that came out of the House last night.

“So I say to our colleagues in the House: now that there is bipartisan acknowledgment that the crisis on our southern border is real, do not derail the one bipartisan vehicle with a real chance of becoming law.

“Those who want to alleviate the suffering on our southern border will soon have a bipartisan path forward in the Senate bill.

“Those who choose to obstruct over partisan demands will soon have a lot of questions to answer when this crisis escalates further.

“There is no excuse for Congress leaving town at the end of the week without getting this done.

“Let’s come together and do our job. And with that I yield the floor.”

The following are links to the legislative text and summary for the emergency supplemental:

[Border Security Supplemental Bill Text](#)

[Border Security Supplemental Summary](#)

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Hi everyone –

Happy Recess. It has been a big week in the Senate – we’ve worked on many items: work was completed in SFRC on tax treaties, a humanitarian aid bill passed the House and Senate to address the crisis on the border, and we passed a bipartisan NDAA, sending a clear message of support to our troops during these critical and trying times in the Middle East. Please see a full roundup of our work below, as well as a review of this work period/look ahead note to the press from Communications Director Dave Popp.

ICYMI: the Senate is in session today and reconvened at 5:00 am (!!!) this morning to [resume consideration of Udall amendment #883 \(To prohibit unauthorized military operations in or against Iran\)](#) (60 vote threshold).

A roll call vote on [Udall amendment #883](#), as amended started at 5:02 am (this vote will be held open until the afternoon to accommodate senators schedules).

As a reminder on the Udall amendment – from the Leader yesterday: “It should be soundly rejected. We know that our democratic colleagues have political differences with President Trump. I think the whole country has gotten that message pretty loud and clear. But they have chosen a terrible time and a completely irresponsible manner to express themselves.”

Next week in the Senate (week after July 4):

Monday, July 8th: The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and [resume consideration of Executive Calendar #343, Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.](#)

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a [roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Bress nomination.](#)

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order (sets up the week of July 8):

1. Executive Calendar #343, Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
2. Executive Calendar #47, T. Kent Wetherell II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.
3. Executive Calendar #51, Damon Ray Leichty, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.
4. Executive Calendar #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
5. Executive Calendar #101, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.
6. Executive Calendar #103, John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.
7. Executive Calendar #13, Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

The Senate will convene for pro forma session only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, July 2nd at 4:45 pm

Friday, July 5th at 11:45 am

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A full roundup/review below. but a couple items to note:

- [Washington Post: McConnell says he was 'thrilled' to be frequently mentioned at Democratic debate](#)

McConnell, who said he watched a baseball game instead of the debate, defended his resistance to Democratic legislation.

"I understand that my sin is that I've been stopping left-wing agenda items coming out of the House and confirming strict constructionists to the Supreme Court. If that's my sin, I plead guilty," McConnell said during a Capitol Hill news conference. "I was thrilled to dominate the discussion last night, and I think that was a legitimate discussion to have."

- Tax Treaties:

For those of you who have been following tax treaties over the past many, many years – this week was an important marker: the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a Business Meeting addressing the 4 protocols – details below.

All four protocols on the agenda -- Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxemburg -- passed successfully out of committee on a voice vote. Next step: floor consideration (likely during the next work period/post July 4th).

o The Treaties FYI:

- Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 ([Treaty Doc. 113-4](#))
- Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 ([Treaty Doc. 112-1](#))

- Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 ([Treaty Doc. 114-1](#))
- Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 ([Treaty Doc. 111-8](#))

<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/hearings/business-meeting-062519>

Yesterday in the Senate (6/27/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on substitute amendment #764, as modified, to S.1790, NDAA. Invoked (87-7)
2. Adoption of Romney amendment #861 (To provide that funds authorized by the Act are available for the defense of the Armed Forces and United States citizens against attack by foreign hostile forces) in relation to S.1790, NDAA. Adopted (90-4)
3. Adoption of substitute amendment #764 (as modified), as amended, to S.1790, NDAA. Adopted (by Voice Vote)
4. Passage of S.1790, NDAA, as amended. Passed (86-8)

Wrap Up:

H.R.2940 - TANF Extension

S.2047 - 2 Week Mental Health Extension

S.Res.270 - Stonewall 50th

S.Res.271 - Collector Car Appreciation Day

Cal #38, S.50 - Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act with Hoeven Amendment

Cal #63, S.212 - Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2019 with Hoeven Amendment

Cal #110, S.832 - Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon

Cal #37, S.46 - Klamath Tribe Judgement Fund Repeal Act

Cal #33, S.99 - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act

Cal #73, S.209 - PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act

Cal, #34, S.216 - Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act

Cal #41, S.224 - Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Cal #42, S.256 - Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act

Cal #49, S.257 - Tribal HUD-VASH Act of 2019

Cal #64, S.294 - Native American Business Incubators Program Act
S.Res.220 - PTSD Awareness

Executive Session – noms cleared by consent:

MILITARY PROMOTIONS

NAVY

Cal. #300 - Rear Adm. (lh) Gene F. Price to be Rear Admiral

Cal. #301 – The following to be Rear Admiral:

Rear Adm. (lh) Shawn E. Duane

Rear Adm. (lh) Scott D. Jones

Rear Adm. (lh) John B. Mustin

Rear Adm. (lh) John A. Schommer

Cal. #302 - Rear Adm. (lh) Alan J. Reyes to be Rear Admiral

Cal. #303 - Rear Adm. (lh) Troy M. McClelland to be Rear Admiral

ARMY

Cal. #304 - Maj. Gen. Charles A. Flynn to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #305 - Capt. Mark E. Moritz to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #306 - Capt. Christopher A. Asselta to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #307 - Capt. Michael T. Curran to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #308 - Capt. Leslie E. Reardanz, III to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #309 – The following to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half):

Capt. Kenneth R. Blackmon

Capt. Robert C. Nowakowski

Capt. Thomas S. Wall

Capt. Larry D. Watkins

Cal. #310 – The following to be Rear Admiral (lower half):

Capt. Scott K. Fuller

Capt. Michael J. Steffen

Cal. #311 - Capt. Paula D. Dunn to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #312 - Capt. Pamela C. Miller to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

AIR FORCE

Cal. #313 – Gen. John W. Raymond to be General

ARMY

Cal. #314 – Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera to be General

Cal. #315 – Maj. Gen. Michael E. Kurilla to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #316 – Rear Adm. Ricky L. Williamson to be Vice Admiral

Cal. #317 – Capt. Philip W. Yu to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

AIR FORCE

Cal. #318 – Col. Arthur P. Wunder to be Brigadier General

ARMY

Cal. #319 – Col. William Green, Jr. to be Brigadier General

NAVY

Cal. #320 – Vice Adm. Phillip G. Sawyer to be Vice Admiral

ARMY

Cal. #321 – Lt. Gen. Eric P. Wendt to be Lieutenant General

Cal. #322 – Brig. Gen. Michael R. Berry to be Major General

Cal. #323 – Brig. Gen. Michel M. Russell, Sr. to be Major General

Cal. #324 – the following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Joseph L. Biehler
Brig. Gen. William B. Blaylock, II
Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Bouchard
Brig. Gen. Paul B. Chauncey, III
Brig. Gen. Johanna P. Clyborne
Brig. Gen. William J. Edwards
Brig. Gen. Lee M. Ellis
Brig. Gen. Pablo Estrada, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Lapthe C. Flora
Brig. Gen. Troy D. Galloway
Brig. Gen. Lee W. Hopkins
Brig. Gen. Marvin T. Hunt
Brig. Gen. Mark C. Jackson
Brig. Gen. Richard F. Johnson
Brig. Gen. Tim C. Lawson
Brig. Gen. Kevin D. Lyons
Brig. Gen. Michael A. Mitchell
Brig. Gen. Michel A. Natali
Brig. Gen. Chad J. Parker
Brig. Gen. Gregory C. Porter
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey D. Smiley
Brig. Gen. David N. Vesper

Cal. #325 – Capt. Huan T. Nguyen to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

And all nomination on the Secretary's Desk in the AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS and NAVY.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Executive Calendar #295, Christopher Scolese, of New York, to be Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Executive Calendar #330, Gary B. Burman, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Executive Calendar #331, William D. Hyslop, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of four years.

Executive Calendar #332, Randall P. Huff, of Wyoming, to be United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Executive Calendar #113, Veronica Daigle, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Executive Calendar #342, Robert Wallace, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Executive Calendar #199, Aimee Kathryn Jorjani, of Wisconsin, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2021.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Executive Calendar #121, Lane Genatowski, of New York, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy, Department of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Executive Calendar #180, Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of El Salvador.

Executive Calendar #219, David Michael Satterfield, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD

Executive Calendar #109, Aditya Bamzai, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2020.

Executive Calendar #110, Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2022.

Executive Calendar #360, Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2025.

Thanks and have a great recess and **Happy Independence Day!** God Bless America and our troops!

And now a few words [on fireworks!](#)

I always thought it was the best day of the year. It was in the middle of the summer, to begin with, and when you got up in the morning someone would almost surely say, as they did in those times, that it was going to be a “true Fourth of July scorcher.” School had been out long enough so that one was conditioned for the great day. One’s feet were already leather-hard, so that striding barefoot across a gravel driveway could be done without wincing, and yet not so insensitive as to be unable to feel against one’s soles the luxurious wet wash of a dew-soaked lawn in the early morning. Of course, the best thing about the day was the anticipation of the fireworks—both from the paper bag of one’s own assortment, carefully picked from the catalogs, and then, after a day’s worth of the excitement of setting them off, there was always the tradition of getting in the car with the family and going off to the municipal show, or perhaps a Beach Club’s display ... the barge out in the harbor, a dark hulk as evening fell, and the heart-pounding excitement of seeing the first glow of a flare out there across the water and knowing that the first shell was about to soar up into the sky.

George Plimpton, [Fireworks](#)



Happy Fourth of July from *The Paris Review*

By [Dan Piepenbring](#)

July 4, 2014

<https://www.theparisreview.org/blog/2014/07/04/happy-fourth-of-july-from-the-paris-review/>

Background: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Plimpton#Fireworks (*Fireworks: A History and Celebration* (1984))

Plimpton was a demolitions expert in the post-[World War II](#) Army. After returning to New York from Paris, he routinely fired off [fireworks](#) at his evening parties.^[28]

His enthusiasm for fireworks grew, and he was appointed Fireworks Commissioner of New York

by Mayor [John Lindsay](#),^{[28][29]} an unofficial post he held until his death.^[2]

In 1975, in [Bellport, Long Island](#), Plimpton, with [Fireworks by Grucci](#) attempted to break the record for the world's largest firework.^{[30][31][32]} His firework, a [Roman candle](#) named "Fat Man",^{[30][31][32]} weighed 720 pounds (330 kg)^[30] and was expected to rise to 1,000 feet (300 m)^[32] or more^[30] and deliver a wide starburst.^[31] When lit, the firework remained on the ground and exploded, blasting a crater 35 feet (11 m) wide and 10 feet (3.0 m) deep.^[32] A later attempt, fired at [Cape Canaveral](#), rose approximately 50 feet (15 m) into the air and broke 700 windows in [Titusville, Florida](#).^[28]

With [Felix Grucci](#), Plimpton competed in the 16th International Fireworks Festival in 1979 in [Monte Carlo](#). After several problems with transporting and preparing the fireworks, Plimpton and Grucci became the first competitors from the United States to win the event.^[29] Plimpton later wrote the book *Fireworks*, and hosted an [A&E](#) Home Video with the same name featuring his many fireworks adventures with the Gruccis of New York in Monte Carlo and for the 1983 Brooklyn Bridge Centennial.^[2]

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Folks-

Before everyone scatters to celebrate America's Birthday with cookouts and cold ones, I wanted to highlight the accomplishments from June that the Leader led his press conference with yesterday.

In June, the Senate:

Passed an overwhelming bipartisan NDAA.

[Passed an overwhelming bipartisan supplemental appropriations bill](#) to address the crisis on our southern border.

Passed an overwhelming bipartisan IRS reform bill, the most significant IRS reform bill in two decades.

Confirmed 11 judges.

Confirmed a long list of important Executive Branch nominees while overcoming mindless Democrat obstruction.

- Of course the funny part continues to be that these nominees have often been confirmed with broad bipartisan support.

Looking ahead to July, we can expect the Senate to focus on:

Confirming the president's well-qualified nominees.

Potential consideration of four important tax treaties [that were reported out](#) of the Foreign Relations committee this week.

We will confirm the following nominees the week of July 7th, in this order:

Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

T. Kent Wetherell II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

Damon Ray Leichty, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

A few press highlights from the Leader's week

[Washington Post: McConnell says he was 'thrilled' to be frequently mentioned at Democratic debate](#)

McConnell, who said he watched a baseball game instead of the debate, defended his

resistance to Democratic legislation.

“I understand that my sin is that I’ve been stopping left-wing agenda items coming out of the House and confirming strict constructionists to the Supreme Court. If that’s my sin, I plead guilty,” McConnell said during a Capitol Hill news conference. “I was thrilled to dominate the discussion last night, and I think that was a legitimate discussion to have.”

Politico: House clears border aid bill after Pelosi bows to McConnell

“We did not in the end continue to play political games over this. They did. And it’s their problem to solve,” McConnell said. “I’m proud of the Senate for stepping up.”

New York Times: House Passes Senate Border Bill in Striking Defeat for Pelosi

The moderate Democrats had begun to worry about the possibility of leaving Washington on Friday for a weeklong July 4 recess without having cleared the humanitarian aid, and some were balking at a funding reduction for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. That left the House floor in chaos, with emotions running high.

Ms. Pelosi was left with little choice but to accept the less restrictive Senate bill, which had passed on a lopsided bipartisan vote this week and would do far less to rein in Mr. Trump’s immigration crackdown.

WTVQ (Lexington): BIPARTISAN BILL TO RAISE FEDERAL SMOKING AGE ADVANCES TO SENATE

A bipartisan bill that would raise the legal age to buy tobacco from 18-to-21, passed a key Senate committee on Wednesday. The ‘Tobacco-Free Youth Act’ was first proposed by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, in April of this year. Democratic Senator Tim Kaine, of Virginia, joined the proposed legislation.

The measure was approved by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). The proposed legislation now moves on to the full Senate for consideration.

One final thought

[Please be safe](#) during the holiday week as you celebrate America’s Birthday- hopefully [with some pups!](#)

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Hi everyone,

The Senate is in session (a 4-week session work period). As you may recall, Leader McConnell filed cloture on several nominations before the 4th of July recess, setting up this week:

1. Executive Calendar #343, Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
2. Executive Calendar #47, T. Kent Wetherell II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.
3. Executive Calendar #51, Damon Ray Leichty, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.
4. Executive Calendar #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
5. Executive Calendar #101, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.
6. Executive Calendar #103, John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.
7. Executive Calendar #13, Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

The Senate convened at 9:30 am today and resumed consideration of Executive Calendar #47, T. Kent Wetherell II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, post-cloture.

At 11:00 am, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of the Wetherell nomination (finishing voting now)
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #51, Damon Ray Leichty, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

At 4:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #101, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #103, John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

This week in the Senate --

Roll Call Votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #343, Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Confirmed (53-45)
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #47, T. Kent Wetherell II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. Invoked (82-16)

3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #51, Damon Ray Leichty, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. Invoked (87-11)
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Invoked (83-15)
5. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #343, Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Invoked (50-42)

Wrap Up:

S.239 – Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Coin Act of 2019 with Shaheen Amendment
Cal. #108, S.Res.188 – Sudan with Cruz Amendments
S.Res.208 - American Grown Flowers Month

Rule 14 – added to the Senate calendar:

H.R.2740 – LHHS/DOD/State Appropriations
H.R.3055 – CJS Appropriations

Looking ahead/Potential items:

Nominations (exec branch and judges), Tax Treaties

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Please read several statements below from Leader McConnell on topics ranging from election security to nominations to the state of the economy, and more.

Thanks,
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McConnell: Preserving and Protecting Our Elections is a Crucial Task

'In 2016, Vladimir Putin sought to interfere in our elections... [but] he didn't just decide in 2016 to take such a bold step. He worked up to it, undermining an array of U.S. interests slowly but surely over eight years of the previous administration's misguided approach to Russia. Under President Obama, the U.S.-Russia relationship seemed to be defined by two constants: Putin's growing assertiveness in foreign meddling, and the administration's failure to confront it.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding election security:

"Later today, all senators will have the opportunity to receive a classified briefing on an issue of huge national importance: The security and integrity of our elections. It's fitting that today's session be one bipartisan, all-member briefing. Because while it's a cliché to say that certain priorities ought to be above partisan squabbling, I know that every one of us shares a genuine concern in maintaining the process through which American democracy plays out.

"Those of my colleagues who have read the January 2017 intelligence assessment and the Mueller Report will understand that it is precisely our unity and our faith in our democratic system that Vladimir Putin seeks to undermine. Along with Americans' First Amendment rights to express themselves and speak out, there are few things more fundamental to the maintenance of our republic than the electoral process itself. Thomas Paine wrote, 'the right of voting for representatives is the primary right by which other rights are protected.'

"So preserving and protecting the elections that our state and local authorities conduct is a crucial task. From the federal government's perspective, states are firmly in the lead, but sometimes that means lending a hand to local authorities. Obviously, during the Civil Rights era for example, some federal guidelines were necessary to preserve integrity. But many other times, doing the right thing means defending against interference — be it political interference in the constitutionally protected role of the states to conduct elections by politicians and bureaucrats here in Washington D.C., or certainly interference from America's adversaries abroad.

"In 2016, Vladimir Putin sought to interfere in our elections. I've read the intelligence reports. I've read the Mueller Report. I've talked with our intelligence committee, which has investigated this in depth and has a report coming out soon. It's important to put Putin's efforts to interfere in our democracy in context, because he didn't just decide in 2016 to take such a bold step. He worked up to it, undermining an array of U.S. interests slowly but surely over eight years of the previous administration's misguided approach to Russia. Under President Obama, the U.S.-Russia relationship seemed to be defined by two constants: Putin's growing assertiveness in foreign meddling, and the administration's failure to confront it.

"Putin's 2008 invasion of the sovereign country of Georgia was met by the so-called 'reset' in 2009, which swept the aggression under the rug. The United States may have reset our policy to 'business as usual,' but Putin's aggression continued full-bore. There was the failure to respond to Putin's efforts to strangle democracy in his own country by shuttering western NGOs, arresting dissidents, or possibly ordering the murder of political opponents like Boris Nemtsov. To the extent that the U.S. responded to the torture and murder by Russian authorities of lawyer Sergei Magnitsky, it was due to Congressional pressure.

"There was also President Obama's response to Putin's invasion of Ukraine in 2014 -- do any of my colleagues believe the administration's response to that outrageous assault on the sovereignty of Ukraine was sufficiently tough to defend against Putin's outrageous assault on fundamental principles of sovereignty and the international order? There was the debacle with the president's 'red line' in Syria, which turned out to be more like a red carpet for Russian influence in Syria and the Middle East. And there was the president telling Putin's puppet Medvedev that he would have more 'flexibility' to treat Russia differently once he became a lame duck.

"All this, under a president who thought it was a clever laugh line to mock our now-colleague Senator Romney for correctly labeling Russia a threat. The consequences of American weakness toward Russia were numerous. The more Obama gave, the more Putin took. Among those consequences, as we all know, was that Putin felt sufficiently emboldened to seek to interfere in our 2016 presidential election. Through efforts to divide Americans on social media and to hack a political party, agents of a foreign government sought to inject division, doubt, and chaos into our democracy. A sad and embarrassing episode.

"President Trump has expressed an interest in a better relationship with Russia, but the actions his administration has taken -- which he has authorized -- demonstrate that such a relationship will not prevent America from pushing back against Russian aggression. The administration has pushed back against Russia in meaningful ways, imposing new costs on Putin and his cronies for their malign activities and improving our defenses against Russian active measures.

"We've adopted new National Security and Defense Strategies that treat Russian aggression like the serious threat that it is. We've begun to rebuild our military strength, which was eroded by

years of budget cuts and further damaged by sequestration. We've taken steps to provide Georgia and Ukraine with arms to defend against Russian aggression -- weapons denied to them by the previous administration despite bipartisan support from Congress. We've worked to block Moscow's efforts to increase European reliance on Russian oil and gas. Secretary Mattis led efforts -- continued by his successors -- to reform and strengthen NATO.

"So important changes are underway at the strategic level. Now we're back to projecting the strength, principle, and resolve that America ought to project. But in addition, the Trump Administration has also punched back in very specific ways in response to the election interference that happened on the Obama Administration's watch.

"Thanks to the work of the Special Counsel and the Department of Justice, 28 Russian nationals, intelligence officers, and corporate interests were indicted for their participation in the interference. And in 2018, the administration expelled another 60 Russian agents in response to the poisoning of a former official living in the United Kingdom. These agents are no longer free to conduct intelligence operations or active measures in America. These are all tough, important steps that pertain to our broader foreign policy efforts to deter future threats. But there has also been significant work done specifically on our election security. The administration worked quickly to address vulnerabilities and ensure that 2018 wouldn't be a reprise of 2016.

"The administration directed resources through the Department of Homeland Security to help local election authorities implement stronger cybersecurity measures. Information sharing was streamlined between DHS, FBI, and state and local officials. They worked hard to gain the trust of state election officials, in my state of Kentucky and around the country, and provide them with valuable information through a voluntary information-sharing program that has seen participation from all 50 states and 1400 localities. Here in Congress we appropriated hundreds of millions of dollars in additional aid for state governments to strengthen their systems. And our efforts continue. This year's Defense and Intelligence Authorization bills include provisions that will help defend ourselves and our allies against Russian aggression.

"The administration will brief us today in classified session about the many steps U.S. agencies have taken since 2016 to improve our defenses and bolster our deterrence against adversaries who seek to undermine our democracy. The smooth and secure execution of the 2018 election illustrates the success of these measures. This was not a coincidence. And Congress has taken even further action since then, building new legislative safeguards to increase transparency and coordination with the intelligence community on election security.

"In short, it is abundantly clear that the administration and Congress take this issue seriously. So I look forward to hearing more from the administration today about what steps have led to this greater success and what even further safeguards they are working on in advance of 2020. Of course, Congress will need to continue closely monitoring the progress and assess whether further legislative steps might be needed as well.

"But, as with any time when Washington politicians are clamoring to grab greater control over something this important, we need to make sure this conversation is clear-eyed, and sober, and serious. I remember it was President Obama's first chief of staff who said 'you never want a serious crisis to go to waste.' In other words, bad news can give politicians cover to do things they've wanted to do for a long time. And remember, it was only months ago that the new Democrat majority in the House decided their top priority for the entire Congress was the massive bill I called the Democratic Politician Protection Act. A sprawling federal power grab over election law and citizens' political speech.

"Among other provisions, it would make the FEC, the currently non-partisan body that regulates political speech, into a partisan weapon. They also want to give Washington D.C. more power to prohibit citizen groups from weighing in on politicians' job performance. They have twice passed bills aimed at centralizing election administration decisions in the federal government, in part on the hope that election attorneys -- not voters -- will get to determine the outcome of more elections. Provision after provision that would erode long-standing safeguards. That was the huge proposal just a few months ago.

"So, in light of this, it's interesting that some of our colleagues across the aisle seem to have already made up their minds before we hear from the experts today that a brand-new, sweeping Washington D.C. intervention is just what the doctor ordered. I, for one, am looking forward to listening to the experts. To hearing more about why the Trump Administration was more successful in 2018 than the Obama Administration was in 2016. And I look forward to ensuring that any additional federal action actually addresses the problems at hand. That it preserve, rather than undermine, the careful checks and balances that have been key parts of American democracy since the beginning."

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Leader McConnell Meets with Secretary of Defense Nominee Mark Esper

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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement after today's meeting with the president's nominee for Secretary of Defense, Mark Esper:

"Today I met with Acting Secretary Esper to discuss the critical challenges facing America's armed forces, Kentucky's contributions to our national defense, and his nomination to become the next Senate-confirmed Secretary of Defense.

"Acting Secretary Esper is an impressive leader with a distinguished record in uniform, on Capitol Hill, in the private sector, and as a senior leader at the Pentagon. I'm glad President Trump has chosen someone so qualified to continue rebuilding and modernizing the U.S. military, strengthening our strategic alliances, and helping our nation confront the wide variety of national security challenges that we face.

"I look forward to the Senate's swift consideration of Acting Secretary Esper's nomination to the Pentagon's top job."

Background: The Senate will consider this nomination in a timely manner. Additional details and scheduling announcements regarding confirmation hearings will be forthcoming from the [Senate Armed Services Committee](#).

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“So we achieved historic tax reform. Major regulatory reform. All kinds of economic policies geared toward helping workers and middle-class families earn more — and then send less to the IRS. The way Republicans see it, these ideas are no-brainers — so long as you believe in the promise and potential of American workers and small businesses. This is clearly the way to go. And the results continue to speak for themselves.”

“All kinds of American workers. All kinds of families. All kinds of small towns, and farm counties, and smaller cities, and suburbs. This all-American recovery is benefiting our whole country with job opportunities, wage growth, new investment, and new optimism. Two and a half years ago, Republicans started out with a pretty simple philosophy. It goes like this: The American people can accomplish great things and build prosperity for their families if Washington D.C. mostly stays out of their way. We needed the federal government to stop creating so many economic headwinds and start creating a few tailwinds.

“The last administration’s so-called ‘recovery’ disproportionately helped a few major metro areas. But it left whole communities and whole regions of the country more or less in the dust. Not these days. The results have been very different under Republicans’ pro-growth, pro-opportunity policy agenda. Now we are seeing a real all-American recovery. As the *New York Times* reported last week, quote, ‘only recently have the economic gains filtered down to black and Hispanic workers, those with less education, and others who face discrimination or other barriers to employment.’

“Fourth of July celebrations weren’t the only thing for American families to smile about last week. We received even more positive news about the strong U.S. economy that American workers and job creators are building with a big assist from Republican policies. More than 200,000 new jobs were created in June alone. The economy is overflowing with opportunities. American workers are in high demand and more and more previously sidelined individuals are getting to clock back in.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the benefits Americans continue to see from the Republican pro-opportunity, pro-growth agenda:

“Fourth of July celebrations weren’t the only thing for American families to smile about last week. We received even more positive news about the strong U.S. economy that American workers and job creators are building with a big assist from Republican policies. More than 200,000 new jobs were created in June alone. The economy is overflowing with opportunities. American workers are in high demand and more and more previously sidelined individuals are getting to clock back in.”

More Job Opportunities, Wage Growth, New Investment Thanks to Republican Policies

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Senate Continues to Make Headway in the Personnel Business

'This week we are confirming a number of President Trump's thoroughly qualified nominees to important vacancies in the federal courts and in the administration... We will continue to spend the time it takes to put impressive, impartial men and women on the federal judiciary and give the president — more than two years into his administration — more of his team in place in the executive branch.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees:

"The Senate is continuing to make headway in the personnel business. This week we are confirming a number of President Trump's thoroughly qualified nominees to important vacancies in the federal courts and in the administration. As I've said, it's unfortunate for this institution that our Democratic colleagues have made it their routine practice to require not just roll-call votes, but cloture votes as well, on non-controversial nominees for lower-profile positions.

"Regular cloture votes on district judges. Cloture votes on Assistant Secretaries. Later this week, a cloture vote on an Assistant EPA Administrator. These are the sorts of important but lower-profile positions that the Senate used to quickly process by voice vote. When these sorts of people were qualified, they were voice-voted — by Senates of both parties, for presidents of both parties. That was the norm. But new partisan hurdles won't deter the Senate from doing our job. We will continue to spend the time it takes to put impressive, impartial men and women on the federal judiciary and give the president — more than two years into his administration — more of his team in place in the executive branch.

"Yesterday afternoon we voted to advance the nomination of Daniel Bress to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Bress comes with strong credentials: the academic pedigree, the legal experience, and most importantly a demonstrated commitment to the rule of law. So I'm glad we voted to advance his nomination yesterday and I urge all my colleagues to vote to confirm him today. Next, we'll consider three district court nominees: T. Kent Wetherell to the Northern District of Florida, Damon Leichty to the Northern District of Indiana, and Nicholas Ranjan to the Western District of Pennsylvania.

"And after them, we will confirm several nominees to serve in the administration: Robert King, to be an Assistant Secretary of Education; John Pallasch, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor; and Peter Wright, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. In each of these cases, the president has presented us with thoroughly well-qualified individuals to serve the nation in these important roles. This week, the Senate will give them the straightforward consideration -- and confirmations -- they deserve."

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Senate Will Continue to Confirm Highly-Qualified Nominees for Important Federal Offices

'... I am proud that the Senate's modest rules change from several months back is proving successful, and will enable us to get through this whole list of impressive professionals this week. I look forward to getting these amply-qualified nominees on the job so they can get to work for the country — and so the American people can be governed by the government they elected.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees:

"This week the Senate will continue to make headway and confirm the president's highly-qualified nominees for important federal offices. We'll begin by considering Daniel Bress who has been nominated to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Bress is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Virginia School of Law.

"Clerkships after law school included time at the Supreme Court clerking for the late Justice Scalia. Since then he has built an impressive reputation in private practice. I look forward to continuing the work of our colleagues on the Judiciary Committee, who favorably recommended Mr. Bress to the floor, when we vote to advance his nomination later today and vote on his confirmation later this week.

"After him, the Senate will weigh three nominees for district court vacancies in Florida, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. And after them, we'll continue to staff up the executive branch with nominees for important posts in the Departments of Education and Labor and the EPA. As I have said continually, I am sorry that it is necessary to file cloture on uncontroversial district court and Assistant Secretary nominees.

"But notwithstanding that hurdle, I am proud that the Senate's modest rules change from several months back is proving successful, and will enable us to get through this whole list of impressive professionals this week. I look forward to getting these amply-qualified nominees on the job so they can get to work for the country — and so the American people can be governed by the government they elected."

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A Proud National Legacy of Liberty

‘Celebrating our freedoms also means remembering the great sacrifices that so many have given in order to protect and preserve them. It is fitting that here in our nation’s capital, the fireworks display lights up our war memorials and the tombs of fallen warriors across the river. And of course we remember also all the men and women currently serving today.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding our nation’s 243rd Independence Day and congratulating the U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team on their World Cup win yesterday:

“I hope all of our colleagues had a productive state work period and an enjoyable Fourth of July. On Thursday, hundreds of millions of proud Americans joined together all across our country — in town squares, parks, and backyards — to co-host our nation’s 243rd birthday party. As always, the parades and fireworks and picnics commemorated something serious: Our proud national legacy of liberty. It began in Philadelphia in 1776 and we continue working to make it manifest to this day.

“Celebrating our freedoms also means remembering the great sacrifices that so many have given in order to protect and preserve them. It is fitting that here in our nation’s capital, the fireworks display lights up our war memorials and the tombs of fallen warriors across the river. And of course we remember also all the men and women currently serving today.

“We Americans have so much to be proud of. Just yesterday, we were given yet another reason. Instead of taking the weekend off, the U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team finished their time in France by winning the World Cup. Earlier last week, the U.S. women commemorated Independence Day early by beating England. And then yesterday they defeated the Netherlands, 2 - 0, to take first place.

“Through grit, teamwork, and dazzling talent, the American women have now raised the World Cup trophy four times. A billion viewers around the world tuned in to watch the tournament. All told, they saw the United States outscore our opponents collectively by 26 to 3 and follow our victory in the last tournament in 2015 with a back-to-back win this time as well. I know my colleagues join me in offering the Senate’s congratulations to the Women’s National Team for bringing this honor home.”

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Hi everyone,

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 15th. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit (30 hours debate time nom).

ICYMI: Last night Leader McConnell filed cloture on several items for next week:

The Leader filed cloture on the following items in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.
2. Treaties Cal. #1 - Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain.
3. Treaties Cal. #2 - Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.
4. Treaties Cal. #3 - Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan.
5. Treaties Cal. #4 - Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg.
6. Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
7. Executive Calendar #175, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.
8. Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Jamaica.

At 3:30 pm, there will be a filing deadline for all first degree amendments in relation to Treaties Calendar #1-4.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Phipps nomination.

Yesterday in the Senate (7/11/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #101, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. Confirmed (56-37)
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #103, John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. Confirmed (54-39)
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #13, Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. Invoked (53-39)
4. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #13, Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. Confirmed (52-38)

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items during today's session of the Senate.

Thanks. Please read remarks from Leader McConnell this week on the 9/11 Victims Compensation bill, this week's nominations, and election security.

Best,
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McConnell Statement on House Passage of 9/11 Victims Compensation Bill

LOUISVILLE, KY – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement regarding House passage of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund bill:

“The first responders who rushed into danger on September 11th, 2001 are the very definition of American heroes and patriots. The Senate has never forgotten the Victim Compensation Fund and we aren’t about to start now. Nothing about our shared goal to provide for these heroes is remotely partisan. We will consider this important legislation soon.

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More Well-Qualified Nominees Confirmed with Bipartisan Support in Senate

'[A]s it happens, we'll also vote on two Kentuckians: Robert King and John Pallasch. Mr. King has been nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education...

And Mr. Pallasch has been tapped for Assistant Secretary of Labor... So I'll be proud to support each of these well-qualified nominees — as their senior senator from Kentucky, but moreover, as someone who believes that the American people's president deserves to have his team in place, and that citizens ought to be governed by the government they voted for.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees:

"All week, the Senate has continued our productivity in overcoming partisan opposition and confirming the president's well-qualified nominees for important offices. We've confirmed the newest judge on the Ninth Circuit. And yesterday we confirmed three district judges by overwhelming bipartisan margins: 78 to 15... 80 to 14... and 85 to 10.

"Clearly, we are not exactly talking about radioactive, controversial nominees here. Not when 78 votes for confirmation is the low end. But nevertheless, as has become typical over the past two and a half years, our Democratic colleagues insisted on cloture votes to cut off debate before we could confirm any of them. In fact we have yet to voice-vote a single judicial nominee this entire Congress.

"It's a shame. It's not the precedent the Senate ought to be setting for these lower-tier nominations. But of course we've confirmed them nonetheless. Before the end of this week, the Senate will have done the same for three other lower-level nominees to the executive branch. Weeks like this were impossible before my Republican colleagues and I did the right thing for this institution a few months back and moved the Senate back toward our historical norms for nominations.

"We argued that Senate Democrats were mindlessly obstructing even the least-controversial nominees just for obstruction's sake. Our colleagues across the aisle insisted, no, the majority would be ramming through extreme individuals and cutting off the intense debate they deserved. Who was right? Well, one more time for good measure: 78 to 15... 80 to 14... and 85 to 10. Enough said.

"It's particularly ironic that some of my friends across the aisle elect to complain that the Senate is spending too much time on nominations. I'm not making this up— we actually hear protestations from the Democratic side that confirming these men and women is taking too long. As though it weren't totally obvious to everyone that their own unprecedented delaying tactics are the only reason that nominees like these have not been quickly confirmed in big batches by voice vote.

"It's quite the two-step: Democrats systematically drag their heels for two and a half years and counting. And then complain we aren't moving fast enough. Well, if it weren't clear by now, the tactics won't work. The Senate will press on and do our job. Today, we'll press on, despite 492 days of obstruction, and confirm Peter Wright, the president's nominee to serve as an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"And, as it happens, we'll also vote on two Kentuckians: Robert King and John Pallasch. Mr. King

has been nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education. He comes with an impressive record of experience in higher education administration and advocacy, at home in the Bluegrass and beyond. And Mr. Pallasch has been tapped for Assistant Secretary of Labor. His resume includes service as Director of the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training as well as previous service with the Department as deputy assistant secretary for mine safety and health.

“So I’ll be proud to support each of these well-qualified nominees — as their senior senator from Kentucky, but moreover, as someone who believes that the American people’s president deserves to have his team in place, and that citizens ought to be governed by the government they voted for.”

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Important Work Continues to Keep Our Elections Secure

‘Congress will certainly continue to monitor this closely, while resisting any efforts to use the failures of the past to justify sweeping federalizations of election law, as some on the other side have consistently sought to do. Make no mistake: many of the proposals labeled by Democrats to be “election security” measures are indeed election reform measures that are part of the left’s wish list I’ve called the Democrat Politician Protection Act.’ They ignore the great work this administration has done and sweep under the rug the necessary measures this chamber has passed.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the importance of election security:

“Yesterday, the entire Senate had the opportunity to meet in classified session for a briefing on election security. We heard from the Director of National Intelligence, the FBI Director, the Acting Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security, and other key administration officials about our recent progress and ongoing work to protect our democratic process from interference.

“The takeaway was clear: After 2016, this new administration kicked into high gear. Alongside our efforts in Congress, all levels of government worked proactively to make sure that 2018 was not a repeat of 2016. And far from letting up, the executive branch is continuing to work hard in advance of next year’s presidential election. We know our adversaries won’t be letting up and so we aren’t letting up either.

“I want to underscore my appreciation for the tremendous work that so many officials across our government have been doing to protect our democracy and impose costs on adversaries who dare to interfere. Threats remain, but yesterday’s briefing was an instructive counterpoint to the doom

and gloom hyperbole we often see in the media. Good news doesn't sell newspapers. But although I doubt it will get much coverage, I am proud of the work our government has done to shore up our defenses of American democracy and deter foreign influence and interference. I believe my colleagues feel the same way. At one point during yesterday's briefing, applause broke out in the room for the work one of our agencies is doing. Bipartisan applause.

"Many of the details of yesterday's briefing were obviously classified and should remain so. But much of what was discussed were the specific details and the full impacts of steps that are already public knowledge. Here in Congress we've taken legislative action to enhance interagency coordination on cybersecurity, expedite security clearances for election officials, and allocate hundreds of millions of dollars in direct aid to state election officials.

"With the new resources that we provided, the Department of Homeland Security dramatically strengthened its information-sharing and security partnerships with the state and local authorities that operate elections in the United States. Participation came from all 50 states and 1,400 localities. And the direct aid to states helped the authorities who are on the front lines of conducting elections update their systems, strengthen their defenses, and maintain vigilance. These and other actions have been part of a coordinated, government-wide, federal, state, and local campaign to shore up our defenses. I would anticipate that every member who attended the classified briefing likely came away feeling confident that big steps forward have taken place in the last two and a half years.

"Thanks in large part to these efforts, the 2018 elections went more smoothly than 2016. And as we look to 2020, it is encouraging to learn how seriously the administration is taking the threat and proactively working to counter it. Because we know the threat is not going anywhere. Foreign adversaries are going to keep at it. So I'm glad the administration is so focused on staying strong and remaining vigilant.

"But of course, as I said yesterday, the roots of this issue run deeper than just our elections themselves. A foreign adversary like Russia didn't just wake up one day in 2016 and decide to interfere in American democracy. The meddling was the outgrowth of a long pattern of weakness and naivete that permeated all eight years of the Obama administration. So punching back against this misbehavior, and deterring future episodes like it, has also meant taking broad steps to strengthen America's posture abroad and get more realistic about our relationship with Russia.

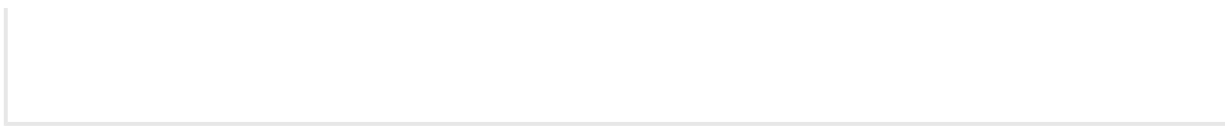
"Obviously nearly 30 Russians and Russian corporations have been indicted by the Special Counsel for election meddling. More broadly, we have a new National Security Strategy. An improved road map for our global presence that takes seriously the need to check great-power competitors like Russia and China. We're recommitting to the alliances that preserve American values around the world, reforming NATO to meet 21st century threats, and equipping our allies and partners who are on the front lines of Russia's geopolitical prospecting. And Congress and the administration have worked together to restore our armed forces and unwind harmful funding restrictions that had cut readiness and limited our commanders. So not just our efforts on election security, but really, our entire foreign policy, has made great strides under the leadership of this administration.

"To conclude, yesterday's briefing made it clear that our work has led to huge progress. But the work certainly isn't over. Leaders across government are continuing to explore and repair potential vulnerabilities and increase cooperation ahead of the 2020 presidential election. Congress will certainly continue to monitor this closely, while resisting any efforts to use the failures of the past to justify sweeping federalizations of election law, as some on the other side have consistently sought to do.

"Make no mistake: many of the proposals labeled by Democrats to be 'election security' measures are indeed election reform measures that are part of the left's wish list I've called the *Democrat Politician Protection Act*. They ignore the great work this administration has done and sweep under the rug the necessary measures this chamber has passed. But, speaking broadly, I think all Americans should remember this: What Russia really set out to do was sow division, spark doubt, and trigger a crisis of confidence in our country that would extend far beyond the actual actions they undertook.

"So as I've said before, as we continue taking action and shoring up our defenses, it's also vital that we not fall into precisely the trap that Putin and company have laid. It's vital that Americans not take the bait on fear and division and ultimately do Russia's work for them. Our country is strong. American democracy is strong. Our elections are already safer and more secure. And the important work continues. Our adversaries won't let up and so we are not letting up either."

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Hi everyone,

The Senate convened at 3:00 pm today, Monday, July 15th and proceeded to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit (30 hours debate time nom).

The Leader filed cloture on the following items in the following order last week, setting up this week:

1. Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.
2. Treaties Cal. #1 - Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain.
3. Treaties Cal. #2 - Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.
4. Treaties Cal. #3 - Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan.
5. Treaties Cal. #4 - Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg.
6. Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
7. Executive Calendar #175, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.
8. Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Jamaica.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Phipps nomination.

Please read floor remarks from Leader McConnell this afternoon regarding this week's agenda in the Senate and the importance of processing tax treaties.

Excerpt (full remarks below) --

"Following that nomination, the Senate will tend to another of this body's unique responsibilities -- the ratification of treaties. For the better part of the last century, the United States has engaged in bilateral tax treaties with foreign trading partners. These measures cultivate robust trading relationships and put in place important clarifications to ensure that American businesses can avoid double tax burdens.

"Today, America is engaged in about 60 such treaties -- with major allies and developing partners alike. Together, they account for trillions of dollars in foreign investment across the country. And this week, there are several more awaiting consideration. The Senate needs to act on treaties with Spain, the Swiss Federation, Japan, and Luxembourg.

"I've heard from job creators in my state of Kentucky about the importance of creating more certainty by getting these treaties approved, and I expect my colleagues have heard similar things from employers in their states as well. So these measures should be taken up and ratified without delay. On behalf of American workers and entrepreneurs, I hope each of my colleagues will join me in voting yes this week."

Reminder on Tax Treaties –

Background: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 addressing the 4 protocols – details below. Reminder, these protocols have been languishing in the Senate since

2011. As noted above, these protocols are necessary to prevent American businesses from double taxation.

All four protocols on the agenda -- Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxemburg -- passed successfully out of committee on a voice vote. Next step: floor consideration.

The Treaties – details FYI (links below):

1. Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 ([Treaty Doc. 113-4](#))
2. Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 ([Treaty Doc. 112-1](#))
3. Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 ([Treaty Doc. 114-1](#))
4. Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 ([Treaty Doc. 111-8](#))

<https://www.foreign.senate.gov/hearings/business-meeting-062519>

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Nominations, Ratification of Important Tax Treaties Up Next in Senate

'The Senate is getting started on another busy week in which we'll complete more important business for the American people. We will confirm a number of well-qualified nominees as well as a number of treaties that pertain to international commerce and keeping our economy strong.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding this week's agenda:

"The Senate is getting started on another busy week in which we'll complete more important business for the American people. We will confirm a number of well-qualified nominees as well as a number of treaties that pertain to international commerce and keeping our economy strong.

"First, the nominations. Later this afternoon, we'll build on two and a half years of confirming talented, capable jurists to our federal courts and vote to advance the nomination of Judge Peter Phipps for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Phipps is a graduate of the University of Dayton and Stanford University Law School. His impressive professional record includes time in private practice, a clerkship on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and fifteen years of decorated service with the Department of Justice.

"At the DOJ, while handling sensitive and high-profile cases in the Federal Programs Branch, Judge Phipps left a lasting impression on colleagues and opposing counsel alike. Litigators who worked both with him and against him have written the Senate to praise his, quote, '*piercing intellect, deep knowledge of the law... and personable relations with everyone in the courtroom.*' A number of his former DOJ colleagues attest that his '*ability to master complex issues quickly made him the sort of lawyer other lawyers would turn to with questions or for counsel.*'

"And -- listen to this -- Leon Panetta, former Secretary of Defense to President Obama, has worked with Judge Phipps in the past and has great things to say about his -- quote -- '*legal acumen, dedication, attention to detail, and integrity.*' He says '*I believe that Peter will serve with honor and highly recommend his confirmation.*' Given all this it is hardly surprising that, when Judge Phipps was first nominated to serve as District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the Senate confirmed him by a voice vote.

"This body saw what everyone else had seen: An impressively qualified, intellectually excellent individual who firmly understands what the job of a judge does and does not entail in our constitutional system. So I'm sorry that this nominee who earned a voice vote to his current

position will now require a cloture vote this afternoon. But nevertheless, I look forward to voting to advance his nomination today and voting to confirm him later this week. I urge all my colleagues to join me.

“Following that nomination, the Senate will tend to another of this body's unique responsibilities -- the ratification of treaties. For the better part of the last century, the United States has engaged in bilateral tax treaties with foreign trading partners. These measures cultivate robust trading relationships and put in place important clarifications to ensure that American businesses can avoid double tax burdens.

“Today, America is engaged in about 60 such treaties -- with major allies and developing partners alike. Together, they account for trillions of dollars in foreign investment across the country. And this week, there are several more awaiting consideration. The Senate needs to act on treaties with Spain, the Swiss Federation, Japan, and Luxembourg.

“I've heard from job creators in my state of Kentucky about the importance of creating more certainty by getting these treaties approved, and I expect my colleagues have heard similar things from employers in their states as well. So these measures should be taken up and ratified without delay. On behalf of American workers and entrepreneurs, I hope each of my colleagues will join me in voting yes this week.”

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Hi everyone,

The Senate convened at 10 am and finished debate on Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, post-cloture.

We just finished voting on two roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of the Phipps nomination (confirmed 53-40) – Note: this is the 43rd Circuit Court judge of the Trump Administration!
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Agreed to, 94-1).

At 5:00 pm today, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes in relation to the following to Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain:

1. Paul amendment #924 (information exchange standard)
2. Paul amendment #921 (date change of enactment)
3. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #1 (as amended, if amended)

ICYMI: Treasury, Senate Foreign Relations, and Senate Finance oppose the above amendments as material changes to the treaties, and would therefore kill the Protocols. Note: Senior Treasury officials describe the Paul amendments as “fatal” to the tax Protocols, if adopted.

Please read Leader McConnell’s full floor remarks below on the economy and the importance of getting tax treaties done this week.

A few excerpts:

- Spoke on the economy:
 - “Hardly a day goes by without new headlines highlighting the new prosperity in communities the last Administration’s policies overlooked and the red hot market for American workers. Since January 2017, Republican policies have focused on letting the American people control more of their own money and letting American businesses create jobs more easily. So what are the results? On our watch unemployment has fallen to near 50-year lows and stayed there.”
- Spoke on tax treaties:
 - “The Senate will soon turn our attention to a number of bilateral tax treaties with important U.S. trading partners. We have these kinds of agreements in place to reduce tax evasion, tax avoidance, and unfair double taxation of U.S. citizens and businesses who also conduct business abroad. The four we will consider this week are agreements with Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxembourg. The U.S. Government in each of these foreign governments has painstakingly

negotiated updates to existing agreements about how certain kinds of commerce will be taxed and which country will tax them.”

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Fairer Treatment for American Job Creators, More Enticement for Foreign Investors

‘Speaking of economic growth and development, the Senate will soon turn our attention to a number of bilateral tax treaties with important U.S. trading partners. We have these kinds of agreements in place to reduce tax evasion, tax avoidance, and unfair double taxation of U.S. citizens and businesses who also conduct business abroad. The four that we’ll consider this week are agreements with Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxembourg.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the ratification of important tax treaties:

“Speaking of economic growth and development, the Senate will soon turn our attention to a number of bilateral tax treaties with important U.S. trading partners. We have these kinds of agreements in place to reduce tax evasion, tax avoidance, and unfair double taxation of U.S. citizens and businesses who also conduct business abroad. The four that we’ll consider this week are agreements with Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxembourg.

“The U.S. government and each of these foreign governments have painstakingly negotiated updates to existing agreements about how certain kinds of commerce will be taxed and which country will tax them. In short, Senate ratification of these protocols will mean less confusion, more certainty, and often fewer taxes for U.S. job creators. And, by the way, a simpler rule book for overseas investors who want to invest their money here.

“Fairer treatment for our own American job creators and more enticement for foreign investment to head here. That’s what we call a win-win. We’re talking about a serious economic impact. In addition to the four countries we’re tackling this week, there are three more nations with tax treaties pending, which I know the administration is continuing to work on with the Foreign Relations and Finance Committees to finalize work on these remaining agreements.

“Combined, these seven foreign countries invest more than \$1.2 trillion in the United States. More than a trillion dollars in foreign investment. And by some estimates, hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs are tied up, directly or indirectly, in trade with these countries. These trading relationships touch all 50 states. Every one of my colleagues is familiar with communities that benefit from the foreign investment. For my part, that includes thousands of workers in Kentucky.

“One major manufacturer with ties to Spain employs 1,500 people in my state. It accounts for more than a third of all the stainless steel produced in the United States every year. Over the three decades it’s operated in Carroll County, the surrounding community has benefited from more than \$60 million dollars in tax revenue. That’s just one of many job creators in my home state, and it’s far from the only one with a serious interest in seeing these measures across the finish line. From consumer goods makers to industrial suppliers, Kentucky continues to welcome job-creating investment from across the world.

“I think practically every American is familiar with ‘Hot Pockets.’ A culinary staple of busy families, workers, and college students everywhere. But not everyone knows that, as of several years ago, every single Hot Pocket is cooked in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. The facility employs more than one thousand Kentuckians.

“The parent company is Nestle, based in Switzerland. So there are not only hardworking Kentuckians but also lots of hungry consumers across the country who can understand why we need to keep our international trade in sync. Passing these agreements will help every state keep up the economic momentum. It will reinforce the international trade that is so essential to our economic success and help stave off further trade disruptions. I urge every one of my colleagues to join me in voting for them this week.”

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A Pro-Worker, Pro-Family, Pro-Opportunity Economic Moment

‘Instead of being left behind, Kentucky is helping lead the charge. The state’s unemployment rate has hit and sustained its lowest level on record. Again, that’s record-breaking low unemployment. Last year Governor Bevin helped Kentucky welcome more than \$5.3 billion of planned business investment. And this new growth isn’t just concentrated in urban centers. Rural communities in the Bluegrass are seeing more jobs, investment, and expansion as well.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the benefits Americans continue to see from the Republican pro-opportunity, pro-growth agenda:

“Economic data continue to confirm what we’ve been hearing from American workers and job creators for two years now: This is a pro-worker, pro-family, pro-opportunity economic moment.

Hardly a day goes by without new headlines highlighting the new prosperity in communities the last administration's policies overlooked and the red-hot market for American workers.

"Since January 2017, Republican policies have focused on letting the American people control more of their own money and letting American businesses create jobs more easily. The results? On our watch, unemployment has fallen to near 50-year lows — and stayed there. Underemployment has fallen too. Wages are growing. Month after month, we've had more job openings nationwide than Americans looking for work. Specifically, there are currently about 1.6 million more job openings than Americans looking for work, the widest margin ever recorded.

"Now, these aren't Washington D.C. accomplishments. They're the American people's accomplishments. But public policy can change the conditions. Government can either create the conditions that help lead to success, or to stagnation. For example: Bad public policies under the Obama administration helped explain why the insufficient and unfair economic 'recovery' left so many places behind. High taxes. Heavy regulation. A hostile climate for business. These things added up. They took a real toll in many places.

"Take my home state of Kentucky, for example. Kentucky is proud of our diverse economy. We're proud of our great healthcare and aviation sectors. We're proud that we're a tourist destination. It turns out bourbon and horse races are a winning combination. And we also take huge pride in the kinds of industries that liberal policies tend to either forget about or actively work against. I'm talking about manufacturing, and agriculture, and mining, and coal-fired electricity. The things that keep the lights on in America's heartland. We could not be prouder of the huge role these sectors play in our Commonwealth.

"So it is not surprising that left-wing policies dreamt up in places like New York City and San Francisco for places like New York City and San Francisco were not too kind to Kentucky. Growth that was too slow. Jobs that were hard to come by. Some so-called experts said that it was just the 'new normal.' But we knew better. We knew Kentucky could get back on track if we could only get a fair shot and fewer hurdles from Washington. We needed the government to stop creating headwinds and maybe even create a few tailwinds.

"And that's exactly what's happened over the past two and a half years. Since January 2017, Republicans in Congress have partnered with the Trump administration to get our nation's opportunity economy going and growing again — for everyone. We passed the first comprehensive overhaul of the federal tax code in more than a generation. We cut regulations that had reduced liberty and stifled our competitiveness. We helped American workers and entrepreneurs hang up a big, bright neon sign saying 'Open For Business.' And — no surprise here — working Americans have taken the ball and run with it.

"I've already read the national statistics. But I'm even prouder about this: Instead of being left behind, Kentucky is helping lead the charge. The state's unemployment rate has hit and sustained its lowest level on record. Again, that's record-breaking low unemployment. Last year Governor Bevin helped Kentucky welcome more than \$5.3 billion of planned business investment. And this new growth isn't just concentrated in urban centers. Rural communities in the Bluegrass are seeing more jobs, investment, and expansion as well.

"But of course, it takes more than two years to unwind the mistakes of the past. Parts of Kentucky are still struggling from the effects of liberal policies. And this Republican Senate, the administration, and leaders in Frankfort are laser-focused on continuing to invest in and fight for recovery. In many communities, particularly in rural Kentucky, the lingering pain has been hard to shake. The damage to the coal industry. The devastation caused by opioid and substance abuse.

"So more work is needed. And I'm honored to lead the charge in Washington to help Kentuckians confront these challenges. Through programs like the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Abandoned Mine Land pilot program, we're investing hundreds of millions of dollars into struggling areas and out-of-work Americans. In Eastern Kentucky, Congressman Hal Rogers and I have partnered with local organizations to secure federal resources for everything from skills training to water infrastructure improvements.

"I've helped secure tens of millions of dollars to aid the retraining efforts of the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program and job-creating programs like the Kentucky Highlands Community Development Corporation. We've also secured grants to bolster good jobs, support the environment, attract tourism, and promote healthy lifestyles. These are just a few examples from just one state. There are stories like this all over our country. While the previous administration left these men and women behind, Republicans recognize their skills and drive. We're investing in their futures."

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Hi everyone – a big day in the Senate. We confirmed President Trump's 43rd Circuit Court judge and ratified the first tax treaty after years of these treaties languishing in the Senate – a tax treaty with Spain that will prevent double taxation of US companies. We'll go on to pass 3 more tax treaties tomorrow, and then work through the other nominations. Leader McConnell filed cloture on last week.

Looking ahead to tomorrow...

Wednesday, July 17th:

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Treaties Cal. #2, Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.

At 11:00 am, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #2, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.
2. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #3, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan.
3. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #4, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg.

At 2:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #175, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Jamaica.

Today in the Senate (7/16/19):

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Roll Call Votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Confirmed (56-40)
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Invoked (94-1)
3. Adoption of Paul amendment #924 in relation to Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Not agreed to (4-92)
4. Adoption of Paul amendment #921 in relation to Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Not agreed to (4-92)
5. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Ratified (94-2)

Wrap Up:

Cal. #139, S.Res.198 – Brunei

Cal. #76, S.375 – Payment Integrity Info Act

Cal. #103, S.Res.74 – Ukraine with Portman amendments

Rule 14 – added to the Senate calendar:

H.R.1327 - 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund Act

Thanks, and have a great night -
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Senate confirms Trump's 43rd circuit court nominee
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The Senate confirmed President Trump's 43rd circuit court nominee Tuesday, far outpacing his predecessor who only saw 19 federal appeals court judges appointed during the same period of time.

The confirmation of Judge Peter Phipps to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also puts the president ahead of President George W. Bush, who saw just 30 appeals court judges appointed in his first two and a half years in office.

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Mr. Trump flipped the 3rd U.S. Circuit to a majority of GOP-appointed active judges in March.

Since the president's inauguration, Mr. Trump has appointed a total of 128 federal judges including two to the Supreme Court, 43 to federal circuit courts and 83 judges to district courts.

Judge Phipps' confirmation Tuesday continues the GOP's effort to remake the federal bench with a conservative bent.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell praised the nominee's record, noting when Judge Phipps was confirmed to a district court judgeship in 2018, he had unanimous bipartisan support.

"This body saw what everybody else had seen, an impressively qualified intellectual individual who understands the job of a judge," Mr. McConnell said when the chamber began debating the nominee.

But Pennsylvania Democrat Sen. Bob Casey, the judge's home state senator, who had backed his district court nomination last year, opposed elevating Judge Phipps to a federal appeals seat.

Liberal advocacy groups slammed Republicans for moving forward with the nominee over Mr. Casey's objection, and complained that Judge Phipps is a white male.

Kristine Lucius, executive vice president with the The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, said the judge is the fourth white man the president nominated to the 3rd Circuit.

Her organization complained Mr. Trump has nominated the "least diverse group of nominees in decades."

"The Senate must stop rubber-stamping this takeover of the courts," said Ms. Lucius.

During his confirmation hearing, Republican senators took issue with Democrats questioning Judge Phipps about his membership in the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization known for its charity work.

Carrie Severino, chief counsel of the conservative Judicial Crisis Network, said Judge Phipps deserved the promotion over his opposition's "attempts to smear him."

"Judge Phipps is just the latest nominee targeted by Senate Democrats because of his faith. He is unlikely to be the last," she said.

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Hi everyone – in case you missed it, the Senate ratified the three remaining tax treaties this morning (in addition to Spain yesterday), and invoked cloture on the noms below. Confirmation votes for these noms will occur tomorrow (please see vote times below).

This morning Leader McConnell delivered lengthy floor remarks on [tax treaties](#) – please take a moment to read his remarks on passing these crucial treaties that will help US companies competitive advantage, and stop the burden of double taxation. The full remarks are worth reading (below).

Of note (tax treaties):

“The Senate’s in the midst of considering bilateral tax treaties with Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxembourg. If yesterday’s overwhelming votes on the first protocol are any indication, all four will be ratified with huge bipartisan margins by the end of the day— **and American businesses and workers in all 50 states will be thrilled to finally be back on fair footing.** The details of these nuanced agreements are complicated. But the core principles are very simple.”

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Please also read Leader McConnell’s [floor remarks on the passing of Justice Stevens](#) and the [nomination of Dr. Mark Esper, the Senate-confirmed Secretary of the Army and President Trump’s nominee for Secretary of Defense](#) (goal of confirming him before the August recess).

Votes today:

1. [Ratification of Treaties Cal. #2, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation](#) (95-2).
2. [Ratification of Treaties Cal. #3, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan](#) (95-2).
3. [Ratification of Treaties Cal. #4, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg](#) (95-3).
4. [Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee](#) (55-41).
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6. [Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Jamaica](#) (67-28).

Tomorrow:

At 11:30 am on Thursday, July 18th, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
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At 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Jamaica.

Thanks. And many thanks to so many of you who have helped with the passage of the four tax treaties this week.

Best, Erica

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the ratification of important tax treaties:

"The Senate's in the midst of considering bilateral tax treaties with Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxembourg. If yesterday's overwhelming votes on the first protocol are any indication, all four will be ratified with huge bipartisan margins by the end of the day— and American businesses and workers in all 50 states will be thrilled to finally be back on fair footing. The details of these nuanced agreements are complicated. But the core principles are very simple.

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certainty, and a lot less unfair double taxation that has cost American businesses millions and millions of dollars.

“So let me say clearly: The years of delays in getting these non-controversial treaties ratified have cost American businesses that employ American workers millions and millions of dollars. Inaction on this subject has needlessly put our firms that employ all of our constituents at a competitive disadvantage and delayed capital investments that could have helped American workers.

“Let me bring this home with some numbers. I’ve mentioned one Kentucky manufacturer that produces more than a third of all the stainless steel that America makes. They employ 1,500 people. I happen to know this firm is contemplating a capital investment of more than \$30 million that would benefit Kentucky workers and provide a shot in the arm for the local economy. But there’s been a wrinkle. Because this one employer had to pay a \$15 million tax bill back in April because we hadn’t ratified the agreement with Spain. And if the delay had continued, an additional \$35 million tax liability would have been next. If the Senate had not finally acted on this, this single American manufacturer would have owed fifty million dollars in unnecessary or redundant taxes.

“For nearly 6 years, this manufacturer has been laboring on an unfair playing field that discouraged them from making investments that could have expanded operations and created more jobs in Kentucky and elsewhere in America. In fact, I’d like to request unanimous consent that the news story containing their CEO’s statement on yesterday’s ratification of the Spain treaty be included in the record.

“So, multiply this kind of story by all the other numerous significant Kentucky companies whom these agreements affect. Then multiply by 50 states, because U.S. businesses from coast to coast interact with these four nations. Then consider how many hundreds of thousands of workers all these companies employ. That’s the scale of what we’re talking about. The highest consequences. So I know job creators across the country are thrilled that the Senate is finally moving forward this week. I am certainly proud to have helped resolve this.

“But curiously, it seems that not all of our colleagues are thrilled. Don’t get me wrong – the vote totals on the floor have spoken volumes. The cloture vote on the Spain agreement was 94 to 1. Just one Senator in opposition. And the treaty was ratified yesterday 94 to 2. But I was curious to hear one colleague of ours come to the floor yesterday and passionately argue against what I’ve done as Majority Leader to support these agreements. As the member himself stated, he has made obstructing these tax treaties a years-long personal project. The United States and Spain agreed on this protocol in 2013. Spain ratified it in 2014. That’s when it also arrived here in the Senate.

“But for nearly six years, he’s worked to stall ratification. I know, because on multiple occasions I sought unanimous consent to secure Senate ratification of this protocol. During that time, he has tried and failed to persuade Treasury Departments of two different administrations to insist on certain changes that would have required re-opening the international negotiations. He tried and failed to persuade his colleagues on the Foreign Relations committee that his ideas were so necessary that we should risk scuttling the whole treaties over them. He tried and failed to persuade the whole Senate.

“At every step, executive branch officials and Senate colleagues have tried to engage his concerns in good faith. But for six years in the case of the Spain treaty, eight years with respect to Switzerland, and nine years with respect to Luxembourg, he was unable to persuade anybody. All that time, and didn’t persuade anybody. Partly because the changes he’s demanded don’t solve a real problem. Partly because they would have forced re-opening the treaties for even more negotiation. And partly because everybody else was actually listening to the job creators who have been pleading for years for us to get this millstone off their necks.

“Nine years. Nine years of rejecting reasonable counter-offers and accommodations. Nine years of working to hold up these treaties and trying to sell the Obama administration, and the Trump administration, and his Senate colleagues an off-the-wall story that failed to persuade anybody. I’m a patient man, but my patience is not inexhaustible. After unanimous consent was denied on multiple occasions, I determined -- after consulting with the Treasury Secretary and the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee -- that I’d prepare to file cloture on these tax protocols. Yet even after this whole journey, our colleague still was not blocked or shut out of the process.

“A few weeks ago he had the opportunity to offer amendments to the protocols in Committee. They failed on a vote of 17 to 5. Last night we put two more of his amendments up for votes, here on the floor. They went nowhere. Nine years is long enough. In fact, it’s far too long — too long for our U.S. businesses to have been either paying needless double taxes or deferring huge amounts of money in dividend payments that could otherwise have been invested right here at home. Year after year after year, money that could have been immediately used to hire Americans or make new investments had to be either frozen up or handed over in duplicate taxes.

“All in large part because one of our colleagues could not accept that one single Senator who hasn’t persuaded his fellow members is not entitled to single-handedly rewrite international treaties. No wonder all kinds of American employers came out of the woodwork yesterday and urged the Senate to reject his misguided amendments and waste no more time in ratifying these treaties. I don’t know why the senator believes he was close to a breakthrough after his years of effort. Hope springs eternal, I suppose. Even if he had convinced the administration or his colleagues, the U.S. government would have had to reopen the treaties for negotiation all over again with the other party, which would almost certainly have changes to demand of their own.

“No wonder President Trump’s Treasury Department expressed opposition to these amendments. Treasury told Senators yesterday that going back and inserting these changes could force a years-long renegotiation of the treaties themselves, jeopardizing their ratification, and ‘*have a significant adverse impact on [America’s] standing among the international community.*’ Well, I’m not quite sure what all these years of heel-dragging will have accomplished... except impose unnecessary taxes on Kentucky employers and deferring investment in the U.S.

“I can’t see anything to show for this crusade except hurting American companies for the better part of a decade, all to no effect. But I am glad we can turn the page this week and get these treaties on the books. I haven’t been able to identify a constituency for which he has advocated. But I know that my actual constituents in Carroll County -- real people in Kentucky -- are sure glad the Senate has taken this important action. It’s the right thing to do for the country. It’s the right thing to do for Kentucky workers and all the employers nationwide who have been waiting and waiting for this unfair competitive disadvantage to be removed. I’m glad that’s exactly what we are doing this week.”

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McConnell on the Passing of Justice John Paul Stevens

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the passing of former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court John Paul Stevens:

“First, this morning, the Senate recognizes the death of a distinguished American. We received word last night that the remarkable life of former Associate Justice John Paul Stevens had come to a close at the age of 99. Justice Stevens served for 34 years on the nation’s highest court. You didn’t have to agree with his constitutional philosophy to admire his obvious intelligence. Or the universal reports about his kindness and collegiality. Or the passionate patriotism he was proud to

wear on his sleeve.

"No question, this was a quintessential public servant of the Greatest Generation. A son of Chicago who enlisted in the Navy the day before Pearl Harbor and went on to earn a Bronze Star for his work cracking the coded messages of Imperial Japan.

"There was just something about Justice Stevens that told you this man lived life to the fullest. At age 12, he was there to see Babe Ruth's 'called shot' at Wrigley Field. At age 99, just this year, he published a memoir that was subtitled '*Reflections on My First 94 Years*.' And in between, alongside his time on the Court, he found time to weigh in on Shakespeare scholarship on the side. So the Senate joins the nation in appreciating this American life fully lived. And our condolences are with the Stevens family on this sad day."

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Secretary of Defense Nominee Mark Esper: A Man of Honor and Integrity

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the president's nominee for Secretary of Defense, Mark Esper:

"Yesterday, our colleagues on the Armed Services Committee heard testimony from Dr. Mark Esper, the Senate-confirmed Secretary of the Army and President Trump's nominee for Secretary of Defense. They examined his extensive record of military and public service and discussed the variety of challenges the next Secretary will face. By the end, I believe anybody impartial would have to have come away impressed by Dr. Esper's mastery, intelligence, and thoroughness.

"Of course, it's not exactly surprising that a decorated combat veteran and distinguished scholar would convey expertise and calm under pressure. For those of us who knew him during his service as National Security Advisor to former Majority Leader Bill Frist, those qualities are familiar.

"You could hardly invent better qualifications for the top job at the Pentagon than Mark Esper's. A graduate of West Point. Advanced degrees from the Harvard Kennedy School and George Washington University. Courageous service with the 101st Airborne in the Gulf War. Service at the Defense Department. A successful career in the private sector. Every step of the way, he earned

respect and admiration.

“That includes high praise from DoD leaders of the last administration, the Obama Administration. They say that Dr. Esper, quote, *‘works hard, he’s smart, he’s dedicated.’* He has, quote, *‘all the qualifications.’* So, our colleagues at the hearing saw an exceptionally well-qualified nominee. In fact, as my friend the junior Senator from Virginia has put it, they saw a man of, quote, *‘sound character and moral courage.’*

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Hi everyone,

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 22nd. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense (a 30 hour nomination).

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Esper nomination. ICYMI: the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order, setting up next week:

1. Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.
2. Executive Calendar #371, Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.
3. Executive Calendar #45, Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
4. Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Tuesday, July 23rd:

At 12:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. (If cloture is invoked) Confirmation of Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar ##371, Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

At 2:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R.1327, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act:

1. Lee amendment #928 (60 vote threshold)
2. Paul amendment #929 (60 vote threshold)
3. Passage of H.R.1327 (as amended, if amended)

Yesterday in the Senate (7/18/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Confirmed (55-39)
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Wrap Up:

Cal. #152, S.1694 – Human Heritage in Space with Peters amendment

S.Con.Res.19 – Apollo 11

Rule 14- added to the Senate Calendar:

H.R.748 – Cadillac Tax

H.R.582 – Minimum Wage

Please also see a note below from the Leader's Communications Director Dave Popp to the Fourth Estate summarizing this week – especially our work to pass the 4 tax treaties.

Thanks, Erica

Folks-

Please see below for highlights of the Leader's press, other important stories from this week, and what we've got on the floor next week. Let me know if you need anything else.

[Stay cool this weekend as you try to beat the heat like my friend Bentley!](#)

Popp

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Bonus Read from the Communications Center: [Green New Deal Backers Reveal What Their Sweeping Plan Is Really About](#)

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Next Week's Floor Schedule

We will process the following nominees in this order. As always, additional items may be considered. We will be sure to let everyone know when we have updates.

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NOTE: Per today's [unanimous consent agreement](#), the 9/11 victims fund legislation vote will take place no later than Wednesday.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) joined Fox Business Channel's "Mornings with Maria" with Maria Bartiromo today to discuss the Democrats' socialist agenda, ongoing budget negotiations, the humanitarian crisis at our southern border, and the minimum wage debate. See below for highlights or click [here](#) to watch.

On the Democrats' socialist agenda:

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On budget negotiations:

"Of the unpleasant alternatives we have in reaching an agreement with a very liberal House of Representatives, getting a caps deal between the president and the Speaker is the best option. It prevents chaos, multiple potentials for shutdowns and defaults and all the rest. So I'm hoping that the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Speaker—representing the president and the democratic majority in the House—can come together on an agreement that we can all lock arms and support, because it will give us a chance to run the government in an orderly fashion for the next year and a half."

On the crisis at the border:

"I am amazed that we have had as much difficulty, as we have had in getting our Democratic colleagues to do anything about the obvious crisis at the border. Just as an example a couple weeks ago we passed a border supplemental that was just for humanitarian relief, it didn't deal with wall and didn't deal with other issues that are important, which the Speaker almost couldn't get that through the House. And all the people that the president was talking about last night — 'The Squad' wouldn't even vote for humanitarian relief.

"But it also makes you ask what created the crisis? There are deficiencies in our asylum laws that allow this buildup to occur that need to be changed by statute. We have not gotten any cooperation at all, in fact, it would be safe to say the president has had more cooperation out of the Mexicans than he has out of Democrats in Congress about dealing with the crisis at the border."

On the minimum wage debate:

"It would cost, according to the Congressional Budget Office between one and three million jobs lost... That's how hot the economy is. This would depress the economy at a time of economic boom, we're not going to be doing that in the Senate."

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Far-Left Agenda Would Harm Vulnerable Communities Just As Republican Agenda Is Helping Them Rebuild

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the benefits Americans continue to see from the Republican pro-opportunity, pro-growth agenda:

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“My home state of Kentucky has hit and sustained our lowest unemployment rate ever recorded. Two thirds of Americans now say they feel optimistic about where their finances will be a year from now. But we know the effects of bad policy are hard to erase. So my colleagues and I are continuing to fight for the places that are still struggling to pick up the pieces. Unfortunately my home state of Kentucky offers a particular a case study. Because nothing shows the difference between the last administration and Republicans’ new approach more clearly than the case of affordable energy and the coal industry.

“For more than a century, coal has been a reliable and low-cost energy source that’s helped fuel America. Coalfields in both Eastern and Western Kentucky have provided good jobs and served as critical drivers of our economy. Back in 2009, the industry directly employed more than 23,000 Kentuckians. It provided more than 90% of our electricity. It brought billions of dollars in revenue into our state. So we were especially vulnerable when a Democratic administration came to Washington that didn’t even try to hide its hostility toward Kentucky coal.

“Speaking in San Francisco, then-Senator Obama pledged to bankrupt any new coal-fired plants and declared that under his plan, quote, ‘electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket.’ His Democratic Leader of the Senate said, quote, ‘coal makes us sick.’ So clearly the elite disdain for fossil fuels that dominates in places like New York City, Chicago, and San Francisco was going to become the law of the land. Sure enough, the Obama Administration declared a War on Coal that hurt Kentucky badly. Plants closed. More than 10,000 miners were let go. And then these mass layoffs strained local social services. Entire communities went into tailspins.

“Unsurprisingly, many of these places experiencing economic distress subsequently became Ground Zero in the opioid and substance abuse crisis as well. I, and Republicans generally, did all we could to fight. But when we passed bills repealing the worst regulations, President Obama vetoed them. When I urged his EPA administrator to hear from Kentucky families, she turned me down. The policies had been dreamt up in places like New York City and San Francisco, for places like New York City and San Francisco. Places like Kentucky? We were just collateral damage.

“So it’s no surprise that all kinds of Americans elected President Trump and Republican majorities in 2016. And we hit the ground running. One of the first bills we sent the president was a bill I introduced to repeal the Stream Buffer Rule, a burdensome part of a series of regulations designed to make coal prohibitively expensive to mine or use. We’ve halted some of the worst regulations like the Waters of the United States, eliminated the so-called ‘Clean Power Plan,’ and replaced them with policies to support American energy dominance.

“But for former miners and for the industry, the damage can’t be unwound overnight. This very month, we’ve seen two more major coal producers in Kentucky move toward bankruptcy. Clearly, even now, all is not well. That’s why my colleagues and I are focused on lending a helping hand. When health care benefits for thousands of retired coal miners and their families were at risk, I led the effort to secure a permanent extension and protect coal communities in states like Kentucky.

“Congressman Hal Rogers and I established the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Economic Development Pilot Program, which aims to revive old mine sites into economic drivers again. That program includes everything from helping dislocated miners develop the skills they need to transition to new career. To delivering resources to strengthen our water infrastructure. To improving the infrastructure and tourist attractions to draw new visitors and money into Appalachia.

“With these programs and many others, we’re working to revitalize communities and repair the damage. But, many of our Democratic colleagues are itching to take us right back to the bad old days. The most prominent voices in the Democratic Party are openly calling to re-start a big-government assault on fossil fuels and on so many Americans’ livelihoods. We all remember, several months back, when many Democrats embraced an unabashedly socialist proposal called the Green New Deal that would have made the Obama-era War on Coal look like child’s play.

“Among all its other craziness, it sought to end all production of American oil, coal, and natural gas within a decade. How absurd. Well, we voted on it here in the Senate. And lest we think this was just some extreme view that only the fringe subscribes to, only 4 of 47 Democrats could bring themselves to oppose it. 43 of 47 Democrats couldn’t vote against this thing. Fortunately, Republicans voted it down.

“But, last week, not to be deterred, a number of Democrats rolled out yet another far-left environmentalist manifesto. This new resolution calls for – here we go again – a *‘managed phase-out of the use of oil, gas, and coal to keep fossil fuels in the ground.’* Of course, this means a whole lot more intrusive big government. The bill calls for a quote, *‘massive-scale federal mobilization of resources.’* Just imagine what that will entail. And get this -- this new manifesto dictates that our nation model ourselves after Europe, Canada, and liberal enclaves like *‘New York and Los Angeles.’* You just can’t make this stuff up.

“So the contrast is clear. Republicans are working overtime to rebuild the conditions for middle-class prosperity and we’re working overtime to help those who were hit hard in the Obama years. But Democrats are working to resurrect the same bad ideas that caused much of that damage and implement them yet again – but on steroids. Well, the good news is this. As long as this Republican Senate has anything to say about it, none of these radical and job-killing manifestos have even a chance of becoming law.”

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McConnell: House Should Pass Senate's Strong Bipartisan Legislation to Stand Against Anti-Semitism

'I guess this is where we are. Elected members of the Democratic Party are openly urging their leadership not to make them vote on condemning anti-Semitism. Because for some reason it is just too tough a vote. What a sad and bizarre situation we find in the House. I urge the distinguished Speaker of the House to do the right thing. Don't let these far-left voices run the House. At long last, bring S. 1 up for a vote.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding pending House action on the Senate-passed, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act (S.1):

"This week, the Senate has attended to one of this body's unique responsibilities relating to foreign affairs: The ratification of treaties. We've ratified bilateral tax agreements with four trading partners: Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxembourg. Measures like these bring clarity, certainty, and fairness to international commerce. They ensure U.S. citizens and businesses have a level playing field without duplicative tax burdens. And they make the United States a more inviting destination for foreign investment.

"These newly-ratified treaties will provide immediate and much-needed relief to employers in every corner of our country. They'll reinforce support for hundreds of thousands of jobs, including many in my home state of Kentucky. A significant bipartisan accomplishment.

"Now, standing in stark contrast to the Senate's productive, bipartisan week is what the Democratic House of Representatives has chosen to prioritize. We've seen plenty of partisan theatrics and high drama for the television cameras. We've seen the majority spend plenty of time attacking the president and members of the administration. But virtually nothing in the way of bipartisan legislation to actually make progress for the American people.

"The problem seems to be that so many Democrats have moved so far to the extreme left that they literally could not pass commonsense legislation even if they wanted to. Case in point: The chronic difficulties and consternation that we've seen over in the House when it comes to the seemingly straightforward task of condemning anti-Semitism and efforts to delegitimize the Jewish State of Israel.

"Back in March, remember, House Democrats had their hands full dealing with one of their freshman members who had trotted out age-old anti-Semitic tropes. Dual loyalties, support for Israel being driven by money -- the kinds of language that you'd think the House could have condemned easily. But instead, after days of internal Democrat strife, all the House leadership could drum up was a watered-down resolution that sort of gestured vaguely at the problem. All the while, Senate-passed legislation that would actually do something about anti-Semitism has been languishing over there without a vote.

"For more than five months and counting, the House has refused to act on S. 1, the foreign policy legislation the Senate passed back in February. This bipartisan bill includes a provision to take on the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement, an economic form of anti-Semitism that targets Israel. Here in the Senate, taking action against BDS was a bipartisan goal. I am a passionate opponent of the BDS movement. I know my friend the Democratic Leader opposes BDS as well. And S. 1 earned 77 votes in the Senate.

"But apparently it's a bridge too far for this Democratic House. Even a milder resolution simply condemning BDS has become a lightning rod for the far left this very week. Reports indicate that 'senior progressive Democrats are urging House leaders' to walk away from the resolution condemning BDS. So the House won't take action against it. And now it seems they can't even merely condemn it. In fact, the far left wants to defend BDS.

"I guess this is where we are. Elected members of the Democratic Party are openly urging their leadership not to make them vote on condemning anti-Semitism. Because for some reason it is just too tough a vote. What a sad and bizarre situation we find in the House. I urge the distinguished Speaker of the House to do the right thing. Don't let these far-left voices run the House. At long last, bring S. 1 up for a vote. The comprehensive legislation that sailed through the Senate with 77 votes — bring it up for a vote, Madame Speaker. Let them vote — I bet we'd see a pretty good outcome. And show anti-Semitism the door."

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Hi everyone,

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 23rd. The Senate will proceed to consideration of [H.R.1327, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act](#).

At 12:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to [two roll call votes](#) on the following:

1. [Confirmation](#) of Executive Calendar #374, [Mark T. Esper](#), of Virginia, to be [Secretary of Defense](#).
2. [Motion to invoke cloture](#) on Executive Calendar #371, [Stephen M. Dickson](#), of Georgia, to be [Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years](#).

Following the 12:00 pm votes the Senate will recess until 2:15 pm to accommodate the weekly policy lunches.

At 2:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to [three roll call votes](#) on the following in relation to [H.R.1327, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act](#):

1. [Lee amendment](#) #928 (To limit the amount available for the Victims Compensation Fund) -- 60 vote threshold
2. [Paul amendment](#) #929 (To require a sequestration of certain direct spending) -- 60 vote threshold
3. [Passage](#) of H.R.1327 (as amended, if amended)

[Budget caps/debt limit deal update](#):

Please see the terms of the [Bipartisan Budget Agreement for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021](#) negotiated by the Administration and Speaker Pelosi at the link below and attached. Below that, please see a statement from Leader McConnell on the deal.

<https://www.speaker.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Bipartisan-Budget-Agreement-July-22-2019.wp.pdf>

[The cloture queue \(in addition to the 9/11 bill and amendments, above\)](#):

The Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order, setting up this week:

1. Executive Calendar #374, [Mark T. Esper](#), of Virginia, to be [Secretary of Defense](#).
2. Executive Calendar #371, [Stephen M. Dickson](#), of Georgia, to be Administrator of the [Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years](#).
3. Executive Calendar #45, [Wendy Williams Berger](#), of Florida, to be [United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida](#).
4. Executive Calendar #53, [Brian C. Buescher](#), of Nebraska, to be [United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska](#).

Note: The Senate may vote this week or next on veto override votes in relation to the Saudi arms sales resolutions of disapproval. Timing TBD.

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[Today in the Senate \(7/22/19\)](#):

[Roll Call Votes](#):

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense. Invoked (85-6)

Wrap Up:

Cal. #138, S.1199 – Poison Center Network Enhancement

Thanks. Please read two statements below from Leader McConnell on the budget deal and on the president's nominee to be Secretary of Defense, Mark Esper. Below that see a helpful doc from our Comms Center on defense spending/needs.

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McConnell on Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal: 'The Resources We Need to Keep Rebuilding our Armed Forces'

'I am very encouraged that the administration and Speaker Pelosi have reached a two-year funding agreement that secures the resources we need to keep rebuilding our armed forces... The next step is for both the House and the Senate to pass this bipartisan agreement so that President Trump can sign it into law. I intend for the Senate to vote on it before members depart for the August state work period.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement regarding the president's announcement today that Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Speaker Nancy Pelosi have reached a budget deal:

"I am very encouraged that the administration and Speaker Pelosi have reached a two-year funding agreement that secures the resources we need to keep rebuilding our armed forces. This was our top objective: Continuing to restore the readiness of our armed forces and modernize our military to deter and defend against growing threats to our national security. That includes investing in our facilities here at home, like Ft. Knox, Ft. Campbell, and the Blue Grass Army Depot, which my state of Kentucky is proud to host.

"I commend the President and his negotiating team who achieved this agreement: Secretary Mnuchin, Acting Chief of Staff Mulvaney, and Acting Director Vought. Congress and the Trump Administration have made enormous strides for our national defense over the past two years, but our work is not yet complete. While the reality of divided government means this is not exactly the deal Republicans would have written on our own, it is what we need to keep building on that progress.

"The next step is for both the House and the Senate to pass this bipartisan agreement so that President Trump can sign it into law. I intend for the Senate to vote on it before members depart for

the August state work period.”

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Mark Esper: A Well-Prepared Nominee for a Post of Vital Importance

‘[W]hen Secretary Esper took his last job, he wrote Army personnel a letter that laid out three priorities: readiness, modernization, and reform. Since then, [H]e’s played an active role in this administration’s efforts to restore the primacy and lethality of America’s fighting forces. And the success of defense authorizations and ongoing operations abroad bear his fingerprints. Every day, we’re reminded that this work continues — and we’re reminded why. So today, my colleagues should be proud to join me in voting to advance the Esper nomination and put the right man on the job.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the president’s nominee for Secretary of Defense, Mark Esper:

“The Senate’s first order of business this week will be confirming a thoroughly well-prepared nominee to a post of vital national importance. Later today, we’ll vote to advance the nomination of Dr. Mark Esper to serve Secretary of Defense. Tomorrow, we’ll vote on his confirmation.

“When Dr. Esper was nominated in July of 2017 to serve as Secretary of the Army, he already possessed an impressive record that spanned public service, the private sector, and, of course, distinguished service in uniform. As a student he excelled at West Point. He served honorably in combat during the Gulf War as an infantry officer with Kentucky’s own 101st Airborne, the ‘Screaming Eagles.’ Later he obtained a master’s degree from the Kennedy School at Harvard and a PhD from George Washington University.

“In the years since, Dr. Esper has continued to serve his country, compiling an outstanding record in public service. He’s served as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Pentagon; as a Senate-appointed member of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and of course as a trusted staff expert here in the Capitol.

“As a result, many of my colleagues have been familiar with this nominee for more than a decade. Members on both sides remember Mark Esper from his time on staff with our former colleague, Chuck Hagel. Some knew him during his tenure with the Foreign Relations Committee or with what was then the Governmental Affairs Committee. And many of us inevitably crossed paths with the smart and level-headed national security advisor for Majority Leader Bill Frist.

“So when President Trump first nominated Dr. Esper to be Secretary of the Army two years ago, my colleagues and I were well acquainted with his expertise, his professionalism, and his patriotic dedication to the men and women who serve to keep us safe. It’s no wonder, then, that this body confirmed him to that post by an overwhelmingly bipartisan margin. And since then, Secretary Esper has continued to impress. He’s continued earning the praise of experts and colleagues from every corner of the national security landscape. Quote: *‘He’s highly regarded inside the Army. Soldiers like him.’* He’s, quote, *‘someone who can work across the aisle... somebody who can work with Congress.’*

“Quote: ‘Superbly well qualified by experience and temperament for the position.’ Quote: ‘The nation would be lucky to have Mark serve in any capacity... he is particularly well-suited to step into one of the most important jobs in the world.’ High praise from former Pentagon officials of the Obama years, from widely recognized national security professionals, and just last week, our colleagues on the Armed Services Committee offered a ringing endorsement of their own, voting by voice to favorably report his nomination to the floor.

“So, it’d be hard to draw up a more compelling case than the one in front of us for confirming Dr. Mark Esper. And it’s hard to imagine a more persuasive argument for doing it right away, with no further delay, than the front pages of newspapers all around the world every day. The world is full of serious threats to America, to our allies, and to our interests. Not least among them, obviously, is Iran’s insistence on continuing to ratchet up tensions in the Middle East. Having a Senate-confirmed Secretary of Defense, especially one of this quality, will not come a moment too soon.

“In closing, when Secretary Esper took his last job, he wrote Army personnel a letter that laid out three priorities: readiness, modernization, and reform. Since then, he’s played an active role in this administration’s efforts to restore the primacy and lethality of America’s fighting forces. And the success of defense authorizations and ongoing operations abroad bear his fingerprints. Every day, we’re reminded that this work continues — and we’re reminded why. So today, my colleagues should be proud to join me in voting to advance the Esper nomination and put the right man on the job.”

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Our National Security Depends On Our Military Being Fully Funded

Former Secretary Of Defense James Mattis On Sequestration: ‘In The Long Term, It Is The Budget Caps ... That Impose The Greater Threat To The Department And To National Security’

Former Secretaries Of Defense: ‘Without Relief From The BCA Caps, Our Air, Land, And Sea Fleets Will Continue To Erode’, A ‘Real Danger That It Would Hollow Out The Force,’ ‘Irresponsible’ And ‘Outrageous’

JAMES MATTIS, Former Secretary of Defense: “In the long term, it is the budget caps mandated in the Budget Control Act (BCA) that impose the greater threat to the Department and to national security. BCA-level funding reverses the gains we have made in readiness and undermines our efforts to increase lethality and grow the force. Without relief from the BCA caps, our air, land, and sea fleets will continue to erode. BCA caps obstruct our path to

modernization, and continue to narrow the technical competitive advantage we presently maintain over our adversaries." ([Former Secretary of Defense James Mattis, Letter to Sens. McCain and Reed, 9/08/2017](#))

- FORMER SEC. MATTIS: "Our military remains capable, but our competitive edge has eroded in every domain of warfare: air, land, sea, cyber, and space. Under frequent continuing resolutions and sequesters, budget caps, our advantages continue to shrink. The combination of rapidly changing technology, the negative impact on military readiness resulting from the longest continuous stretch of combat in our Nation's history, and insufficient funding have created an overstretched and underresourced military." ([U.S. House Armed Services Committee Hearing, 2/06/2018](#))

LEON PANETTA, Former Obama Secretary of Defense: "In my last days as defense secretary earlier this year [2013], I made one final effort on Capitol Hill to persuade the leadership of Congress not to let sequestration happen. I described the serious impact on defense readiness and the real danger that it would hollow out the force." ([Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Op-Ed, The Washington Post, 9/02/2013](#))

- FORMER SEC. PANETTA: "These and other effects of sequestration are weakening the United States' ability to respond effectively to a major crisis in the world beyond the war zone in Afghanistan. To have this happen under any circumstance is irresponsible. To have it happen as the result of a self-inflicted wound is outrageous." ([Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Op-Ed, The Washington Post, 9/02/2013](#))

MARK ESPER, Secretary of the Army and Nominee for Secretary of Defense: "I think anybody who's served in business will tell you that steady predictable funding is a key to success because you can manage your workforce, you can organize how you work in ways that are far more efficient than looking at inconsistent and unpredictable funding coming your way." ([U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing, 7/16/2019](#))

- SEN. ROGER WICKER (R-MS): "On a scale of one to ten, how important is it that we get this budget number?"
SEC. ESPER: "Eleven." ([U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing, 7/16/2019](#))

Former Secretaries Of Defense On Long-Term Continuing Resolutions: 'Debilitating,' 'A Straight-Jacket For The Department Of Defense,' 'Long Term CRs Impact The Readiness Of Our Forces And Their Equipment'

ASH CARTER, Former Secretary of Defense: "As I have said before, a continuing resolution is a straight-jacket for the Department of Defense. It prevents us from fielding a modern, ready force in a balanced way, while embracing reform to ensure that every taxpayer dollar is well spent. It harms our ability to ensure the lasting defeat of ISIL and to confront the many complex national security challenges around the world. Failure to act sends the wrong message to our troops, our allies and our enemies." ([U.S. Department of Defense, Press Release, 12/08/2015](#))

JAMES MATTIS, Former Secretary of Defense: "Our military have been operating under debilitating continuing resolutions for more than 1,000 days during the past decade. These men and women hold the line for America while lacking this most fundamental congressional support: a predictable budget. Congress mandated—rightfully mandated this National Defense Strategy, the first one in a decade, and then shut down the government the day of its release. Today, we are again operating under a disruptive continuing resolution. It is not lost on me that as I testify before you this morning, we are again on the verge of a government shutdown, or at best, another damaging continuing resolution. I regret that without sustained predictable appropriations, my presence here today wastes your time, because no strategy can survive, as you pointed out, Chairman, without the funding necessary to resource it. Yet we all know that America can afford survival." ([U.S. House Armed Services Committee Hearing, 2/06/2018](#))

- FORMER SEC. MATTIS: "Long-term CRs impact the readiness of our forces and their equipment at a time

when security threats are extraordinarily high. The longer the CR, the greater the consequences for our force." ([Former Secretary of Defense James Mattis, Letter to Sens. McCain and Reed, 9/08/2017](#))

- FORMER SEC. MATTIS: "Additionally, should we stumble into a yearlong continuing resolution, your military will not be able to provide pay for our troops by the end of the fiscal year. We will not recruit the 15,000 Army soldiers and 4,000 Air Force airmen required to fill critical manning shortfalls. We will not maintain our ships at sea with the proper balance between operations and time in port for maintenance. We will ground aircraft due to a lack of maintenance and spare parts. We will deplete the ammunition, training, and manpower required to deter war, and delay contracts for vital acquisition programs necessary to modernize the force. Further, I cannot overstate the impact to our troops' morale from all this uncertainty." ([U.S. House Armed Services Committee Hearing, 2/6/2018](#))

MARK ESPER, Secretary of the Army and Nominee for Secretary of Defense: "Every day that a CR continues is one less day that we can invest in future capabilities and future technologies. At the same time because a CR of course, prohibits new starts. And we are stuck funding, if you will, legacy technologies or legacy equipment and that's just in terms of modernization, Senator. If you look at readiness, manning, equipping, same problems it just gets worse and worse over time. And in many cases you can never make it up." ([U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing, 7/16/2019](#))

Service Leaders: 'Sequestration And A Continuing Resolution Would Be Devastating To The United States Army,' 'CRs Cost The United States Navy' 'Sequester Did More Damage To The United States Air Force And Our Ability To Defend The Nation'

GEN. JOSEPH DUNFORD, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: "Appropriations in fiscal years 2017-2019 allowed us to restore readiness and invest in new capabilities while meeting our ongoing commitments across the globe.... A full restoration of our readiness will require sustained, sufficient, and predictable funding into the future." ([Gen. Dunford, Statement to the Subcommittee on Defense, U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, 5/08/2019](#))

GEN. MARK MILLEY, Nominee for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: "CRs in general I think are a very ineffective and inefficient use of the taxpayers' dollars and we're all supposed to be stewards of the taxpayers' dollars. We're keenly aware of that. But, with CRs, what ends up happening, as at least my experience has been as the Chief Staff of the Army, is the price points of products and services go up because you can't guarantee your cash flow to the industrial partner that you're working with--commercial partner that you're working with. So, I think CR in general, a one year or one month, is a poor way to do business. Having said that, I think that the CR would have negative impact, in terms of training, manning, and equipping procurement modernization, spare parts, maintenance, and strength, paying benefits, et cetera. I think those are the real tangible pieces but there is an intangible as well which is the message it sends to adversaries, allies and most importantly in my view the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines of the joint force. I think it sends a terrible message to them." ([U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing, 7/11/2019](#))

GEN. JAMES McCONVILLE, Army Chief of Staff: "I think sequestration and a continuing resolution would be devastating to the United States Army. I say this because ... we have made great gains in readiness. Those gains in readiness would be reversed. We must modernize the Army right now for great power of competition. We've received the funds to do that, that modernization would halt, would have to reduce our end strength, lay off soldiers because we wouldn't be able to maintain the current end strength we have. And the quality of life for our soldiers would be seriously--and their families, would be seriously impacted if we went back to sequestration and we have a continuing resolution." ([U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing, 5/02/2019](#))

- MARK ESPER, Secretary of the Army: "Let me just say briefly with regard to modernization, what we call future readiness, as you know, there are restrictions under a CR that limit us from doing two things, new starts and increasing the quantities of munitions among other things. So those are two immediate impacts we face right

now with regard to materiel and, again, preparing for conflict. More broadly, because of the fact that we are operating under the CR and we have been now for nearly 6 months, it limits our ability to fund training exercises, to fill seats at our training base, and has an overall impact on the training and readiness of the force." ([U.S. House Armed Services Committee Hearing, 3/20/2018](#))

RICHARD SPENCER, Secretary of the Navy: "Mr. Chairman, I can only echo what Secretary Esper just said and add something on as far as the Navy is concerned. You have heard me speak before what CRs cost the United States Navy since they began: about \$4 billion burned in a trash can. But more importantly, we desperately need this new appropriations bill to be set forward. The capital assets and our cycling of maintenance for aviation, surface warfare, undersurface warfare, it is critical, absolutely critical that we get a continuous form of funding in order to manage the industrial base to put us back on a footing to be out there on the seas protecting that that we should do." ([U.S. House Armed Services Committee Hearing, 3/20/2018](#))

HEATHER WILSON, Former Secretary of the Air Force: "Mr. Chairman, first, with respect to sequester, the sequester in the Budget Control Act is still the law of the land. And I would say that sequester did more damage to the United States Air Force and our ability to defend the Nation than anything our adversaries have done in the last 10 years. We did it to ourselves. We cut 30,000 people out of the Air Force, reduced by 10 fighter squadrons, and weapon system sustainment and the problems that we are having with pilot retention can really be tied directly back to sequester several years ago. With respect to the continuing resolution, we are limited in we cannot have any new starts of programs. So a lot of the programs that are going to take us into the future are just still pending, and we will have to execute those in the last 6 months of the year." ([U.S. House Armed Services Committee Hearing, 3/20/2018](#))

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Hi everyone --

The Senate convened at 10:00 am and is in a period of Morning Business.

At 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #375, Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Please note, at a time to be determined prior to August 2nd, there will be 2 hours of debate followed by votes in relation to the veto messages to accompany S.J.Res.36, S.J.Res.37 and S.J.Res.38, Arms Sales resolutions of disapproval.

Yesterday in the Senate (7/24/19):

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #371, Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years. Confirmed (52-40)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #45, Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Invoked (55-37)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Invoked (52-39)

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Confirmation of Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Confirmed (51-40)

Wrap Up:

S.2249 – Deputy Administrator of the FAA

S.Res.283 – International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements

Rule 14 – added to the Senate calendar:

S.2258 – Anti-retaliation Protection for Antitrust Whistleblowers

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Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal Will Provide for the Common Defense

'Pentagon leaders need stable, reliable, and sufficient resources. The greatest military on Earth should not drift in uncertainty. Our servicemembers deserve better than a string of funding crises and continuing resolutions. Our commanders need predictable resources and sufficient resources to lay the foundations for the future of our national defense. Servicemembers deserve to deploy armed with state-of-the-art training and cutting-edge equipment. Their families deserve the best support services the nation can offer.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the deal reached by the Trump Administration and Speaker Pelosi to avoid a government funding crisis:

"Today, we expect the House of Representatives will pass the two-year government funding agreement that the Trump Administration and Speaker Pelosi announced earlier this week. I stand with the president, who has publicly expressed his support for the agreement several times. And I am grateful to the members of his administration who led the negotiations -- Secretary Mnuchin, Acting Chief of Staff Mulvaney, and Acting OMB Director Vought.

"Considering the circumstances of divided government, this is a good deal. After the House approves it today with bipartisan support, I expect the Senate to do the same next week. It's a good deal because it achieves the number-one goal on the Republican side of the aisle: Providing for the common defense. Continuing our progress in rebuilding the armed forces of the United States and modernizing them so they can continue to keep Americans safe and project power for years to come. This has been a top shared priority for this Republican Senate and this Republican White House for two and a half years.

"Pentagon leaders need stable, reliable, and sufficient resources. The greatest military on Earth should not drift in uncertainty. Our servicemembers deserve better than a string of funding crises and continuing resolutions. Our commanders need predictable resources and sufficient resources to lay the foundations for the future of our national defense. Servicemembers deserve to deploy armed with state-of-the-art training and cutting-edge equipment. Their families deserve the best support services the nation can offer. And the nation as a whole deserves a global presence that is up to snuff and competitive with the leaps forward in which our adversaries have invested heavily.

"That's why we've delivered historic increases in resources for modernization and DoD reforms -- to ensure the U.S. military is strong and agile enough to confront a growing number of threats to America and our interests. That's why just a few months ago, we authorized the largest year-on-year increase in defense funding in more than a decade. And now this funding agreement is the next step forward in that process. Every member of this body knows the threats we face are serious and getting more serious.

"The resurgence of great power competition with nations like Russia and China. The destabilizing influence of state-sponsored terror and regional aggression from bad actors such as Iran. And the testing of historic alliances. Amidst the growing international chaos, the preeminent obligation of the United States government is to provide for the common defense. This agreement prioritizes that commitment to the safety and security of the American people. A nation that understands these threats and takes them seriously makes serious investments in the readiness of its own defenses today and the modernization that will preserve their strength into the future.

“For years, we’ve seen China extend its strategic reach, testing the waters of the Indo-Pacific region and beyond. We’ve watched its Communist leadership nearly double military spending in the last decade alone and push the boundaries in everything from offshore territorial claims to 5G technology. America’s edge is in jeopardy. Our allies in the Pacific are uneasy. And the administration’s budget agreement with the Speaker will allow America to ensure that our own foot stays on the gas pedal as well.

“Meanwhile, in the Middle East, we are confronted daily by escalating threats to our allies and interests. State-sponsored terror and proxy actions are becoming bolder. “Grey-zone” activity in places like the Straits of Hormuz is raising the economic and geopolitical stakes of Iran’s meddling. From Syria to Crimea, Russia continues to stretch its legs. Not since the height of the Soviet Union have we seen Moscow this focused on extending influence beyond its borders. And all over the world, historic alliances and partnerships like NATO need to be strengthened and renewed for this new landscape. Fortunately, in the coming days, we’ll have the opportunity to address all these areas — Europe, the Middle East, the Indo-Pacific, and beyond.

“That opportunity is this bipartisan spending agreement. So I’m grateful to the administration for ensuring that such robust funding for our national security is included in this package. It will make us safer worldwide and make needed investments in our facilities right here at home -- like Ft. Knox, Ft. Campbell, and the Blue Grass Army Depot, which Kentucky is proud to host. And what’s more, I commend the president’s team for firmly holding the line on the laundry list of left-wing policy riders that some House Democrats had sought to push throughout their partisan appropriations process.

“We’re talking about far-left wish list items. Things like reversing the Trump Administration’s decision and getting Title X taxpayer dollars flowing back into the pockets of Planned Parenthood. Weakening the conscience rights of health care professionals. Removing protections for the Second Amendment. And efforts that would have weakened ICE and de-funded the president’s efforts to secure our border.

“These are just some of the policy riders the far-left had hoped to smuggle into the appropriations process – perhaps using the full faith and credit of the United States as leverage. But the administration froze all of them out. They shepherded an agreement that delivers on our most basic responsibility to the American people. They set the stage to provide for the common defense. Today, it’s the House’s turn to follow through. And then, in the near future, it will be ours.”

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From: [Suares, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Suares, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Senate Update (7/25/19)
Date: Thursday, July 25, 2019 6:02:45 PM

Hi everyone –

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 29th. The Senate will proceed to consideration of the Veto Messages to accompany S.J.Res.36, 37, and 38, the Arms Sales Resolutions.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to four roll call votes on the following:

1. Veto message to S.J.Res.36, Arms Sales Resolution
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3. Veto message to S.J.Res.38, Arms Sales Resolution
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Before lunch today, Leader McConnell spoke on next week's work in the Senate, pre- August recess. ICYMI his remarks on next week:

"For the information of all of our colleagues, I want to provide an update on the remaining items -- on the remaining items the Senate needs to complete before we adjourn for the August state work period. Here's what we need to accomplish before members depart next week. We need to confirm well qualified nominees to two open positions of utmost importance, the deputy secretary of defense and our ambassador to the U. N. These jobs are important. The nominees are impressive and **we need to confirm David Norquist and Kelly Craft next week. Obviously we need to pass the bipartisan funding agreement that President Trump's negotiating team worked out with Speaker Pelosi, the House will pass it today.** The president is strongly in support of it. The Senate needs to pass it and put it on the president's desk next week. And, madam president, **we need to make more headway on the backlog of qualified judicial nominees who are waiting for confirmation. So next week we'll also need to process a significant bipartisan package of district court nominees.** That's our to do list for next week. The Deputy Secretary of Defense, U. N. Ambassador, bipartisan government funding agreement, and a significant group of well qualified judges. Not bad for a week's work and that's what the Senate will accomplish before we adjourn for August. I move to proceed to executive session to consider calendar number 119."

Cloture List // Leader McConnell filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.
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Today in the Senate (7/25/19):

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #375, Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Confirmed (89-1)

Wrap Up:

H.R.3253 – Sustaining Excellence in Medicaid Act w/ Blunt substitute amendment

H.R.1569 – Arizona Judicial District

Cal. #47, H.R.504 – DHS Field Engagement Accountability

Cal. #111, S.1275 – FACE Act

H.R.2196 – Edith Nourse Rogers STEM

S.Res.286 – Intelligence Professionals Day

Executive Session (noms cleared by consent):

Cal. #125 – Joseph V. Cuffari, of Arizona, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

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From: [Suares, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Suares, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Senate Update (7/26/19)
Date: Friday, July 26, 2019 6:21:32 PM

Hi everyone – please see a reminder below on next week’s schedule//list of work to complete before the August recess. Also – please read a helpful update below from David Popp to the Fourth Estate summarizing this week.

See you next week,

Erica

Leader McConnell update on next week’s to do list:

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3:00 pm – Senate convenes; the Senate will proceed to consideration of the Veto Messages to accompany S.J.Res.36, 37, and 38, the Arms Sales Resolutions.

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4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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From: Popp, David (McConnell)
Subject: Wrap-Up of Leader McConnell's Week

Folks-

Please see below for highlights of the Leader's press, other important stories from this week, and what we've got on the floor next week. Let me know if you need anything else.

Popp

Leader McConnell Press

[McConnell on 'Fox News at Night' with Shannon Bream](#)

"We got the number we wanted on defense [in the budget deal]. There will be no Democratic riders, what we call poison pills, to pursue their left-wing agenda. All of those are walled off. And it will be a chaos-free government for a year and a half. In other words, no short-term CRs, no short-term debt ceilings. It will at least present to the American people what they would expect, which is that the government would operate in a normal fashion. I think that's worth a lot, and we knew we'd have to give, with this Democratic House, more spending on the domestic side. We knew that going in. I think Secretary Mnuchin did a wonderful job, a spectacular job, in fact, negotiating this with Speaker Pelosi."

[Politico: Democrats lose a weapon against Trump in ban on 'poison pills'](#)

"We know that some on the far left had been hankering to claw back Hyde Amendment protections, or cut away at reprogramming authorities and flexibility that presidents rightly possess," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on the floor Tuesday.

Bonus Read from Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Jim Inhofe on FOXNews.com:
[Budget deal is good for defense AND conservative values](#)

[Politico: McConnell moves to confirm 19 judges next week](#)

McConnell's move means likely confirmation of 19 District Court judges; the GOP leader had focused on higher-level Circuit Court judges for the first 30 months of Donald Trump's presidency, filling all but four vacancies on the appeals courts. Now McConnell is beginning to work his way through the 111 District Court vacancies even as the House heads home for the summer this week.

"Not bad for a week's work and that's what the Senate will accomplish before we adjourn for August," McConnell said on the floor.

Next Week's Floor Schedule

Yesterday, the Leader laid out next week's to do list.

- Pass the Trump Administration-Pelosi budget deal
- Make more headway on the backlog of qualified judicial nominees who are waiting for

confirmation

- Confirm Kelly Craft to be the UN Ambassador
- Confirm David Norquist to be the Deputy Secretary of Defense
- Process (sustain) three veto messages

Since the rumor mill will be in full effect, I want to assure everyone we will let you know when we have guidance on the timing and sequencing on the above. To that end, below are the votes happening on Monday at 5:30.

- Veto message to S.J.Res.36, Arms Sales Resolution
- Veto message to S.J.Res.37, Arms Sales Resolution
- Veto message to S.J.Res.38, Arms Sales Resolution
- Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

From: [Suarez, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Suarez, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Senate Update (7/30/19)
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 7:15:12 PM

Hi everyone –

The Senate is voting now and working through the list of items to complete before the August recess.

Tonight's plan – there will be somewhat late votes tonight as the Senate votes on cloture on judges and Kelly Craft to the UN. The confirmation votes for these noms are TBD – will send the votes times when locked in.

Also ICYMI: the cloture motion on the MTP to the budget caps/debt limit deal has been withdrawn and the hotline (below, end of this email) has run – will send a further update on vote times in relation to the budget caps/debt limit deal when it's locked in.

The Senate is voting now on twelve roll call votes (!!!) on the following *(votes are ten minutes in length, FYI):

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #204, Sean D. Jordan, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas (Confirmed, 54-34).
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #205, Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas (voting now, wrapping up soon).
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #232, Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
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9. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #350, Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.
10. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #352, Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.
11. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #364, William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
12. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #402, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

*Please note, before the cloture vote on the Craft nomination, there will be up to 10 minutes of debate under the control of Senator Menendez.

Please also note, the cloture motions on the following nominations have been withdrawn:

- Cal. #48 – Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.
- Cal. #55 – John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Cal. #344 - Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.
- Cal. #346 - Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.
- Cal. #351 - Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.
- Cal. #394 - David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Further, the Senate will vote on confirmation of these nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader.

Please note, the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, has been withdrawn.

HOTLINE (on caps deal votes): At a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, the Senate will proceed to H.R.3877. If cloture is filed on H.R.3877, there will be up to 2 hours of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. Further, the only amendment in order will be Paul amendment #932, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate vote on Paul amendment #932 with a 60 vote affirmative threshold needed for adoption. Following disposition of the Paul amendment, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R.3877, and that if cloture is invoked, all time be expired and the Senate vote on passage of H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, as amended, if amended.

Reminder: the full list of judges:

Cloture List // Leader McConnell filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order (last week):

1. Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.
2. Executive Calendar #120, Peter D. Welte, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.
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From: [Suares, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Suares, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Senate Update (7/30/19)
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:00:34 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi everyone,

The Senate convened at 10:00 am today and proceeded to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, post-cloture.

At 11:30 am, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of the Liburdi nomination.
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #120, Peter D. Welte, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #203, James Wesley Hendrix, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

The Senate will recess following the cloture vote on the Hendrix nomination until 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

Please note, yesterday the Leader filed cloture on the following items in the following order (regular order means these votes happen after the list of judges that were filed cloture on last week):

1. Motion to proceed to Cal. #165, H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019
2. Executive Calendar #402, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.
3. Executive Calendar #394, David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Reminder: Cloture list (judges):

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Yesterday in the Senate (7/29/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Shall S.J.Res.36 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. Sustained (45-40)
2. Shall S.J.Res.37 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. Sustained (45-39)
3. Shall S.J.Res.38 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. Sustained (46-41)
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Invoked (51-37)
5. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #120, Peter D. Welte, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. Invoked (66-21)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.290 – Cuyahoga River

H.R.2695 – Richard L. Schafer Dam

More updates to come on vote times, etc. for this week, as we look to complete a long list of things to do pre-August recess.

Please read several floor statements from Leader McConnell below on many topics, ranging from passing the President's budget caps/debt limit deal to confirming nominations to the important work and service of DNI Director Dan Coats.

ALSO: ICYMI from yesterday – please read Leader McConnell's powerful remarks on election security, and a rebuttal to some of the outlandish, essentially treasonous, claims against him on this topic. [This is worth taking a moment to read in full.](#)

Best,

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Senate Needs to Confirm More Judges, Confirm Key National Security Nominees, and Pass the President's Funding Agreement This Week

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding this week's agenda:

"The Senate has a lot of important business to attend to before we adjourn for the August state work period. As a reminder to all our colleagues, here's our considerable 'to-do list' for this week: Later this morning, we'll vote to confirm two more of President Trump's impressive nominees for district courts: Michael Liburdi for the District of Arizona and Peter Welte for the District of North Dakota.

"They are just the first two in a significant group of judges – 19 in all – that the Senate needs to process before we wrap up the week. We can't head home without making another big dent in the

backlog of qualified district judge nominees whom partisan obstruction has already kept waiting too long.

"In addition, the Senate is not going anywhere until we confirm two impressive nominees to executive-branch positions that play a vital role in U.S. foreign policy and national security. Ambassador Kelly Craft is President Trump's excellent choice to serve as our Ambassador to the United Nations. David Norquist is his pick for Deputy Secretary of Defense. Needless to say, these are troubling times in a troubled world. We need to get both of these highly capable public servants on the job this week. And finally, we must also pass the bipartisan government funding agreement that President Trump's negotiating team worked out with Speaker Pelosi.

"Given the realities of divided government, it is a strong deal that achieves my Republican colleagues' and my number-one priority: Continuing to invest seriously in rebuilding the readiness of our Armed Forces and modernizing them to meet the challenges of today. The Trump Administration has negotiated their way to a major win on defense. The House has passed the compromise legislation. The president is ready and waiting to sign it.

"Once the Senate passes it later this week, he can sign it into law, take funding crises and long-term continuing resolutions off the table, and pave Congress's path toward a regular appropriations process that will provide the resources our military commanders and our service-members need to keep us safe. I urge all my colleagues to join President Trump in support of this legislation when we vote later this week."

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McConnell Denounces Dangerous Rise of "Modern-Day McCarthyism"

"In the middle of the 20th century, the original McCarthyism hurt American strength and diminished our standing in the Cold War by dividing us against ourselves and letting lies, innuendo, and baseless accusations crowd out reasonable politics... Now here we are in 2019... Putin and the Russians seek to provoke fear and division in our country. To undermine faith in our institutions. To

exacerbate our political differences until we tear ourselves apart. And, once again, it seems there are some who blindly take the bait. American pundits calling an American official treasonous because of a policy disagreement. If anything is an asset to the Russians, it is disgusting behavior like that.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding election security:

"I'd like to welcome all members back to the Senate for a busy week. But first, there's something I need to address. Over the last several days, I was called unpatriotic, 'un-American,' and essentially treasonous by a couple of left-wing pundits on the basis of boldfaced lies. I was accused of 'aiding and abetting' the very man I've singled out as our adversary and opposed for nearly 20 years: Vladimir Putin. This was less than 24 hours after the Outrage-Industrial Complex was disappointed yet again by Special Counsel Mueller.

"Partisan Democrats and their media allies were crushed a few months ago when Mueller's report cleared the president of conspiring with Russia during the 2016 campaign. And now, their frantic hyping of the Special Counsel's congressional testimony had fallen flat once again. But the conspiracy theories and reckless accusations had to continue. Too many people had invested too much in the hysterical echo chamber to simply wind it down and join the rest of us in the real world.

"The Outrage-Industrial Complex needed a new target. And that's where I come in. Mitch McConnell, the hawkish foreign policy conservative who's spent decades pushing back on Russia every way I can think of, was accused of what amounts to treason by multiple media outlets within a couple of hours. These absurd smears weren't thrown out there by anonymous Twitter accounts or fringe bloggers. Oh, no. This modern-day McCarthyism was pushed by big-time outlets. The smear that I am, quote, a '*Russian asset*' ran in the opinion pages of *The Washington Post*. The accusation that I am, quote, '*un-American*' was broadcast on MSNBC.

"This is the state of left-wing politics in 2019. It's like an inflationary crisis, but with outrage instead of dollars. These people have worn out the volume knobs so badly that they have nothing left but the most unhinged smears. Welcome to the modern-day McCarthyism. McCarthy-like tactics out in the open, for everyone to see. In Dana Milbank's column in *The Washington Post* and on a major cable channel run by NBC.

"So, what started all this? Here was my crime. Bless me, for I have sinned. Here it is: Last week, I stopped Democrats from passing an election law bill through the Senate by unanimous consent. A bill that was so partisan that it only received one single Republican vote in the House. My Democratic friends asked for unanimous consent to pass a bill that everyone knows isn't unanimous, and never will be unanimous. So I objected.

"These theatrical requests happen all the time in the Senate. I promise that nobody involved, including my friend the Democratic Leader who made the request, actually thought he'd get a Republican Senate to instantly unanimously pass a bill that only got one Republican vote in the House. This kind of objection is a routine occurrence in the Senate. It doesn't make Republicans traitors or un-American. It makes us policymakers with a different opinion. But the Outrage Industrial Complex doesn't let a little thing like reality get in their way. They saw the perfect opportunity to distort, and tell lies, and fuel the flames of partisan hatred. And so they did.

"It started with the angry lies on MSNBC. The host lied and said that I've dismissed Russia's interference in our 2016 election as, quote, a '*hoax*.' Of course I've never said any such thing. I've spoken extensively and often about Russia's unacceptable interference in 2016. I constantly discuss all we've been doing to correct the Obama Administration's failures to respond more assertively to the Russian threat, including on election security.

"So, let me make this crystal-clear for the hyperventilating hacks who haven't actually followed this issue: Every single member of the Senate agrees that Russian meddling was real and is real. We all agree that the federal government, state governments, and the private sector all have obligations to take this threat seriously and bolster our defenses. Claims to the contrary – claims

that anybody here denies what Russia did on President Obama's watch – are just lies. Not partisan distortion, not clever spin; just total fabrications.

“Now, at least this show is honest about what it offers. And it isn't journalism. Immediately after the host finished his angry string of false claims and called me *'un-American,'* another panelist chimed in to applaud the remarks. Here's what he said – quote -- *'We are at war. It's time for the Democrats to wake up.'* And *'we're not going to necessarily play fair.'* I should say not. Let's remember how deep MSNBC waded into the conspiratorial fever swamp over the past two years.

“They gave airtime to individuals like one guest who has publicly tweeted, among other things, that a former White House advisor was close to being executed for espionage and that Chief Justice Roberts had sent the Marshal of the Supreme Court to the White House to threaten the president. Utter nonsense. They hosted these kinds of conspiratorial voices. Just a few days ago, one former host at the network pointed out, quote, *'MSNBC built segment after segment, show after show on building anticipation for a big reveal.'* But then, the Mueller Report took some of their most unhinged stories off the table. And then, just last week, the Special Counsel's in-person testimony disappointed the political left yet again. So the conspiracy theories needed a new target.

“A few hours later came *The Washington Post* column. It was authored by Dana Milbank, a pundit who spent much of the Obama Administration carrying water for its failed foreign policies and excusing President Obama's weakness on Russia. Here was the headline: *'Mitch McConnell is a Russian asset.'* A shameful smear. And it was based on more lies. Mr. Milbank repeatedly claims that I've blocked all efforts to raise our defenses against Russian meddling.

“The truth is that I've championed the coordinated work between Congress, the administration, and the states, which are primarily responsible for elections. And the Senate has passed several major provisions on this subject just this year. And I've spoken frequently on the floor about the need to keep up the progress and stay vigilant. What's more, one of the specific pieces of legislation he claims I have blocked is something I literally have never opposed (S. 1454). His online column links directly to the bill, and it is something I've never opposed.

“You'd think a columnist leveling these kinds of smears would at least consult a fact-checker before accusing an elected official of *'aiding and abetting'* Vladimir Putin. But, alas. It's not even a competent hit piece. Just sloppy work. Ironically, Mr. Milbank has frequently written pieces lecturing Republicans who he feels have impugned others' patriotism. In 2013, the same guy wrote a piece insisting that, quote, *'in America, a political opponent is not the enemy.'* In 2015, he criticized *'nutters'* for questioning the president's patriotism and said that *'such beyond-the-pale-rhetoric'* had to be thrown out *'to have a civilized debate.'*

“So, you get the picture. See, when a liberal politician is being criticized, these left-wing pundits become choirboys calling for civility and decency and high-mindedness. But when it's time to smear someone on the other side, they are delighted to lead the charge. As recently as 2017 this very columnist wrote, quote, *'let's pause to remember: We are all the American people. And we all love our country.'* End quote.

“As all of our colleagues know, I've spoken at length about Russia's attack on American democracy. I worked to ensure Congress sent hundreds of millions of dollars to the states to improve their defenses, and applauded the whole-of-government efforts that the administration continues to carry out with states and localities. Good news may not sell newspapers, boost ratings, or help with Democrat fundraising. But the facts are the facts. And the facts are that this administration has made huge strides on election security since 2016. They made a noticeable impact in securing the 2018 election and are vigilant and proactive as we head into 2020.

“A few weeks ago, every Senator had the opportunity to attend an all-members classified briefing that I helped organize detailing the major work that's been underway since 2016. I've been in a lot of classified briefings. It's not exactly common for members to break out into spontaneous applause -- let alone bipartisan applause. But that's exactly what happened. Behind closed doors, Democrats joined Republicans in applauding the progress made since 2016.

"This administration -- thanks in large part to our friend and former colleague DNI Dan Coats, whom I was very sorry to hear is stepping down -- has increased and improved our intelligence collection on these threats. It has built better and more functional relationships with state election authorities. It has enlisted more help from the private sector to identify and counter foreign influence campaigns. It has worked more closely with foreign allies and partners who face similar threats from Russia. It has imposed real costs on Russia for its misdeeds and cut down on the ability of Russian intelligence to operate inside our country.

"In particular, the Department of Homeland Security has deployed special capabilities in all 50 states for detecting malign cyber activity. It's deployed cybersecurity advisors across the country. It operates a National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center and supports an Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center. Among its many offerings to the states, DHS offers cybersecurity assessments, detection and prevention tools, training, and career development for election officials, all free of charge. And using the hundreds of millions of dollars Congress sent to the states -- which I proudly voted for and supported -- the authorities who actually conduct our elections on the front lines have gotten themselves better prepared.

"This is a long list of significant achievements. Achievements that my Democratic colleagues applauded and cheered behind closed doors when the administration briefed us a few weeks ago. But in public, in front of the cameras, some of my colleagues quickly pivoted right back into hysterical accusations that only fan the flames of this modern-day McCarthyism. These pundits are lying when they dismiss the work that has been done. They're lying when they insist I have personally blocked actions which, in fact, I championed and the Senate has passed. They are lying when they suggest that either party is against defending our democracy.

"This work is essential and it needs to continue. Over two years ago, I asked Chairman Burr and the Intelligence Committee take a hard, bipartisan look at all aspects of the Russian threat in 2016 and the steps the Obama Administration took, or failed to take, to defend against it. Here was the headline in December 2016, from NBC News: '*McConnell Backs Senate Investigations of Russian Hacking.*' We wanted a serious, detailed investigation, not a political sideshow. I am impressed and grateful for the nonpartisan work of the Committee staff under the leadership of Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner.

"The Committee's reports on the various aspects of the threat are now being released. They will add vital context and analysis and inform what to do about this ongoing threat. I'm sure all of us will be open to discussing further steps Congress, the executive branch, the states, and the private sector might take to defend our elections against foreign interference. Any further legislation must be informed by this detailed report and by all the steps the government has already taken.

"At the same time, you can be sure that I've spoken out against Democrats' efforts to seize on the crisis and use it to advance their other, long-held partisan goals for the political process. Some of these are changes they've sought since long before the 2016 meddling. So, no, I am not going to let Democrats and their water-carriers in the media use Russia's attack on our democracy as a Trojan horse for partisan wish-list items that would not actually make our elections safer.

"My opposition to nationalizing election authorities that properly belong with the states is not news to anybody who's followed my career or knows anything about Congress. Even the *New York Times* editorial board noted over the weekend that while they certainly don't agree with all my views, they are principles going back decades. And the *Times* had to admit the Democrats are '*playing politics*' by introducing legislation with '*no chance of passing the Senate [that] serves only to harden partisan divisions.*' That's the *New York Times* this weekend.

"My differences with Democrats on complicated matters of election law are the kind of disagreements we used to be able to have without mainstream media outlets screaming that one side is traitorous. This Congress, this entire country, only works when we refuse to let baseless smears displace real debate. Benjamin Franklin said we have this Republic if we can keep it. And, among other things, keeping our republic means we can't let modern-day McCarthyism win. So here is my commitment: No matter how much they lie, no matter how much they bully, I will not be

intimidated.

"For decades I have used my Senate seat to stand up to Russia and protect the United States of America. I am proud of my record. I'm proud that it's right there, in black and white, and liars cannot gaslight it away. In the 1980s, as a freshman Senator, I proudly stood with President Reagan on missile defense and other aspects of his Soviet policy. While the liberal media was shrieking that the Reagan-Bush foreign policy wouldn't work, I was honored to support it with my vote and then watch Soviet communism crumble.

"Then, in the 1990s, I used my place on the State and Foreign Ops Subcommittee to sound the alarm when President Clinton was too soft on Russia. Here's the *Wall Street Journal*, December 1994: '*Kentucky Senator, Handed Keys to Foreign Aid, to be Most Potent Foe of Clinton's Russian Policy.*' Here's what that article said: '*The real challenge to the administration's policy is [McConnell's] plan to attach stiff political conditions to that aid... threatening a cutoff unless Russia stops meddling in its neighbors' affairs.*' Let me say that again: As early as the 1990s I was on the record as laser-focused on Russia's meddling beyond its borders and making sure the Russians were held accountable. I ask consent that this article be placed in the Record.

"On the other end of the Clinton Administration, I used hearings to grill Democratic officials who were soft on President Yeltsin and optimistic about President-elect Putin. I didn't share Democrats' faith that Putin would be our friend. I ask consent that two excerpts of my committee statement from April 4, 2000 -- calling for a tougher stance on Russia's foreign meddling and expressing skepticism about Vladimir Putin -- appear in today's Record.

"Regardless of who was in the White House, regardless of which way the political winds were blowing, I've consistently treated Russia like the threat it is. Even under a Republican administration, I spoke out when I was afraid the U.S. wasn't doing enough to stop the erosion of democracy and the rule of law in Russia.

"A conference report that I co-authored in December 2003 stated, quote, "*The managers remain gravely concerned with the deterioration and systematic dismantling of democracy and the rule of law in Russia.*" We pushed President Bush's administration -- a Republican administration -- to do more. And of course, I helped lead the charge against the Obama Administration's feckless Russia policies. President Obama mocked his 2012 opponent for taking Russia too seriously. His administration sought a naïve 'reset' with the Kremlin. And for eight years, I helped lead the charge against that weakness.

"In 2010, I stood with John McCain and Jon Kyl to oppose the New START treaty -- a watered-down placeholder for the sort of tough stance we knew was necessary. As Vladimir Putin was building up his missile arsenal, we even had to push President Obama to commit to deploying capable missile defenses to Europe. In 2012, I firmly supported sweeping legislation to authorize heavy sanctions following the killing of Sergei Magnitsky in a Russian prison. The Obama Administration flinched, and tried to tiptoe around our legislation to avoid messing up their charm offensive -- but we backed them into a corner and the president signed the bill into law.

"In 2014, I and other Republicans constantly pressed President Obama to get tougher on Russia with respect to Putin's aggression in Ukraine. I ask consent that this news article dated March 5, 2014 entitled '*McConnell: Obama's Passive Foreign Policy Is A Mistake*' appear in the Record. And since 2017, I've continued reminding everyone that Putin is not our friend, that Russia is going to continue trying to meddle, that we need a comprehensive strategy to contest Russian aggression, and that alliances like NATO are critical for standing up to our adversaries. Once more, for good measure -- I ask consent that this news article dated August 15, 2018 entitled '*US Senate's top Republican likens Russia to 'old Soviet Union*' be included in the Record.

"So, I don't normally take the time to respond to critics in the media when they have no clue what they're talking about. But this modern-day McCarthyism is toxic and damaging because of the way it warps our entire public discourse. Facts matter. Details matter. History matters. And if our nation is losing the ability to debate public policy without screaming about treason -- that really matters.

“In the middle of the 20th century, the original McCarthyism hurt American strength and diminished our standing in the Cold War by dividing us against ourselves and letting lies, innuendo, and baseless accusations crowd out reasonable politics. The frenetic, politicized witch hunt distracted from legitimate efforts to contest the Soviet Union, including more sober efforts to root out real Soviet agents in our midst. In short, McCarthyism did the Russians’ work for them.

“Now here we are in 2019. Again, Putin and the Russians seek to provoke fear and division in our country. To undermine faith in our institutions. To exacerbate our political differences until we tear ourselves apart. And, once again, it seems there are some who blindly take the bait. American pundits calling an American official treasonous because of a policy disagreement. If anything is an asset to the Russians, it is disgusting behavior like that.”

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McConnell Statement on Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats

‘In particular, I want to thank Director Coats for his role in the Administration’s comprehensive response to Russia’s ongoing efforts to interfere in our democracy. The intelligence community’s great leaps since 2016 laid the groundwork for the administration’s significant progress in defending against interference in 2018 and preparing us for 2020.’

LOUISVILLE, KY – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) issued the following statement regarding Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats:

“I was very sorry to learn today that Director Coats will depart his position as Director of National Intelligence later this month. My friend and former colleague has devoted decades of his life in service to our country. I was reassured knowing that a man who took such a deliberate, thoughtful, and unbiased approach was at the helm of our intelligence community.

“This was especially true during a time of growing international tension. Under Director Coats’ leadership, our agencies have gotten a better handle on the malign behavior of Russia, China, and other adversaries such as Iran and North Korea. Director Coats pushed for greater coordination in how the community approaches some of its hardest, most sensitive collection targets.

“In particular, I want to thank Director Coats for his role in the Administration’s comprehensive response to Russia’s ongoing efforts to interfere in our democracy. The intelligence community’s great leaps since 2016 laid the groundwork for the administration’s significant progress in

"For more than a quarter century, Principal Weeden has been a constant anchor in a place where rotation and change are par for the course. The Page School, as we all know, welcomes a new class of high-achieving young people, from all across the country, every semester. These students experience its most famous for the fast-paced, hands-on exposure to the inner workings of

"As Senate Majority Leader, it's my honor this morning to acknowledge a truly remarkable legacy of service to the Senate - and really, to the nation. Next month, the Senate Page School will say goodbye to its beloved principal. After twenty-six years heading up this unique institution, our very own Mrs. Kathryn Weeden is starting a new chapter as a very deserving retiree.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the retirement of Mrs. Kathryn Weeden, Senate Page School principal:

"To a special degree, her legacy will have helped form and shape America's civic future for the better. Because she gave of herself so generously to a special class of young people - those who are so interested in our American government that they just had to come see it firsthand. So today, the Senate celebrates this outstanding legacy and warmly congratulates Principal Weeden on such a tremendous accomplishment. We thank her for all she has done. And we wish her nothing but happiness in the years that lie ahead."

McConnell Thanks Senate Page School Principal Kathryn Weeden for Senate Service

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defending against interference in 2018 and preparing us for 2020.

"Our understanding of the threat and our coordinated defenses are lightyears ahead of where we were in 2016. That is thanks to the hard work of Director Coats and countless intelligence professionals. By definition and for good reason, much of what they do must remain classified. But as all of my Senate colleagues and I saw firsthand in a classified briefing just a few weeks ago, our nation owes them a debt of gratitude for their significant and ongoing work since 2016 to keep our democracy safe.

"The U.S. intelligence community works best when it is led by professionals who protect its work from political or analytical bias and who deliver unvarnished hard truths to political leaders in both the executive and legislative branches. Very often the news these briefings bring is unpleasant, but it is essential that we be confronted with the facts. Dan Coats was such a leader."

American government that it involves.

“But in the early mornings and late evenings, when they’re not delivering bill text around the Capitol, assisting members here on the floor, or engaged in any number of other tasks that help this place actually run. They’re also dealing with the academic rigors of the 11th grade. Thirty teenagers at a time, living, studying, and working full-time on Capitol Hill. Needless to say, keeping this unique arrangement running smoothly is less an ordinary job – even a full-time one – and more like a life’s mission. And by all accounts, it’s a mission Principal Weeden has executed with constant competence, total professionalism, and the utmost grace.

“Now, if I had to guess, a large share of that grace was spent in the 5:00am hour most mornings. That’s typically when she’d first encounter what I’m sure were the most chipper and alert 16- and 17-year-olds around. But while the hundreds of pages who have worked, studied, and grown under Principal Weeden’s watch may not miss their early-morning math class, they sure do miss her. They left with lasting memories of her attentive mentorship and compassion.

“Among recent graduates of the page program, some of whom I’ve been proud to sponsor through my own office, the conclusion is clear: Principal Weeden is simply the best. They remember the way she would make time for weekly one-on-one meetings to check up on their progress and talk about their future goals. They remember the way she radiated excitement leading the school in assembling care packages for servicemembers deployed overseas. They remember her knack for reassuring words and for helping them put the daily stresses of high school in perspective.

“Inevitably, after 26 years, Principal Weeden’s legacy is counted in the flood of letters sharing stories like these following the news of her retirement. But it’s also measured in her commitment to transform the Page School as a top-notch academic institution. It’s thanks to her no-nonsense leadership that this unique program has earned and maintained accreditation. That its rigors have earned the attention and respect of prestigious universities. And that it continues to attract talented and passionate educators to carry on in her example.

“Unsurprisingly, the colleagues and faculty whom Mrs. Weeden has mentored and supervised are no less enthusiastic in their praise than her former students. Talking to them about their departing boss, you hear words like *disciplined*, *nurturing*, and *patriotic*. You’re painted a picture that looks something like a Mother Superior, a no-nonsense administrator, an exacting leader, and a true friend, all in one. Being entrusted with the care, feeding, education, and maturation of so many young men and women over so many years would be an accomplishment no matter where Principal Weeden had worked.

“But to do all that at the Senate Page School means something even more. To a special degree, her legacy will have helped form and shape America’s civic future for the better. Because she gave of herself so generously to a special class of young people – those who are so interested in our American government that they just had to come see it firsthand. So today, the Senate celebrates this outstanding legacy and warmly congratulates Principal Weeden on such a tremendous accomplishment. We thank her for all she has done. And we wish her nothing but happiness in the years that lie ahead.”

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Hi everyone,

The Senate is voting now on seven roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #205, [Mark T. Pittman](#), of Texas, to be [United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas](#).
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #231, [Jeffrey Vincent Brown](#), of Texas, to be [United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas](#).
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #232, [Brantley Starr](#), of Texas, to be [United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas](#).
4. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #345, [Jason K. Pulliam](#), of Texas, to be [United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas](#).
5. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #350, [Martha Maria Pacold](#), of Illinois, to be [United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois](#).
6. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #364, [William Shaw Stickman IV](#), of Pennsylvania, to be [United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania](#).
7. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #402, [Kelly Craft](#), of Kentucky, to be the [Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations](#).

Please note, the following nominations have been confirmed by voice vote:

1. Executive Calendar #48, [Karin J. Immergut](#), of Oregon, to be [United States District Judge for the District of Oregon](#).
2. Executive Calendar #55, [John Milton Younge](#), of Pennsylvania, to be [United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania](#).
3. Executive Calendar #351, [Mary M. Rowland](#), of Illinois, to be [United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois](#).

Please see three statements below from Leader McConnell on 1) passing the budget caps / debt limit agreement this week, 2) Kelly Craft to be UN Ambassador, and 3) Gene Scalia to be Secretary of Labor.

Thanks,
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Senate Needs to Pass the Administration-Pelosi Budget Agreement

'All in all, I don't think any senators are actually rooting for a destabilizing continuing resolution. I certainly don't think any senators are rooting for a debt limit crisis that could put our full faith and credit at risk. So I believe that every one of our colleagues wants this agreement to pass. That means every one of our colleagues should vote for it. The House has passed this deal. The president is ready and eager to sign it. It's our turn to do our job.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the House-passed bipartisan budget agreement:

"And of course, the Senate also needs to pass the bipartisan budget agreement secured by the administration with Speaker Pelosi. The deal we have in front of us is the product of extensive negotiations between President Trump's team and the Democratic House. I am confident it is not exactly the legislation that either side of the aisle would have written if one party held the White House, the House, and had 60 votes in the Senate. That's divided government. But I am equally confident that this is a deal that every one of my colleagues should support when we vote on it in the near future.

"This government funding agreement is the right deal for our national defense. It's the right deal because it ensures the United States maintains its full faith and credit. It's the right deal because it brings predictability and stability through 2020 and moves toward restoring regular appropriations. And it's the right deal because it secures these priorities without the partisan poison pill riders that would take us backwards on the issue of protecting human life and curtail essential presidential authorities.

"Republicans' number one priority was investing in our national defense. After eight years of neglect and atrophy under the Obama Administration, Congress has worked hand-in-hand with the Trump Administration to begin writing a new chapter. More of the resources our armed forces need. More flexibility for our commanders. More cutting-edge tools for U.S. servicemembers. And more investment in the modernization that will not only rebuild the military that we need today, but set us on the trajectory we need to be on to secure our future.

"All in all, I don't think any senators are actually rooting for a destabilizing continuing resolution. I certainly don't think any senators are rooting for a debt limit crisis that could put our full faith and credit at risk. So I believe that every one of our colleagues wants this agreement to pass. That means every one of our colleagues should vote for it. The House has passed this deal. The president is ready and eager to sign it. It's our turn to do our job."

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Ambassador Kelly Craft: A Very Impressive Individual to Serve in the Critical Role of UN Ambassador

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees including Ambassador Kelly Craft, the president's nominee for Ambassador to the United Nations (UN):

"Yesterday the Senate took a number of steps forward on our considerable 'to-do list' for this week. We confirmed four well-qualified jurists who are now our country's newest district judges and voted to advance the nominations of 10 more. Ten. That's what you call big progress for the federal judiciary. Today we're going to continue moving these nominations forward. For too long, thoroughly uncontroversial judicial nominees just like these have been held up and delayed by our Democratic colleagues -- even when the vacancy qualifies as a judicial emergency.

"Uncontroversial district judges used to be confirmed promptly, in big groups, by voice vote. These days, in a kind of protest theater, our colleagues across the aisle usually insist that we hold a closure vote and then a roll call confirmation vote for each. But we're getting the president's impressive nominees on the job, one way or another. And we'll continue doing just that. But our work doesn't stop there. The administration remains in need of its full complement of leaders at the Pentagon and in the diplomatic corps.

"So last night, we voted to confirm David Norquist, the president's pick to serve as number-two at the Pentagon under our new Secretary of Defense Mark Esper. We also voted to advance the nomination of Ambassador Kelly Craft, a very impressive individual, to serve in the critical role of UN ambassador. Ms. Craft is a fellow product of the Bluegrass. She has already made Kentucky and the nation proud through significant public service, including as an alternate delegate to the United Nations and most recently as Ambassador to Canada.

"In each of those cases this impressive nominee earned an unopposed confirmation. And in each case she repaid the Senate's confidence by skillfully and effectively advocating for the interests of the United States on the international stage. During her tenure as Ambassador to Canada, America's relationship with our northern neighbor was tested. A number of challenging policy hurdles threatened to trip up progress on several important issues including trade negotiations. But by all accounts, Ambassador Craft's involvement led to greater cooperation.

"She worked on finalizing the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, encouraged cross-border participation in joint sanctions efforts, and helped more Americans do business in Canada. And as she stands for this new role, she brings the ringing endorsements of peers and counterparts she engaged along the way. Quote: *'She's done the job very well.'* Quote: *'Every premier I know thinks the world of her... She really proved herself over some tough times.'*

"That's from the Premier of Ontario and a former Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. Our partners to the north have a healthy respect for the hard work and qualifications of Ambassador Kelly Craft. And so does the Senate. Last week, even in this contentious moment, a wide bipartisan majority of our colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee voted to recommend her nomination to be UN ambassador favorably here to the floor. And before we adjourn this week we will confirm her."

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Leader McConnell Meets with Secretary of Labor Nominee Gene Scalia

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – *U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement after meeting with the president's nominee for Secretary of Labor, Gene Scalia:*

"I enjoyed meeting today with Gene Scalia, nominated to serve as the next Secretary of Labor.

"In Mr. Scalia, President Trump has chosen a veteran public servant, a sharp lawyer, and a consummate professional. His strong legal credentials, considerable expertise on labor and regulatory issues, and prior experience serving at the Department will make him an asset to the administration, and to the American people.

"I look forward to the Senate's forthcoming consideration of Mr. Scalia's nomination."

Background: The Senate will consider this nomination in a timely manner. Additional details and scheduling announcements regarding confirmation hearings will be forthcoming from the [Senate](#)

[Committee on Health, Education Labor and Pensions.](#)

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From: [Suarez, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Suarez, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Senate Update (7/31/19)
Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:44:32 PM

Hi everyone – the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 am tomorrow, August 1, 2019.

Leader McConnell was on the Senate floor earlier discussing moving to votes tomorrow in relation to the Budget Caps/Debt Limit agreement, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 -- H.R. 3877 (floor excerpt below).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 am and proceed to consideration of [H.R.3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019](#).

At approximately 11:00 am, the Senate will proceed to up to four roll call votes on the following in relation to [H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019](#):

1. Adoption of Paul amendment #932 (Cut, Cap, and Balance) - 60 vote threshold.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 3877
3. (Possible) Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R.3877
4. Passage of H.R.3877 (as amended, if amended)

Today in the Senate (7/31/19):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #205, Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Confirmed (54-36)
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Confirmed (50-40)
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #232, Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Confirmed (51-39)
4. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #345, Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Confirmed (54-36)
5. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #350, Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Confirmed (87-3)
6. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #364, William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed (56-34)
7. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #402, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations. Confirmed (56-34)

Wrap Up:

H.R.639 – National Urban Search and Rescue Response System
H.R.3245 – Wabash River Bridge
S 2052 – Colonel Charles E. McGee
H.Con Res 53 – Emancipation Hall
S Res.263 – 100th Anniversary of the American Legion
S Res.294 – Airborne Day
S Res.295 – Campus Fire Safety
S Res.285 – School Bus Safety
H.R.776 – Emergency Medical Services for Children
S Res.300 – National Public Health Week
S Res.301 – Indiana Rangers
S Res.302 – Child Awareness
S.Con.Res.24 – Food and Nutrition Service
Cal. #127, H.R.1079 – CASES Act

Executive Session (noms cleared by consent):

Executive Calendar #48, Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. (voice vote)
Executive Calendar #55, John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. (voice vote)
Executive Calendar #351, Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. (voice vote)

Military Promotions:

COAST GUARD

Cal. #370 – the following to be Rear Admiral:
Rear Adm. (lh) Melvin W. Bouboulis
Rear Adm. (lh) Donna L. Cottrell
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. Johnston
Rear Adm. (lh) Eric C. Jones
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael P. Ryan
Cal. #393 – Rear Adm. Todd C. Weimers to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half)

A R FORCE

Cal. #376 – Maj. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #377 – Lt. Gen. Bryan P. Fenton to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #378 – Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Place to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #379 - Col. Robert T. Wooldridge, II to be Brigadier General

MARINE CORPS
Cal. #380 – Maj. Gen. David G. Bellon to be Lieutenant General

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS, and NAVY.

FOREIGN SERVICE

Cal. #408 - The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States Agency for International Development for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:

Jennifer M. Adams
Jeffrey N. Bakken
Susan F. Fine
Susan Kosinski Fritz
Lawrence Hardy, II
Sarah-Ann Lynch

Cal. #409 - The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service of the United States Agency for Global Media, Broadcasting Board of Governors, for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service to the class indicated: Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, and a Consular Officer and a Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

William S. Martin

Cal. #410 - The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service of the United States Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General, for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Minister-Counselor:

Christine Byrne
Robert Mason

Cal. #412 - The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:

James J. Higginson
Bobby G. Richey, Jr.

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

Thanks!

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Budget/Debt Limit Agreement remarks from Leader McConnell:

"And of course, the Senate also needs to pass the bipartisan budget agreement secured by the administration with Speaker Pelosi. The deal we have in front of us is the product of extensive negotiations between President Trump's team and the Democratic House. I am confident it is not exactly the legislation that either side of the aisle would have written if one party held the White House, the House, and had 60 votes in the Senate. That's divided government. But I am equally confident that this is a deal that every one of my colleagues should support when we vote on it in the near future.

"This government funding agreement is the right deal for our national defense. It's the right deal because it ensures the United States maintains its full faith and credit. It's the right deal because it brings predictability and stability through 2020 and moves toward restoring regular appropriations. And it's the right deal because it secures these priorities without the partisan poison pill riders that would take us backwards on the issue of protecting human life and curtail essential presidential authorities.

"Republicans' number one priority was investing in our national defense. After eight years of neglect and atrophy under the Obama Administration, Congress has worked hand-in-hand with the Trump Administration to begin writing a new chapter. More of the resources our armed forces need. More flexibility for our commanders. More cutting-edge tools for U.S. servicemembers. And more investment in the modernization that will not only rebuild the military that we need today, but set us on the trajectory we need to be on to secure our future.

"All in all, I don't think any senators are actually rooting for a destabilizing continuing resolution. I certainly don't think any senators are rooting for a debt limit crisis that could put our full faith and credit at risk. So I believe that every one of our colleagues wants this agreement to pass. That means every one of our colleagues should vote for it. The House has passed this deal. The president is ready and eager to sign it. It's our turn to do our job."

MR.
MCCONNELL

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I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 thursday, August 1. Further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning business 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, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to consideration of H. R. 3877 under the previous order.

MR. MCCONNELL

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So if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.



From: [Suarez, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
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Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019 4:30:49 PM
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Hi everyone,

The Senate voted earlier today on the [Budget Caps/Debt Limit agreement](#) – it passed 67-28. Please read Leader McConnell's floor remarks below, before the vote. It sums up where we are and what's at stake.

Note: "We need to address the debt limit and secure the full faith and credit of the United States. We need to continue to secure the funding that our national defense demands. Fortunately, the pending legislation will accomplish precisely that. In recent weeks, key officials on President Trump's team engaged in extensive negotiations with Speaker Pelosi and the Democratic House. Given the exigencies of divided government, we knew that any bipartisan agreement on funding levels would not appear perfect to either side. But the administration negotiated a strong deal."

1. [Adoption of Paul amendment #932](#) (Cut, Cap, and Balance) (Rejected, 23-70)
2. [Motion to invoke cloture](#) on H.R.3877 (Agreed to, 67-27)
3. [Passage](#) of H.R.3877 (as amended, if amended) (Passed, 67-28)

Looking Ahead!

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. At 5:30 pm on Monday, September 9th, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #403, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #403, [Kelly Craft](#), of Kentucky, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.
2. Executive Calendar #5, [Elizabeth Darling](#), of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.
3. Executive Calendar #174 - [Stephen Akard](#), of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador.
4. Executive Calendar #246, [Dale Cabaniss](#), of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.
5. Executive Calendar #294, [James Byrne](#), of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
6. Executive Calendar #333, [Michelle Bowman](#), of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2020. (Reappointment).
7. Executive Calendar #335, [Thomas Peter Feddo](#), of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security.
8. Executive Calendar #407, [Jennifer D. Nordquist](#), of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Please note, the Senate will convene for pro forma session only with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Friday, August 2nd at 1:00 pm
Tuesday, August 6th at 9:00 am
Friday, August 9th at 9:00 am
Tuesday, August 13th at 12:30 pm
Friday, August 16th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, August 20th at 9:00 am
Friday, August 23rd at 9:15 am
Tuesday, August 27th at 10:00 am
Friday, August 30th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 pm
Friday, September 6th at 8:30 am

*Please also note, the Senate will have a Committee reporting period on August 16th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Also: At a time and date to be determined, the Senate will vote on Cal. #102, S.1340, Ebola Eradication. Further, the only amendment in order will be Lee amendment #935 (60 vote threshold).

Nominations Package –

Here's the list of 66 nominations that were confirmed today by voice vote:

NAVY

Cal. #421- Vice Adm. Michael M. Gilday for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations.

COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Cal. #57 - M. Miller Baker, of Louisiana, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Cal. #58 - Timothy M. Reif, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Cal. #296 - Randolph J. Stayin, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2026.

Cal. #297 - Amy Karpel, of Washington, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2023.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

PN 892 - Matthew Keenan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020.

PN 492 - Julie Reiskin, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019. (Reappointment)

PN 154 - Robert J. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

PN 159 - Abigail L. Kuzma, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

PN 160 - Abigail L. Kuzma, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2022. (Reappointment)

PN 161 - John G. Levi, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

PN 163 - John G. Malcolm, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020

PN 164 - Frank X. Neuner, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

PN 165 - Frank X. Neuner, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2022. (Reappointment)

PN 167 - Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Cal. #241 - Ron A. Bloom, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2020.

Cal. #242 - Roman Martinez IV, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2024.

Cal. #338 - John McLeod Barger, of California, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2021.

UNITED STATES POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Cal. #391 - Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2024.

Cal. #392 - Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2024.

HELP COMMITTEE

Cal. #80 - Mark Schultz, of Nebraska, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Cal. #413 - Sharon Fast Gustafson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

Cal. #414 - Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

NATIONAL COUNCIL HUMANITIES/ARTS

Cal. #68 - Kathe Hicks Albrecht, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Cal. #70 - Keegan F. Callanan, of Vermont, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Cal. #71 - David Armand DeKeyser, of Alabama, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26.

Cal. #72 - Kim R. Holmes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Cal. #75 - Phyllis Kaminsky, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Cal. #79 - Jean M. Yarbrough, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 10 - Marjorie Fisher Furman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 7 - Russell A. Berman, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 8 - William English, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

PN 9 - John Fonte, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 11 - Claire Griffin, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 13 - Adair Margo, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 14 - Matthew Rose, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

PN 16 - Noel Valis, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 15 - William Schneider, Jr., of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 12 - Joyce Malcolm, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 172 - Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years

FEDERAL MARSHAL

Cal. #366 - Wilmer Ocasio, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Cal. #114 - Thomas McCaffery, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

FEDERAL PROCUREMENT

Cal. #245 - Michael Eric Wooten, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

PN 21 - Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

PN 563 - Michael J.K. Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

PN 963 - Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of three years. (Reappointment)

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Cal. #373 - Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

DC SUPERIOR COURT

Cal. #243 - James A. Crowell IV, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #244 - Jason Park, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #388 - Rainey R. Brandt, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #389 - Shana Frost Matini, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cal. #293 - Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #158 - Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #7 - Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Cal. 115 - Lisa M. Schenck, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Military Commission Review.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Cal. #178 - Kenneth S. George, of Texas, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Cal. #181 - W. Patrick Murphy, of Vermont, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Cal. #395 - Richard K. Bell, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Cal. #397 - Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Cal. #400 - Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Mexican States.

Cal. #401 - Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Libya.

Cal. #404 - Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Colombia.

Cal. #405 - Jessica E. Lapenn, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Cal. #406 - Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Cal. #361 - Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a

term of three years.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Cal. #337 - William B. Kilbride, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2023.

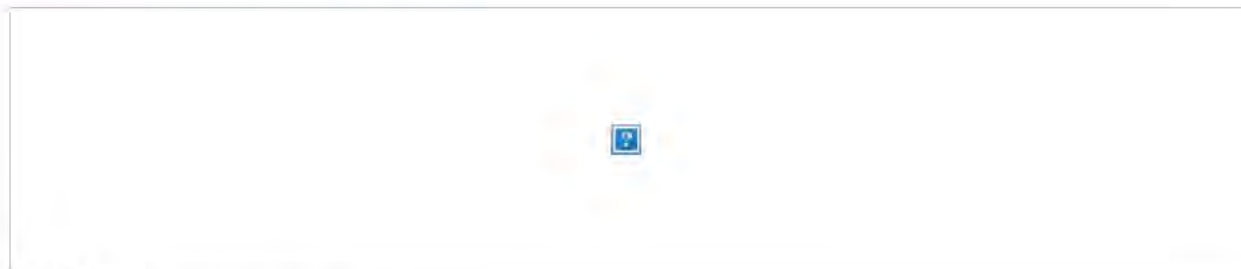
Please see a helpful document below on the Senate's accomplishments in the 116th Congress.

Hope everyone has a great August Recess/State Work Period – see you in September!

Best,
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Senate Accomplishments In The 116th Congress

Accomplishments Of The 116th Senate Include:

- ✓ TRANSFORMING THE COURTS: Confirmed 13 of President Trump's circuit court nominees and 46 of his district court nominees for a total of 43 and 99 since 2017, respectively.
- ✓ BUDGET AGREEMENT: Passed a bipartisan deal setting government funding levels for the next two years that secures funding increases to support our troops, rebuild and modernize our military, and support the VA Mission Act to provide timely access and care for our nation's veterans. Importantly, the agreement also prohibits Democrats from attaching 'poison pill' riders that would undermine our top priorities, including protection of the long-standing Hyde amendment and our work with the Trump administration to secure the border. The two year agreement also eliminates uncertainty around raising the debt ceiling.
- ✓ EMERGENCY BORDER APPROPRIATIONS: Passed a [bipartisan](#) \$4.6 billion appropriations bill to provide funding to care for the unprecedented surge of migrants and children arriving at the southern border and for the agencies handling the crisis.
- ✓ FISCAL YEAR 2020 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: Passed the [bipartisan](#) annual defense policy bill providing for \$750 billion to rebuild readiness and modernize America's armed forces, including the nuclear triad, counter adversaries like Russia and China and rogue regimes like Iran and North Korea, invest in our all-volunteer force, and reform private military housing. This year's bill ensures American warfighters will outclass any adversary in any theater.
- ✓ DISASTER RELIEF: Passed a [bipartisan](#) supplemental appropriations bill to deliver critical aid to states hit by natural disasters in 2018 and 2019 as well as ongoing relief for disasters from 2017. Included are funds to assist Americans with recovery from hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and flooding. The bill also includes agriculture disaster relief for farmers and critical nutrition assistance and recovery funding for Puerto Rico. In addition, the bill extends the National Flood Insurance Program.
- ✓ ELECTION SECURITY: As part of ongoing work with the administration to secure our elections from foreign interference, passed bills with unanimous support ensuring hacking a voting system is a federal crime and deporting and denying entry to foreign nationals who have violated U.S. election law. Included provisions in Defense authorization bill that would expedite security clearances for state elections officials, mandate the federal government develop a whole-of-government strategy to counter the threat of Russian cyber-attacks, require the Director of National Intelligence to establish an Intelligence Community Election Threats Executive, provide reports to Congress when active measures are detected, and require the intelligence community to report to Congress on threats facing federal elections 180 days before each election.
- ✓ CARE FOR 9/11 FIRST RESPONDERS: Passed an [overwhelmingly bipartisan](#) bill to make permanent the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund, so that the men and women who rushed to respond to the terror attacks and worked tirelessly on rescue and recovery afterwards will have their health care secured and their families looked after.
- ✓ STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S ALLIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Passed a [bipartisan](#) package of legislation that deepens our security relationship with Israel, bolsters cooperation with our allies in Jordan, imposes more

sanctions on the Assad regime in Syria, and allows local governments to reject the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic BDS movement.

- ✓ **TAX TREATIES:** Ratified, with overwhelming bipartisan margins, tax treaties with Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxembourg in order to ensure fair treatment for American job creators and workers, avoid double taxation, and attract more foreign investment to the U.S.
- ✓ **NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT:** Passed a [bipartisan](#) package of more than 100 bills that protect natural landscapes, increase public access for recreation, create new opportunities for economic development, preserve historic sites, and encourage conservation, including a permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It's "[the largest public lands bill approved by Congress in more than a decade.](#)"
- ✓ **IRS REFORM:** Passed the [bipartisan](#) Taxpayer First Act, the most significant reforms to the IRS in 20 years. The bill ensures taxpayers are treated fairly in disputes, streamlines electronic filing, introduces a new system to address identity theft, and requires more accountability from the IRS.
- ✓ **FIGHTING THE ANNOYANCE OF ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS:** The Senate passed a [bipartisan](#) bill to give regulators enhanced authority to combat and prosecute illegal robocallers. The bill will protect consumers from billions of unwanted robocalls.

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Senate to Pass Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal

'We need to address the debt limit and secure the full faith and credit of the United States. We need to continue to secure the funding that our national defense demands. Fortunately, the pending legislation will accomplish precisely that. In recent weeks, key officials on President Trump's team engaged in extensive negotiations with Speaker Pelosi and the Democratic House.' Given the exigencies of divided government, we knew that any bipartisan agreement on funding levels would not appear perfect to either side. But the administration negotiated a strong deal.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the House-passed bipartisan budget agreement:*

“The Senate has accomplished a significant amount of business this week for the American people. We’ve made a big dent in the backlog of President Trump’s well-qualified nominees for federal office. With respect to the judiciary, we’ve confirmed 13 impressive individuals to lifetime seats on the federal bench. And we’ve also ensured that two more key components of the president’s foreign policy team will be on the job before the Senate adjourns for the August work period. We confirmed the Deputy Secretary of Defense and a new Ambassador to the United Nations – both with bipartisan support, just as it should be for nominees who are so fully prepared for jobs that are so important.

“But today, the Senate will turn our attention to legislation. We need to address the debt limit and secure the full faith and credit of the United States. We need to continue to secure the funding that our national defense demands. Fortunately, the pending legislation will accomplish precisely that. In recent weeks, key officials on President Trump’s team engaged in extensive negotiations with Speaker Pelosi and the Democratic House. Given the exigencies of divided government, we knew that any bipartisan agreement on funding levels would not appear perfect to either side. But the administration negotiated a strong deal.

“First and foremost, it ensures our federal government will not approach any kind of short-term debt crisis in the coming weeks or months. It secures our nation’s full-faith and credit and ensures that Congress will not throw this kind of unnecessary wrench into the gears of our job growth and thriving economy. What’s more, despite the desires of the Democratic House, the administration successfully kept far-left poison pills and policy riders entirely out of this process.

“We’d heard that our Democratic colleagues across the Capitol were clamoring to take us backwards on the issue of life, perhaps even targeting the Hyde amendment or forcing more taxpayer dollars back toward Planned Parenthood. We’d heard they were clamoring to try to handcuff the administration’s important work on border security. But on these fronts and on many others, the far left was denied any such victories. No poison pills. A big win for the White House. I’d like to ask consent that the terms of this agreement -- and the specific prohibition of poison pills -- be included in the record.

“Now, perhaps most importantly, particularly to my Republican colleagues and me – this legislation sets a sufficient funding level for our national defense. Over the past few months, as we’ve worked through important legislation like the NDAA, we’ve been reminded of one glaring reality: The forces that seek to harm the United States and our interests are ever-changing, and they demand the full attention of a fully-equipped, modern, and ready military.

“Now, since President Trump took office, Republicans in Congress have made remarkable progress. Working together we have begun rolling back the damage caused by the previous administration’s neglect, atrophy, and misguided approach. We’ve begun to rebuild and restore our military. And we’ve taken important steps toward modernization, so we aren’t just rebuilding the capabilities we need today, but investing in those we will sorely need tomorrow. But I trust that none of my colleagues are under the illusion that our work is finished. As our adversaries grow stronger, critical gaps remain in our ability to counter expansion, influence campaigns, and direct acts of violence toward America and our allies around the world.

“This bipartisan funding deal is the opportunity – the only opportunity on the table – to continue filling in those gaps, before it’s too late. Make no mistake: Russia is not waiting idly by as we sort out whether to deliver full funding to missile defense or uphold our support of partner forces in Europe. China will not scale back its own aggressive ambitions and military investment if Americans decide to take a breather ourselves. Iran’s financing of terrorist organizations and regional troublemaking is not going to stop if we stop investing in our own ability to check their efforts and project power.

“So if we say that we’re serious about countering threats to our homeland, our allies, and our men and women deployed overseas, if we say that we’re serious, then we have to actually deliver on our promise to equip our forces for the job. We have to invest in improved readiness to help our military commanders plan for emerging challenges, in research and development to support the U.S. military of the future, and in rock-solid support for our alliance commitments, which help preserve the peace and extend the reach of our values.

“This deal is an opportunity to do exactly that. This is the agreement the administration has negotiated. This is the deal the House has passed. This is the deal President Trump is waiting and eager to sign into law. This is the deal that every member of this body should support when we vote later this morning.”

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From: [Suarez, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Suarez, Erica \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Senate Update // FYI: Defense, Labor-HHS-Education Minibus Conference Report Filed
Date: Friday, September 14, 2018 12:09:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[HR6157 Conference Report Messaging Updated.docx](#)

Hello –

The Senate will convene at 2:00 pm, Monday, September 17th.

Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H.R.6, the Opioids bill, with the debate time on H.R.6 and S.2554, Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act running concurrently.

At 5:30 pm Monday, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Adoption of Lee amendment #4011 to S.2554
2. Passage of S.2554, Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act, as amended, if amended.
3. Passage of H.R.6, the Opioids bill, as amended

UPDATE: Minibus Appropriations #2 – Conference Report (Defense, Labor-HHS-Education):

FYI – the Defense, Labor-HHS-Education conference report has been filed in the House. Work continues on the third Interior minibus.

Please see attached the summary/Q&A on the Defense/LHHS conference report, courtesy of Senate Appropriations.

A few toplines on process --

- Enacting five bills this month means that 75% of the government will be funded on schedule.
- Upon enactment of this DoD package, it will be the most spending bills enacted on time since 1996 (FY1997), more than 20 years.
- The last time the following bills were considered by October 1st:
 - Defense: 2008, for FY2009, enacted on Sept. 30, 2008
 - Labor-HHS-Education: 1996, for FY1997, enacted on Sept. 30, 1996

Also, ICYMI: Minibus #1 -- Energy and Water/Mil Con VA/Leg Branch -- passed the House, 377-20, yesterday afternoon. It is now going to the President's desk.

In case you need it -- links to the Conference Report for DoD/LHHS:

**Conference report to accompany
H.R. 6157**

Department of Defense
Appropriations Act, 2019 (H. Rept.
115-952) (as filed September 13,
2018)

[\[PDF\]](#)

:: Joint Explanatory
Statement

[\[PDF\]](#)

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Wednesday in the Senate (September 12, 2018):

Roll Call Votes:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #1013, Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2022. Invoked. (63-34)
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1013, Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2022. Confirmed. (64-33)
3. Adoption of the Conference Report to accompany H.R.5895, Minibus Appropriations (Energy and Water, Leg. Branch, Mil. Con. VA). Adopted. (92-5)

Executive Session:

Cal. #933 - Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Cal. #934 - Cherith Norman Chalet, 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 her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

Wrap Up:

S.1050 – Congressional Gold Medal with Duckworth substitute amendment

S.Res.576 – Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness

S.Res.628 – Legal Counsel

S.Res.627 – Spinal Cord

S.Res.525 – Democracy Month

Cal. #503, S.3029 – PREEMIE Act with Alexander amendment

Please see a statement below from Senate Approps on the DoD/LHHS Conference Report.

Thanks,

Erica

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September 13, 2018

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DEFENSE, LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION MINIBUS CONFERENCE REPORT FILED

Package Includes Largest Pay Raise for Troops in Nearly a Decade, Boost in NIH & Opioid Crisis Funds

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate Appropriations Committee today announced that a final conference agreement has been reached on the second of three Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019) minibus appropriations packages. The package, H.R. 6157, includes FY2019 Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies funding bills. The conference report to accompany H.R. 6157 will be made available [online](#). The Senate is expected to vote on the conference report next week.

“The Defense and Labor-HHS bills account for the lion’s share of discretionary spending. Not only will this package boost funding for medical research and the opioid epidemic, but it will increase dollars for America’s military and provide our troops with the largest pay raise in nearly a decade. This is truly historic,” said **Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.)**. “I am pleased that we resolved our remaining differences on this package by following the framework of a restored regular order appropriations process. I want to thank my many colleagues who worked hard to find the proper balance as we completed this significant bill. We are making real progress here. If we continue on this path, I am confident we will get this package to the President’s desk by October 1.”

“The Labor-HHS bill, which was determined through regular order, focuses limited resources on programs aimed at addressing some of the biggest challenges facing our nation,” said **Senator Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Chairman of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee**. “It includes the fourth consecutive funding increase for the National Institutes of Health, which will pave the way for new medical breakthroughs and lower health care costs over the long term. The bill increases funding to combat the opioid epidemic and gives states the flexibility to fund programs that best fit their needs. With nearly seven million job openings nationwide, the bill invests in workforce development programs that will help Americans get the skills and training they need to succeed in a 21st Century economy. Finally, this measure supports students at every stage in their academic careers, whether it’s a child stepping into a classroom for the first time or a first generation college student pursuing a degree. Working together in a bipartisan way, we are on track, for the first time in 22 years, to get the Labor-HHS bill to the president’s desk by the end of the fiscal year. I urge all of our colleagues to join us in getting this bill across the finish line.”

The final conference report provides \$674.4 billion for our Department of Defense, which is an increase of \$19.8 billion above the FY2018 enacted level. The measure provides an outline to ensure our military leaders have the necessary resources to meet current and future threats to U.S. national security. The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies division of the bill provides \$178.1 billion in discretionary funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies to continue investments in critical medical research, opioid abuse prevention and treatment, and education.

Department of Defense

The **Department of Defense** division of the bill includes \$674.4 billion, which is an increase of \$19.8 billion above the FY2018 enacted level. The conference agreement includes \$606.5 billion in base funding and \$67.9 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding. The measure provides an outline to ensure our military leaders have the necessary resources to meet current and future threats to U.S. national security. We must approve defense appropriations legislation to fund for military readiness, procurement, and testing — all of which are required to keep U.S. military forces the best trained, equipped, prepared, and strongest force in the world.

Bill Highlights

Military Personnel: \$143.2 billion in base and OCO funding for military personnel accounts in FY 2019, supporting an active duty end strength of 1,338,100 and a Selected Reserve end strength of 817,700, an increase of 16,400 over FY 2018 levels. It also supports a 2.6 percent pay raise for U.S. servicemembers, the largest in almost a decade.

Readiness: \$243.2 billion in base and OCO funding for operation and maintenance accounts to improve full spectrum warfighter readiness. The recommended funding level makes significant investments in training, maintenance, and modernization to restore near-term warfighting readiness while setting the conditions for future, sustained readiness. The bill also supports increased funding above the President's request for multiple programs across the military services including: \$302 million for facility sustainment, restoration and modernization; \$48 million for enhanced protective equipment such as helmets and ear protection; \$26 million for training range upgrades; and \$330 million for various Defense-wide programs such as impact aid for schools, innovative readiness training, and multiple initiatives included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. The conference agreement also provides an additional \$750 million to mitigate higher than anticipated fuel costs.

Shipbuilding: \$24.2 billion for Navy shipbuilding, including \$2.3 billion in additional funding not requested by the President for high priority shipbuilding and industrial base programs. In total, the bill funds the construction of 13 new battle force ships: two Virginia class submarines; three DDG-51 destroyers; three Littoral Combat Ships; one Expeditionary Sea Base; one Expeditionary Fast Transport; two TAO Fleet Oilers; and one Towing, Salvage, and Rescue Ship. Additionally, the bill makes important investments to accelerate future shipbuilding priorities such as: \$350 million in advanced procurement for the next LPD amphibious ship; \$350 million in advance procurement for the LHA 9 amphibious ship; \$250 million in advance procurement to purchase an additional DDG-51 in Fiscal Year 2020; and \$225 million for submarine industrial base expansion to increase capacity and create multiple suppliers for critical submarine components.

Aviation programs: \$43.0 billion for the procurement of military aircraft, including \$4.8 billion in funding not requested by the President to address high priority programs across the services, such

as: \$1.7 billion for 16 additional F-35 aircraft – 8 F-35A conventional takeoff and landing variants, 2 F-35B short takeoff/vertical landing variants, and 6 F-35C carrier variants; \$640 million for 8 additional Air National Guard C-130J aircraft; \$468 million for 6 additional Navy and Marine Corps V-22 aircraft; \$340 million for 2 additional Navy E-2D aircraft; \$168 million for 6 additional AH-64E Apache aircraft; \$156 million for 8 additional UH-60 Blackhawk Army National Guard helicopters; and \$100 million for the O/A-X Light Attack Aircraft program.

Missile Defense: \$10.3 billion, for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), including \$1.1 billion in additional funding not requested by the President to support urgent MDA unfunded priorities and emergent threats. The additional funds include \$285 million for U.S. Forces Korea Joint Emergent Operational Need; \$126 million for enhanced discrimination capabilities; \$85 million to support laser scaling for boost phase intercept; \$73 million for missile defense tracking system; and \$46 million for hypersonic missile defense efforts. The conference agreement also fully funds the President’s budget request of \$500 million for Israeli Cooperative Programs, the same amount requested by the Government of Israel.

Munitions: \$18.3 billion for Missile and Ammunition programs, including \$380 million in additional funding not requested by the President for high priority munitions programs. The bill supports the Department’s efforts to expand industry capacity for munitions programs to meet replenishment goals and increased requirements from the National Defense Strategy. Initiatives include an additional \$125 million to expand JASSM (Air Force and Navy) and LRASM (Navy) maximum production rates and an additional \$57 million for the Army’s industrial facilities to increase production capacity.

Defense Health: \$34.4 billion, \$278 million above the request, for the Defense Health Program, which provides medical services for military personnel and their families, continues advancements in medical research, and implements the next generation of electronic health records. This amount includes an additional \$1.5 billion for defense medical research efforts, including \$350 million for the competitively awarded peer-reviewed medical research program and \$299 million to advance DoD medical research priorities.

National Guard and Reserve Equipment: \$1.3 billion for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account to modernize our reserve forces and ensure full interoperability with the active duty force. The bill also includes \$120 million for Army Guard and Reserve HMMWV Ambulances.

Additional FY2019 Initiatives

- **Basic Research Investments:** \$268 million in additional funding not requested by the President, for basic (non-medical) research for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and DoD.

Test and Evaluation Infrastructure: \$326 million in additional funding not requested by the President to increase testing range space and availability and ensure continued independent assessments of weapon system capabilities.

Hypersonics: \$617 million in additional funding not requested by the President to support and accelerate offensive and defensive hypersonics research and prototyping efforts.

Directed Energy: \$184 million in additional funding not requested by the President to further develop directed energy technology and transition these activities to both offensive and defensive capabilities in the future.

Microelectronics: \$397 million in additional funding not requested by the President to ensure access to trusted microelectronics and develop manufacturing processes for next generation chips.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): \$147 million in additional funding not requested by the President to accelerate the pursuit of state of the art, AI systems that can be rapidly adapted to the warfighting mission needs of the Department.

Cyber: \$306 million in additional funding not requested by the President to expand and accelerate cyber research across the DoD.

Space: \$417 million in additional funding not requested by the President to develop enhanced offensive and defensive space capabilities.

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

The **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies** division of the bill provides \$178.1 billion in discretionary funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies to continue investments in critical medical research, opioid abuse prevention and treatment, and education. The bill includes \$39.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), an increase of \$2 billion, and \$3.8 billion to combat the opioid crisis, an increase of \$206 million.

Bill Highlights

- **National Institutes of Health** – \$2 billion increase. Since Republicans took back the Senate starting with the FY2016 appropriations cycle, the Committee has increased funding for the NIH by \$9 billion or more than 30 percent.

- **Opioid Funding** – \$3.8 billion, an increase of \$206 million above FY2018. This level includes \$1.5 billion for the State Opioid Response grant in SAMHSA, replacing \$500 million in sun-setting 21st Century CURES funds, and maintains 15 percent set-aside to the most impacted states and \$50 million for Tribes.

- **Elementary and Secondary Education** – The bill prioritizes formula grants that provide the most flexibility for states and school districts to decide how to best use limited resources to meet the educational needs of students and families. The bill includes a combined \$299 million increase for: Title I Grants to school districts; IDEA/Special Education State grants; Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants; and Impact Aid.

- **College Affordability and Completion** – Includes a \$100 increase, or 1.6 percent, for the maximum Pell grant award, to \$6,195 for the 2018-19 academic year and continues support for Year-Round Pell; increases funding for TRIO and Career and Technical Education; and continues significant increases provided last year for campus-based aid programs, Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and other higher education programs.

- **Apprenticeship Opportunities** – \$160 million, an increase of \$15 million, for training programs utilizing the flexible and effective apprenticeship model.

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From: [Muchow, Stefanie \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Tucker, Deva \(OST\)](#); [Furman, Jon \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Jenkins, Alexandra \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Dome tour tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 9:48:13 AM

Alex was able to secure a Dome Tour for tomorrow at noon. Please confirm ASAP with us if they'd like to do this time.

We will need all 4 names to clear to come to our office by 11:45 am.

Would they like their Capitol tour tomorrow morning so they only have to come to the Capitol once this week? We could do the hot around 10:45 and then Alex can meet you in our office at 11:45 they can go up in the Dome.

We need confirmation NLT noon today that they want the Dome Tour for tomorrow.

Tks,
Stef

From: [Muchow, Stefanie \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Furman, Jon \(OST\)](#); [Tucker, Deva \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Done tour
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:52:55 PM

Jon -

I understand you called our personal office about the Dome Tour request for this week (?).

There is no news yet... we'll let you all know if we get one. We're first people on the list should one open up. But at this point there is still nothing available.

Please follow up with me directly if there are any questions. Although I am out, I am, as always, available on email.

Stef

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To: [Tucker, Deva \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Furman, Jon \(OST\)](#); [Jenkins, Alexandra \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Re: Dome tour tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 11:55:00 AM

Great - we'll see them tomorrow at 10:45. I'll have that tour moved to then. And Alex will take them up to the Dome after.

Tks!

> On Aug 8, 2018, at 11:53 AM, Tucker, Deva (OST) <Deva.Tucker@dot.gov> wrote:

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> Thank you Stefanie. We are confirmed for tomorrow for the Dome Tour and the Capitol Tour.

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> We will provide the names to clear shortly.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Muchow, Stefanie (McConnell) [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov)]

> Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 9:48 AM

> To: Tucker, Deva (OST) <Deva.Tucker@dot.gov>; Furman, Jon (OST) <jon.furman@dot.gov>

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From: [Furman, Jon \(OST\)](#)
To: [Muchow, Stefanie \(McConnell\)](#)
Cc: [Tucker, Deva \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Re: Done tour
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 3:03:14 PM

Stef, thanks for the update. Really appreciate it. I do have a quick question. How often are the dome tours given? Are they given a certain number of times a day/ at certain times? Any information you might have would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much,

Jon Furman
Special Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Transportation

> On Aug 7, 2018, at 14:52, Muchow, Stefanie (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov> wrote:

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To: [Furman, Jon \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Tucker, Deva \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Re: Done tour
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 3:12:40 PM

I'll have to see if I can get answers. There are only a few each day. They are usually given roughly on the hour, but how many and how often isn't info I have.

> On Aug 7, 2018, at 3:03 PM, Furman, Jon (OST) <jon.furman@dot.gov> wrote:

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> Jon Furman

> Special Assistant to the Secretary

> Department of Transportation

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>> On Aug 7, 2018, at 14:52, Muchow, Stefanie (McConnell) (b) (6) [@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:stefanie.muchow@mcconnell.senate.gov)> wrote:

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From: [VanderToll, Hunt \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Gross, Tonya \(OST\)](#)
Subject: DOT BUILD Letters
Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:44:51 AM
Attachments: [Adair County Fiscal Court DOT BUILD 8.18.pdf](#)
[City of Middlesboro DOT BUILD 8.18.pdf](#)
[Louisville Metro Government DOT BUILD 8.18.pdf](#)
[Carter County DOT BUILD 8.18.pdf](#)

Hi, Tonya

Please see attached for 4 letters of support from Senator McConnell to Assistant Secretary McMaster regarding the below DOT BUILD grant applications. If you would please confirm receipt and route to the appropriate contact, it would be greatly appreciated.

Adair County Fiscal Court
City of Middlesboro
Louisville Metro Government
Carter County

Thank you,

Hunt

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August 28, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the Adair County Fiscal Court (ACFC) regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding would support the design and construction of an alternate route for traffic in eastern Adair County by connecting South Highway 55 to North Highway 55. Specifically, funding will be used to complete the Veterans Memorial By-Pass around the city of Columbia. My constituents inform me that federal infrastructure funding would help relieve stress and congestion on existing county and city roads by providing an alternative route for freight and farming equipment currently traveling through the city of Columbia in Adair County.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to ACFC's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the City of Middlesboro regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding will help Middlesboro conduct infrastructure improvements at the intersection of US-25 E and East Cumberland Avenue as well as along Middlesboro's downtown from US-25E to 18th Street. Specifically, funding will be used to construct a roundabout, as well as install ADA-compliant crosswalks, bike lanes, signal lights, street signs, and sidewalks. My constituents inform me that they hope to use the federal funds to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, as well as increase economic activity in Middlesboro's downtown business district.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Middlesboro's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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August 28, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with Louisville Metro Government (LMG) regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding will help LMG conduct infrastructure improvements along the 9th Street Corridor in downtown Louisville. Specifically, funding will be used to redesign the roadway, improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, enhance the corridor for non-vehicular users, facilitate community building, and improve economic opportunities for residents and businesses in the area. My constituents inform me that they hope to use the federal funds to unite the commercial amenities of Louisville's downtown to the residential neighborhoods west of 9th Street.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to LMG's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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August 28, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Carter County, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding will support infrastructure improvements along KY 67 (Industrial Parkway) between Interstate 64 and Technology Drive. Specifically, funding will be used to widen KY 67 from its current 2-lane configuration to a 4-lane divided configuration, including an interchange at Technology Drive. My constituents inform me that they hope to use the federal funds to improve interstate access, decrease congestion, and enhance safety throughout the interstate corridor.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Carter County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

MM/hv

From: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Gross, Tonya \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Richards, Max \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Oldham County BUILD Letter of Support
Date: Monday, August 13, 2018 4:54:41 PM
Attachments: [BUILD Grant - Oldham County.pdf](#)

Hi Tonya,

See the support letter for Oldham County's BUILD application.

We would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt. Thanks!

Andrew M. Swafford

Director of Projects and Counsel
Office of Senator Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
p: (b) (6)

August 13, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Oldham County, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

It is my understanding that, if awarded, this funding will be used to support a new interchange system on I-71 by constructing four access ramps. I am told this project aims to improve safety, relieve congestion, and provide access to a planned business-campus development called Oldham Reserve. Increasing access to the interstate will enable more economic development in the region, which will be very beneficial to the community.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Oldham County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

MM/sd

From: [Gross, Tonya \(OST\)](#)
To: [VanderToll, Hunt \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: RE: DOT BUILD Letters
Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 12:33:00 PM

Greetings Hunt - Confirming Receipt!!!

Best,

Tonya

*Tonya Gross
Senior Governmental Affairs Specialist
U.S. Department of Transportation
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(202) 366-4563*

From: VanderToll, Hunt (McConnell) [mailto:(b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:44 AM
To: Gross, Tonya (OST) <Tonya.Gross@dot.gov>
Subject: DOT BUILD Letters

Hi, Tonya

Please see attached for 4 letters of support from Senator McConnell to Assistant Secretary McMaster regarding the below DOT BUILD grant applications. If you would please confirm receipt and route to the appropriate contact, it would be greatly appreciated.

Adair County Fiscal Court
City of Middlesboro
Louisville Metro Government
Carter County

Thank you,

Hunt

**Hunt VanderToll
Office of Senator Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20002
(b) (6)**

From: [Gross, Tonya \(OST\)](#)
To: [Richards, Max \(McConnell\)](#)
Cc: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#); [VanderToll, Hunt \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: RE: Letter of Support--Laurel County BUILD Grant
Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 2:21:00 PM

Confirming Receipt! Thanks Max

*Tonya Gross
USDOT/OST
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(202) 366-4563*

From: Richards, Max (McConnell) [mailto:(b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Gross, Tonya (OST) <Tonya.Gross@dot.gov>
Cc: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell) (b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov; VanderToll, Hunt (McConnell) (b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Letter of Support--Laurel County BUILD Grant

Tonya,

Please see Senator McConnell's letter of support for Laurel County's application for DOT's Build Grant Program.

If you could please confirm receipt, we would appreciate it.

Thank you!

-Max

From: [Richards, Max \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Gross, Tonya \(OST\)](#)
Subject: RE: Letter of Support--Laurel County BUILD Grant
Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 2:36:39 PM

Thank you!

From: Gross, Tonya (OST) <Tonya.Gross@dot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 2:22 PM
To: Richards, Max (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Cc: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>; VanderToll, Hunt (McConnell) <(b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter of Support--Laurel County BUILD Grant

Confirming Receipt! Thanks Max

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Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Gross, Tonya (OST) <Tonya.Gross@dot.gov>
Cc: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell) <(b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>; VanderToll, Hunt (McConnell) <(b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Letter of Support--Laurel County BUILD Grant

Tonya,

Please see Senator McConnell's letter of support for Laurel County's application for DOT's Build Grant Program.

If you could please confirm receipt, we would appreciate it.

Thank you!

-Max

From: [Gross, Tonya \(OST\)](#)
To: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
Cc: [Richards, Max \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: RE: Oldham County BUILD Letter of Support
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:48:00 PM

Thanks Andrew!!

Tonya

From: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell) [mailto:(b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 4:54 PM
To: Gross, Tonya (OST) <Tonya.Gross@dot.gov>
Cc: Richards, Max (McConnell) (b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Oldham County BUILD Letter of Support

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From: [McClure, Donna \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Inman, Todd \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Carmack, Terry \(McConnell\)](#); [Ge, Tiffany \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Kentucky Aerospace in DC
Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 3:56:44 PM

Todd

Please see request below for a meeting. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stewart Ditto <Stewart@kyaerospace.org>
Date: February 15, 2019 at 10:50:45 AM EST
To: "McClure, Donna (McConnell)" (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Kentucky Aerospace in DC

Donna,

I hope you are doing well!

Myself and one of my colleagues will be in DC April 1-5. Bart Massey mentioned to me that you might be able to connect me with someone in Secretary Chao so that I can look at setting up a meeting with her while I am in DC to make her aware of some of our initiatives with the Army and DoD geared at advancing autonomous vehicles technology for our military.

Can you help connect me?

Thanks!

Semper Fi,

D. Stewart Ditto II
1st Lt, USMC (Ret)
Executive Director
Kentucky Aerospace Industry Consortium

From: [McClure, Donna \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Inman, Todd \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Carmack, Terry \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Speaker for Conference
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 1:28:01 PM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)

Please see the attached request for Secretary Chao. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Massey, Harold B (Hazard)" <bart.massey@kctcs.edu>
Date: January 22, 2019 at 1:02:51 PM EST
To: "McClure, Donna (McConnell)" <(b) (6) [@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:mcconnell.senate.gov)>
Cc: "Roark, Donna D (Hazard)" <donnad.roark@kctcs.edu>, (b) (6) " (b) (6)
Subject: Speaker for Conference

Hello Field Representative McClure,

The USA Drone Port and HCTC will be hosting a Search and Rescue with Drones **conference** and training. Last year we had 150+ attend from seven states and over 200 last year from eleven states total. We expect this to grow this year and have already had people pre-registering. Secretary Chao would be an amazing speaker at our conference and could help us attract an amazing number of Drone Pilots from around the country to our Eastern Kentucky Region. I wanted to see if there is any way to help us with this endeavor? Our conference is March the 28th – 31st. Friday the 29th or Saturday the 30th would be amazing, but we will gladly arrange the schedule to fit hers. She is progressively leading the ability of this technology go blossom in our country and we would love to offer a place for her to share her vision with so many supporters. Especially with her Kentucky connection.

I appreciate all you have done for us and greatly appreciate your consideration of help.

Gratefully,

Bart Massey M.Ed
UAS Commercial Pilot
USA Drone Port
Executive Director

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From: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
To: Scott Raab @mccconnell.senate.gov
Subject: Fwd: Flags Compromise
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018 1:47:48 PM
Attachments: [Compromise on Flags of Convenience redline.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Szabat, Joel (OST)" <Joel.Szabat@dot.gov>
Date: September 11, 2018 at 5:03:14 PM GMT-5
To: "Kan, Derek (OST)" <derek.kan@dot.gov>
Cc: "Short, David (OST)" <david.short@dot.gov>, "Flowers, Darien" <Darien.Flowers@dot.gov>, "McMaster, Sean (OST)" <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>, "Clarke, Michael (OST)" <michael.clarke@dot.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Flags Compromise

U/S,

With the one small technical change included in the attachment, X and C agree that this proposed Flag of Convenience language is harmless to DOT.

YMOS

~Joel

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Baraban, Cindy (OST)" <cindy.baraban@dot.gov>
Date: September 11, 2018 at 5:52:52 PM EDT
To: "Szabat, Joel (OST)" <Joel.Szabat@dot.gov>
Cc: "Hedberg, Brian (OST)" <Brian.Hedberg@dot.gov>, "Horn, Don (OST)" <Don.Horn@dot.gov>, "Taylor, Benjamin (OST)" <benjamin.taylor@dot.gov>, "Gaynes, Jeffrey (OST)" <Jeffrey.Gaynes@dot.gov>
Subject: FW: Flags Compromise

Hi Joel. Per our conversation, attached is our technical comment to the proposed language.

From: Clarke, Michael (OST)
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 4:04 PM
To: Baraban, Cindy (OST) <cindy.baraban@dot.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Flags Compromise

FYI.....

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From: Clarke, Michael (OST) <michael.clarke@dot.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 3:50 PM
Subject: Fwd: Flags Compromise
To: Vachon, Matthew (OST) <matthew.vachon@dot.gov>, Szabat, Joel (OST) <joel.szabat@dot.gov>
Cc: McMaster, Sean (OST) <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>, Sullivan, Adam (OST) <adam.sullivan@dot.gov>

Gentlemen - please see the close-hold message below from Mike on Flags of Convenience. They are seeking a quick turn on this.

Thanks!

Mike

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From: Reynolds, Michael (Commerce) (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@commerce.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 3:38 PM
Subject: Flags Compromise
To: Clarke, Michael (OST) <michael.clarke@dot.gov>
Cc: Perez, Simone (Commerce) (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@commerce.senate.gov>

Mike:

Here's a big one. Is the attached text OK as a compromise on the Flags of Convenience provision in the House bill? Any feedback would be appreciated.

Close hold please!

Thanks

Compromise on Flags of Convenience:

SEC. 530. FOREIGN AIR TRANSPORTATION UNDER UNITED STATES-EUROPEAN UNION AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation may not issue a permit under section 41302 of title 49, United States Code, or an exemption under section 40109 of such title, authorizing a person to provide foreign air transportation as a foreign air carrier under the ~~United States-European Union-Iceland-Norway~~ Air Transport Agreement among the United States of America, the European Union and its Member States, Iceland, and the Kingdom of Norway (as amended) in a proceeding in which the applicability of Article 17 bis of such Agreement has been raised by an interested person, unless the Secretary finds that issuing the permit or exemption would be consistent with United States law and the Agreement.

From: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
To: Scott Raab [@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:smcconnell@senate.gov)
Subject: Fwd: Flags Compromise
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018 1:48:12 PM
Attachments: [Compromise on Flags of Convenience \(clean\).docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Szabat, Joel (OST)" <Joel.Szabat@dot.gov>
Date: September 11, 2018 at 2:57:33 PM GMT-5
To: "Kan, Derek (OST)" <derek.kan@dot.gov>
Cc: "Flowers, Darien" <Darien.Flowers@dot.gov>, "Short, David (OST)" <david.short@dot.gov>
Subject: FW: Flags Compromise

U/S,

See attached. This would put the onus on the Secretary (or her designee) to approve/reject Norwegian-Air-form-Ireland situations. But it doesn't carry the expectation that DOT would reject the application, as the current language does.

YMOS

~ Joel

From: Clarke, Michael (OST)
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 3:51 PM
To: Vachon, Matthew (OST) <Matthew.Vachon@dot.gov>; Szabat, Joel (OST) <Joel.Szabat@dot.gov>
Cc: McMaster, Sean (OST) <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>; Sullivan, Adam (OST) <adam.sullivan@dot.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Flags Compromise

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Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 3:38 PM
Subject: Flags Compromise

To: Clarke, Michael (OST) <michael.clarke@dot.gov>

Cc: Perez, Simone (Commerce) <(b) (6) [\[REDACTED\]@commerce.senate.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@commerce.senate.gov)>

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From: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
To: (b) (6) [@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto: @mccconnell.senate.gov)
Subject: Let me know if you have a min to chat
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018 2:06:38 PM

From: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Re: Congrats!
Date: Friday, June 14, 2019 7:49:54 AM

Thanks for the note and good to hear from you.

That'd be great! What days work for you next week?

From: Lee, Jane (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 7:28 AM
To: Kan, Derek (OST)
Subject: Congrats!

Hey Derek, Heard you're going back to OMB? Look forward to working with you in your new capacity.

Would love to grab coffee or lunch soon when you're free. Hope all is well, Jane

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
To: [Van Doren, Terry \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Re: Did/does DoT have a position H.R. 6666?
Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 1:55:13 PM

DOT has no position on this matter

From: Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 12:02 PM
To: Kan, Derek (OST)
Subject: Did/does DoT have a position H.R. 6666?

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr6666eh/pdf/BILLS-115hr6666eh.pdf>

Already passed House. Thanks in advance for insight.

Terry Van Doren

Policy Advisor
Office of Majority Leader McConnell
Washington, DC 20510
(b) (6)

From: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
To: [Van Doren, Terry \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Re: Naison FHWA confirmation vote looking likely for tomorrow.
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:50:53 PM

Great, thx

From: Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:49:01 PM
To: Kan, Derek (OST)
Subject: Naison FHWA confirmation vote looking likely for tomorrow.

Probably right after lunch.

Terry Van Doren

Policy Advisor
Office of Majority Leader McConnell
Washington, DC 20510
(b) (6) [REDACTED]

From: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
To: [Raab, Scott \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Re: S 3139
Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 8:42:12 PM

Sorry, just getting back on email. Is this too late or can I let you know tomorrow? Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 25, 2018, at 5:38 PM, Raab, Scott (McConnell) (b) (6) [@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:scott.mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov)> wrote:

Derek – I should have flagged this for you all earlier in case Banking did not, but the Senate cleared this on the hotline this evening.

[http://www.lis.gov/cgi-lis/query/z?c115:S.3139:](http://www.lis.gov/cgi-lis/query/z?c115:S.3139)

From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW 2 of 2: Modest Reform Helping Bipartisan Nominees Get Through Senate at an Efficient Pace
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019 11:44:23 AM
Attachments: image001.jpg

FYI on morning remarks.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 11:24 AM
Subject: Modest Reform Helping Bipartisan Nominees Get Through Senate at an Efficient Pace



For immediate release, Thursday, June 13, 2019
Contacts: David Popp, Doug Andres
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2F7A7K6>
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2W1CdIR>

Modest Reform Helping Bipartisan Nominees Get Through Senate at an Efficient Pace

Remember, earlier this spring, we put in place a modest reform to Senate rules so we could consider these uncontroversial, lower-level nominations at a more reasonable pace. That had been the Senate's normal tradition until very recently, and we restored it. *WASHINGTON, D.C.* – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees:

"This week, the Senate has been remarkably productive in confirming more of the president's well-qualified nominees. We've confirmed nine newly-minted judges to fill vacancies on the federal bench. Today, we'll turn to the executive branch and confirm David Stillwell to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and Edward Crawford to serve as Ambassador to Ireland.

"Remember, earlier this spring, we put in place a modest reform to Senate rules so we could consider these uncontroversial, lower-level nominations at a more reasonable pace. That had been the Senate's normal tradition until very recently, and we restored it. At the time, I recall my friends across the aisle insisting that the majority would use these more efficient procedures to push through all kinds of polarizing and controversial people.

"Well, here are a few of the roll call votes the Senate has taken on nominations this week: 91 to 5, 62 to 34, 77 to 19, 85 to 11. And yesterday afternoon, on a procedural vote for Mr. Stillwell, 93 to 4. Virtually all of us can remember a time when nominations of this sort would have passed the Senate by voice vote. These days, Democrats are making us file cloture and spend floor time on each. But at least our new Senate rules are helping us get these thoroughly bipartisan nominees through at a more efficient pace."

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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW: Bicameral, Bipartisan Agreement Funds Border Protection, Completes Appropriations Process
Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:40:48 AM
Attachments: image001.jpg

FYI

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:25 AM
Subject: Bicameral, Bipartisan Agreement Funds Border Protection, Completes Appropriations Process



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'It had been clear to everyone that, in order to reach an agreement, our Democratic colleagues would have to walk away from two extreme positions that had been dictated to them by the far left.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

"First, I want to thank and congratulate our colleagues who have been working hard to secure a bipartisan, bicameral solution to complete the appropriations process and fund the government. It had been clear to everyone that, in order to reach an agreement, our Democratic colleagues would have to walk away from two extreme positions that had been dictated to them by the far left. The notion that Congress shouldn't spend more than 'one dollar' on new border barriers, and the idea that we should impose a hard, statutory cap on ICE detainees in the interior of the country which would require the release of criminals into the United States. Fortunately, my Democratic colleagues did abandon those unreasonable positions, and the negotiations were able to move forward productively.

"Last night, Chairman Shelby, Senator Leahy, and their counterparts in the House announced they have reached an agreement in principle. It provides new funds for miles of new border barriers. And it completes all seven outstanding appropriations bills, so Congress can complete a funding process for all the outstanding parts of the federal government with predictability and certainty.

"I know I speak for members on both sides of the aisle when I say that we are grateful to our colleagues on the Appropriations Committee for their leadership and are eager to see them complete this work. As we speak, our colleagues are working hard to produce full legislative text. I look forward to reviewing the full text as soon as possible and hope the Senate can act on this legislation in short order."

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Disaster Funding Legislation Would Address Urgent Needs, Deliver Critical Resources
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:40:37 AM
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FYI – We moved to proceed to the disaster relief bill, HR 268, by consent.
Chairman Shelby laid down his substitute amendment.
Leader’s remarks below. Please work with Senate Appropriations on any amendments.
Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. X(b) (6)

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: MORNING BUSINESS IS CLOSED. UNDER THE PREVIOUS ORDER, THE SENATE WILL RESUME CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO H.R. 268 WHICH THE CLERK WILL REPORT.

THE CLERK: MOTION TO PROCEED TO H.R. 268, AN ACT MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

MR. McCONNELL: MADAM PRESIDENT?

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: ALL POSTCLOTURE TIME HAS EXPIRED. THE QUESTION IS ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED. ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED NO. THE AYES APPEAR TO HAVE IT. THE AYES DO HAVE IT. THE MOTION IS AGREED TO. THE CLERK WILL REPORT THE BILL.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:23 AM
Subject: Disaster Funding Legislation Would Address Urgent Needs, Deliver Critical Resources



For Immediate Release, Thursday, March 28, 2019
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Disaster Funding Legislation Would Address Urgent Needs, Deliver Critical Resources

'The legislation we're considering this week would help growers and producers with storm-related crop losses. It would help local infrastructure -- from roads to schools and hospitals -- resume full operation. And it would help our nation's military restore readiness at bases and installations that were caught in harm's way. Thanks to Chairman Shelby, Senators Isakson, Perdue, Scott, Rubio, and others, we have the opportunity to deliver critical resources to the communities facing a long road back to normal.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding supplemental disaster funding legislation:*

“In recent months, my home state of Kentucky has been hit hard by severe weather. Over half of our 120 counties have reported flood damage. Governor Bevin has placed the entire Commonwealth under a state of emergency and mobilized resources to help with recovery. Local, state and federal emergency officials have started assessing the flood damage. My staff and I are monitoring the progress to provide assistance wherever we can. And I look forward to meeting with the Kentucky Emergency Management Director later today to get the latest update. But our state is not alone. Far from it. Many states are currently bearing heavy burdens in the wake of powerful natural disasters.

“Families in Florida and the Carolinas are still picking up the pieces from a damaging hurricane season. In Alabama and Georgia, recovery is just beginning after vicious tornadoes, and the effects of serious flooding remain across the southeast. And in the midwest, in places like Iowa and Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska -- many Americans are still waiting, praying, and working to mitigate the destruction from devastating flooding. Many communities are still literally underwater. I know the entire Senate is especially mindful right now of this destruction in America’s heartland.

“So I’m grateful for the efforts of several colleagues to bring forward a package of supplemental disaster relief funds to address the most urgent needs. The legislation we’re considering this week would help growers and producers with storm-related crop losses. It would help local infrastructure -- from roads to schools and hospitals -- resume full operation. And it would help our nation’s military restore readiness at bases and installations that were caught in harm’s way. Thanks to Chairman Shelby, Senators Isakson, Perdue, Scott, Rubio, and others, we have the opportunity to deliver critical resources to the communities facing a long road back to normal. I hope each of my colleagues will join me in supporting this measure to do just that.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: NEWS - Senate Budget Committee Approves Plan to Cut Deficits by Half a Trillion Dollars
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:27:10 PM
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FYI

From: Brenckle, Joe (Budget) (b) (6) @budget.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 3:45 PM
Subject: NEWS - Senate Budget Committee Approves Plan to Cut Deficits by Half a Trillion Dollars
Importance: High

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 28, 2019

MEDIA CONTACT:
Joe Brenckle | (b) (6)

Senate Budget Committee Approves Plan to Cut Deficits by Half a Trillion Dollars

WASHINGTON D.C. – The Senate Budget Committee, chaired by Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), today approved the FY 2020 Budget Resolution, which would reduce deficits by more than half a trillion dollars over five years and put America on a more sustainable fiscal path. Enzi noted the budget blueprint will help begin to reduce overspending and set real, achievable deficit reduction targets, while supporting reforms to mandatory spending programs.

“The budget does not solve all of our fiscal challenges, but it starts the process to rein in deficits and debt and provide the foundation for a stronger future for our children and grandchildren,” **said Chairman Enzi.** “Lawmakers were sent here to work together and this responsible fiscal blueprint represents the opportunity to do something better for the American people.”

The FY 2020 Budget Resolution:

- **Reduces** the deficit by more than \$538 billion over the next 5 years;
- **Reduces** non-interest mandatory spending by \$551 billion over the next 5 years;
- **Prevents** deficits from surpassing \$1 trillion, which they are projected to do beginning in fiscal year 2022;
- **Shrinks** unified deficits to 2.9 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2024, matching the 50-year historical average;
- **Shrinks** on-budget deficits to 2.3 percent of GDP by 2024, significantly less than the 3.5 percent

50-year historical average;

- **Curbs** growth in debt held by the public as a share of GDP;
- **Instructs** five committees to produce legislation that would reduce the deficit by at least \$94 billion over 5 years through the reconciliation process;
- **Adheres** to the Budget Control Act (BCA), but creates the infrastructure to adjust these levels if an agreement on revised funding levels is reached to fully meet defense needs; and
- **Puts** in place new tools to strengthen budget enforcement and stop spending gimmicks.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: NEWS: Shelby Praises Final Passage of First Appropriations Minibus Conference Report
Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 7:32:31 PM
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FYI – Congrats to Senate Appropriations and the conferees for steering this through. And thank you for your help.

Will keep you apprised on the schedule over in the House.

From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations)
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 7:13 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: NEWS: Shelby Praises Final Passage of First Appropriations Minibus Conference Report

Shelby letterhead

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 12, 2018

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

SHELBY PRAISES FINAL PASSAGE OF FIRST APPROPRIATIONS MINIBUS CONFERENCE REPORT

Package Provides Funding for VA MISSION Act, Nuclear Security, U.S. Capitol Safety

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today praised the Senate’s passage of the final conference agreement reached on H.R. 5895, the first of three Fiscal Year 2019 minibus appropriations packages, which includes appropriations bills for Energy and Water Development, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Legislative Branch. The [Conference Report](#) and [Joint Explanatory Statement](#) are available [online](#). The House is expected to vote on the conference report later this week. Chairman Shelby released the following statement regarding Senate passage of the agreement:

“Today I am proud to present my colleagues with the first dividends of their ongoing, bipartisan cooperation,” **said Chairman Shelby**. “This conference report contains critical funding to help transition our nation’s veterans to the new health care program they deserve and have earned under the VA Mission Act. It funds nearly 200 construction projects that are very important to America’s military and provides resources to bolster American energy and

secure our nuclear weapons stockpile. The bill also provides funding to develop and maintain water infrastructure projects across the country.

“This is a far cry from where we were just a few months ago. Along the way I have pointed out that we have steadily consolidated critical mass for a return to regular order in the appropriations process. Both Republicans and Democrats agree that our partisan disputes on a given issue should not paralyze this institution’s ability to carry out its most fundamental Constitutional responsibility: funding the government. Both parties see failure in this regard as harmful to our country as a whole – and both parties understand success in this regard benefits us all because it provides the stability and continuity that leads to security and prosperity.

“I thank my colleagues for their hard work in making this aspiration a reality. If we continue to work together in a bipartisan manner we can successfully fund nearly 90 percent of the federal government on time through regular order – something Congress has not been able to do in many years,” **Chairman Shelby concluded.**

The final conference report, which was passed by a vote of 92 – 5, provides \$97.1 billion to take care of our nation’s veterans and fund military construction, \$44.6 billion to support U.S. Department of Energy programs and critical infrastructure projects administered by the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, and \$4.8 billion to maintain essential operations and security of the U.S. Capitol, Congress, and support agencies.

Chairman Shelby’s full remarks prior to the vote on passage, as prepared, are as follows:

“A few months ago, I came to the floor and urged my colleagues set aside partisan disputes so we could focus on our most basic Constitutional responsibility: funding the government in a deliberate and timely manner.

“Most observers deemed the prospect dubious at best.

“And who could blame them?

“Like so much in Washington, the appropriations process was broken.

“But at the urging of Leaders McConnell and Schumer, and with the help of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle – Vice Chairman Leahy, in particular – we began to piece it back together.

“Steadily, methodically we passed nine of the twelve annual appropriations bills in the Senate by overwhelming bipartisan margins.

“And today I am pleased to present my colleagues with the first dividends of their cooperation.

“The conference report before the Senate contains the fiscal year 2019 appropriations bills for Energy and Water Development, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and the Legislative Branch.

“It contains critical funding to help transition our nation’s veterans to the new health care program they deserve and have earned under the VA Mission Act.

“It funds nearly 200 construction projects that are very important to America’s military.

“It provides resources to bolster American energy and secure our nuclear weapons stockpile.

“And it includes funding to develop and maintain water infrastructure projects across the country.

“But just as important is what this package does not contain. It contains no poison pills.

“None of the partisan riders that have taken down appropriations bills in recent years are in this package.

“As a result, the conference report looks a lot like the package that passed the Senate a few months ago by a vote of 86 – 5.

“I am proud to present it to my colleagues, and I recommend their full support.

“Despite the importance of this package and the strong bipartisan support I expect it to receive, its passage will be greeted by little fanfare.

“Unfortunately that’s the way it is today, where partisan clashes make better copy than bipartisan cooperation. But so be it.

“My constituents and yours, Mr. President, get their work done every day without any fanfare either.

“In fact, my constituents will likely say, ‘Good, that’s what you’re supposed to. Now get back to work.’ And that’s just what we are doing.

“Tomorrow, Senate and House conferees will meet on the two additional appropriations packages that recently passed the Senate.

“I am pleased to report that we are very, very close to reaching agreements on those packages as well.

“And I am optimistic that I will return to my colleagues in short order with those agreements in hand.

“If we continue on our current trajectory, we are on pace to fund nearly 90 percent of the government on schedule.

“That is a far cry from where we were just a few months ago.

“Along the way I have pointed out that we have steadily consolidated critical mass for

a return to regular order in the appropriations process.

“But talk of regular order is inside baseball that likely means little to my constituents or yours, Mr. President.

“What I hope it means in a larger sense is that the Senate is regaining its footing.

“That both parties agree our partisan disputes on a given issue should not paralyze this institution’s ability to carry out its most fundamental Constitutional responsibility: funding the government.

“That both parties see failure in this regard as harmful to our country as a whole.

“And that both parties understand success in this regard benefits us all because it provides the stability and continuity that leads to security and prosperity.

“We have a long way to go, but getting this first batch of appropriations bills to the President’s desk with strong bipartisan support is a very important step in the right direction.

“Again, I want to thank the Leaders on both sides, Vice Chairman Leahy, the Members of the Appropriations Committee, and all my colleagues for their cooperation in this effort.

“I look forward to continuing to work together to get the job done. Thank you.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Votes! --We'll finish the 17 (without any more cloture votes) and add another 3 judges
Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 4:01:23 PM

FYI

From: Stewart, Don (McConnell)
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 3:47 PM
Subject: Votes! --We'll finish the 17 (without any more cloture votes) and add another 3 judges

Last week, the Majority Leader filed cloture on 17 nominees. The Johnson nomination was confirmed earlier today, and the Leader just locked in a consent to finish the other 16—plus an additional three more district court judges (for a total of 15 judges)

The Senate has vitiated cloture on all remaining cloture motions and there will be votes on:

- *The Clarida (Fed), Hunt (DOJ) and Patelunas (Treasury) nominations.*
- *Vote on seven district court nominees (there could be some voice votes)*
 - Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.
 - R. Stan Baker, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.
 - Charles Barnes Goodwin, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.
 - Barry W. Ashe, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
 - James R. Sweeney II, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.
 - Susan Paradise Baxter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
 - Nancy E. Brasel, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

And at a time to be determined next week, the Senate will vote on eight district court judges

- Marilyn Jean Horan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
- William F. Jung, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
- Karl A. Dooley, of Connecticut, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut
- Dominic W. Lanza, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.
- Charles J. Williams, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.
- Robert R. Summerhays, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.
- Eric c. Tostrud, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota
- Alan D. Albright, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

More to come. Stay tuned.

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(need something to do [this weekend?](#))

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Conference motions for Interior and Defense Minibuses
Date: Thursday, September 6, 2018 6:10:33 PM

The Leader made conference motions for both MINI #2 (Interior, Financial Services, Transportation, and Ag bills) and MINI #3 (Defense-Labor-HHS bills), today.
Conferees are as follows:

MINI #2

Rs: SENS. MURKOWSKI, COLLINS, LANKFORD, HOEVEN, SHELBY, HYDE-SMITH
Ds: SENS. UDALL, REED, COONS, MERKLEY, AND LEAHY.

MINI #3

Rs: SENS. SHELBY, BLUNT, GRAHAM, MORAN
Ds: SENS. DURBIN, MURRAY, AND LEAHY

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Energy and Water minibus passes, 377-20
Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:53:43 PM

The Energy and Water minibus passed the House, 377-20, this afternoon. Moves to the President's desk.

Rs: 202-18

Ds: 175-2

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Feb 8 CR text
Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 10:50:40 AM
Attachments: [CR_03.PDF](#)

Senate Leader just filed cloture on the clean stopgap bill to February 8, 2019. Only changes were critical or expiring provisions.
Please see attached text. - Jane

Continued Funding

- Continues appropriations through February 8, 2019, for FY19 appropriations measures that have not yet been enacted (Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, Financial Services, Homeland Security, Interior-Environment, State-Foreign Operations, Transportation-HUD).

Temporary extensions included in previous CRs of expiring authorities

- The National Flood Insurance Program, extended for duration of the CR.
- The Violence Against Women Act, extended for duration of the CR.
- The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act, extended for duration of the CR.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, extended for duration of the CR.
- Immigration extensions (EB-5, E-Verify, Conrad 30 program for international medical school graduates, Special Immigrant Religious Workers program, and H2B returning worker authority for DHS), extended for duration of the CR.

New temporary extensions of expiring authorities

- The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Act, extended for duration of the CR.
- Two expiring provisions of the Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act, extended for duration of the CR.
- Medicaid Money-Follows-the-Person and Spousal Impoverishment, extended through March 31 (longer extension necessary for program integrity), with offsets.
- Statutory paygo scorecard balance debited to following year.

AMENDMENT NO.

Calendar No.

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H.R. 695

To amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by

Viz:

1 In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the
2 amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate
3 to the text of the bill, insert the following:

4 **DIVISION A—FURTHER ADDITIONAL**
5 **CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019**

6 SEC. 101. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019
7 (division C of Public Law 115–245) is further amended—

8 (1) by striking the date specified in section
9 105(3) and inserting “February 8, 2019”; and

10 (2) by adding after section 136 the following:

1 “SEC. 137. Notwithstanding section 251(a)(1) of the
2 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
3 1985 and the timetable in section 254(a) of such Act, the
4 final sequestration report for fiscal year 2019 pursuant
5 to section 254(f)(1) of such Act and any order for fiscal
6 year 2019 pursuant to section 254(f)(5) of such Act shall
7 be issued, for the Congressional Budget Office, 10 days
8 after the date specified in section 105(3), and for the Of-
9 fice of Management and Budget, 15 days after the date
10 specified in section 105(3).

11 “SEC. 138. The authority provided under title XXI
12 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 621 et
13 seq.), as amended by section 2(a) of the Protecting and
14 Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act
15 of 2014 (Public Law 113–254), shall continue in effect
16 through the date specified in section 105(3).

17 “SEC. 139. Section 319L(e)(1)(A) of the Public
18 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7e(e)(1)(A)) shall
19 continue in effect through the date specified in section
20 105(3) of this Act.

21 “SEC. 140. Section 405(a) of the Pandemic and All-
22 Hazards Preparedness Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6a note) shall
23 continue in effect through the date specified in section
24 105(3) of this Act.”.

1 This division may be cited as the “Further Additional
2 Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019”.

3 **DIVISION B—MEDICAID** 4 **EXTENDERS**

5 **SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON** 6 **REBALANCING DEMONSTRATION.**

7 (a) GENERAL FUNDING.—Section 6071(h) of the
8 Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is
9 amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
12 “and” after the semicolon;

13 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
14 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(F) subject to paragraph (3),
17 \$112,000,000 for fiscal year 2019.”;

18 (2) in paragraph (2)—

19 (A) by striking “Amounts made” and in-
20 serting “Subject to paragraph (3), amounts
21 made”; and

22 (B) by striking “September 30, 2016” and
23 inserting “September 30, 2021”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR FY 2019.—Funds ap-
4 propriated under paragraph (1)(F) shall be made
5 available for grants to States only if such States
6 have an approved MFP demonstration project under
7 this section as of December 31, 2018.”.

8 (b) FUNDING FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IM-
9 PROVEMENT; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; OVERSIGHT.—
10 Section 6071(f) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42
11 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended by striking paragraph (2)
12 and inserting the following:

13 “(2) FUNDING.—From the amounts appro-
14 priated under subsection (h)(1)(F) for fiscal year
15 2019, \$500,000 shall be available to the Secretary
16 for such fiscal year to carry out this subsection.”.

17 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 6071(b) of
18 the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note)
19 is amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(10) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’
21 means the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
22 ices.”.

1 **SEC. 102. EXTENSION OF PROTECTION FOR MEDICAID RE-**
2 **CIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED**
3 **SERVICES AGAINST SPOUSAL IMPOVERISH-**
4 **MENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2404 of Public Law 111–
6 148 (42 U.S.C. 1396r–5 note) is amended by striking “the
7 5-year period that begins on January 1, 2014,” and in-
8 serting “the period beginning on January 1, 2014, and
9 ending on March 31, 2019,”.

10 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—

11 (1) PROTECTING STATE SPOUSAL INCOME AND
12 ASSET DISREGARD FLEXIBILITY UNDER WAIVERS
13 AND PLAN AMENDMENTS.—Nothing in section 2404
14 of Public Law 111–148 (42 U.S.C. 1396r–5 note) or
15 section 1924 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1396r–5) shall be construed as prohibiting a State
17 from disregarding an individual’s spousal income
18 and assets under a State waiver or plan amendment
19 described in paragraph (2) for purposes of making
20 determinations of eligibility for home and commu-
21 nity-based services or home and community-based
22 attendant services and supports under such waiver
23 or plan amendment.

24 (2) STATE WAIVER OR PLAN AMENDMENT DE-
25 SCRIBED.—A State waiver or plan amendment de-
26 scribed in this paragraph is any of the following:

1 (A) A waiver or plan amendment to pro-
2 vide medical assistance for home and commu-
3 nity-based services under a waiver or plan
4 amendment under subsection (c), (d), or (i) of
5 section 1915 of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1396n) or under section 1115 of such
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 1315).

8 (B) A plan amendment to provide medical
9 assistance for home and community-based serv-
10 ices for individuals by reason of being deter-
11 mined eligible under section 1902(a)(10)(C) of
12 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(C)) or by
13 reason of section 1902(f) of such Act (42
14 U.S.C. 1396a(f)) or otherwise on the basis of a
15 reduction of income based on costs incurred for
16 medical or other remedial care under which the
17 State disregarded the income and assets of the
18 individual's spouse in determining the initial
19 and ongoing financial eligibility of an individual
20 for such services in place of the spousal improv-
21 erishment provisions applied under section 1924
22 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-5).

23 (C) A plan amendment to provide medical
24 assistance for home and community-based at-

1 tendant services and supports under section
2 1915(k) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(k)).

3 **SEC. 103. REDUCTION IN FMAP AFTER 2020 FOR STATES**
4 **WITHOUT ASSET VERIFICATION PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1940 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1396w) is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new subsection:

8 “(k) REDUCTION IN FMAP AFTER 2020 FOR NON-
9 COMPLIANT STATES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a calendar
11 quarter beginning on or after January 1, 2021, the
12 Federal medical assistance percentage otherwise de-
13 termined under section 1905(b) for a non-compliant
14 State shall be reduced—

15 “(A) for calendar quarters in 2021 and
16 2022, by 0.12 percentage points;

17 “(B) for calendar quarters in 2023, by
18 0.25 percentage points;

19 “(C) for calendar quarters in 2024, by
20 0.35 percentage points; and

21 “(D) for calendar quarters in 2025 and
22 each year thereafter, by 0.5 percentage points.

23 “(2) NON-COMPLIANT STATE DEFINED.—For
24 purposes of this subsection, the term ‘non-compliant
25 State’ means a State—

1 “(A) that is one of the 50 States or the
2 District of Columbia;

3 “(B) with respect to which the Secretary
4 has not approved a State plan amendment sub-
5 mitted under subsection (a)(2); and

6 “(C) that is not operating, on an ongoing
7 basis, an asset verification program in accord-
8 ance with this section.”.

9 **SEC. 104. MEDICAID IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

10 Section 1941(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 1396w-1(b)(1)) is amended by striking
12 “\$31,000,000” and inserting “\$6,000,000”.

13 **SEC. 105. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

14 (a) **STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—The budg-
15 etary effects of this division shall not be entered on either
16 PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of
17 the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C.
18 933(d)).

19 (b) **SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—The budgetary
20 effects of this division shall not be entered on any PAYGO
21 scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H.
22 Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

23 (c) **CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**—
24 Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping
25 Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of

1 the committee of conference accompanying Conference Re-
2 port 105–217 and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced
3 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the
4 budgetary effects of this division shall not be estimated—

5 (1) for purposes of section 251 of such Act; and

6 (2) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section
7 3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 as
8 being included in an appropriation Act.

9 (d) PAYGO ANNUAL REPORT.—For the purposes of
10 the annual report issued pursuant to section 5 of the Stat-
11 utory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 934) after
12 adjournment of the second session of the 115th Congress,
13 and for determining whether a sequestration order is nec-
14 essary under such section, the debit for the budget year
15 on the 5-year scorecard, if any, and the 10-year scorecard,
16 if any, shall be deducted from such scorecard in 2019 and
17 added to such scorecard in 2020.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW 1 of 2: RPC Floorcast attached
Date: Monday, August 27, 2018 6:16:41 PM
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ICYMI on Senate schedule for the week.

From: Laird, Carolyn (RPC)
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Subject: RPC Floorcast attached

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RPC FLOORCAST

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To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW 1 of 2: SASC Chairman Inhofe Supports DOD Appropriations Conference Report
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:35:40 AM

ICYMI. Forwarding the statements of the Senate and House Armed Services chairmen.

From: Forbes, Andrew (Inhofe)
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 8:29 AM
Cc: Pankuch, Tony (Inhofe) (b) (6) @inhofe.senate.gov>; Jackson, Adrienne (Inhofe) (b) (6) @inhofe.senate.gov>
Subject: Defense Approps

LDs, I wanted to share with you my boss' statement re: defense funding from yesterday afternoon. This is a huge accomplishment by our friends on the Appropriations Committee and it is critically important that we get it enacted before Oct 1. Let me know if you have any questions! - Andrew (49037)

<https://www.inhofe.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sasc-chairman-inhofe-supports-dod-appropriations-conference-report/>

SASC Chairman Inhofe Supports DOD Appropriations Conference Report

Friday, September 14, 2018

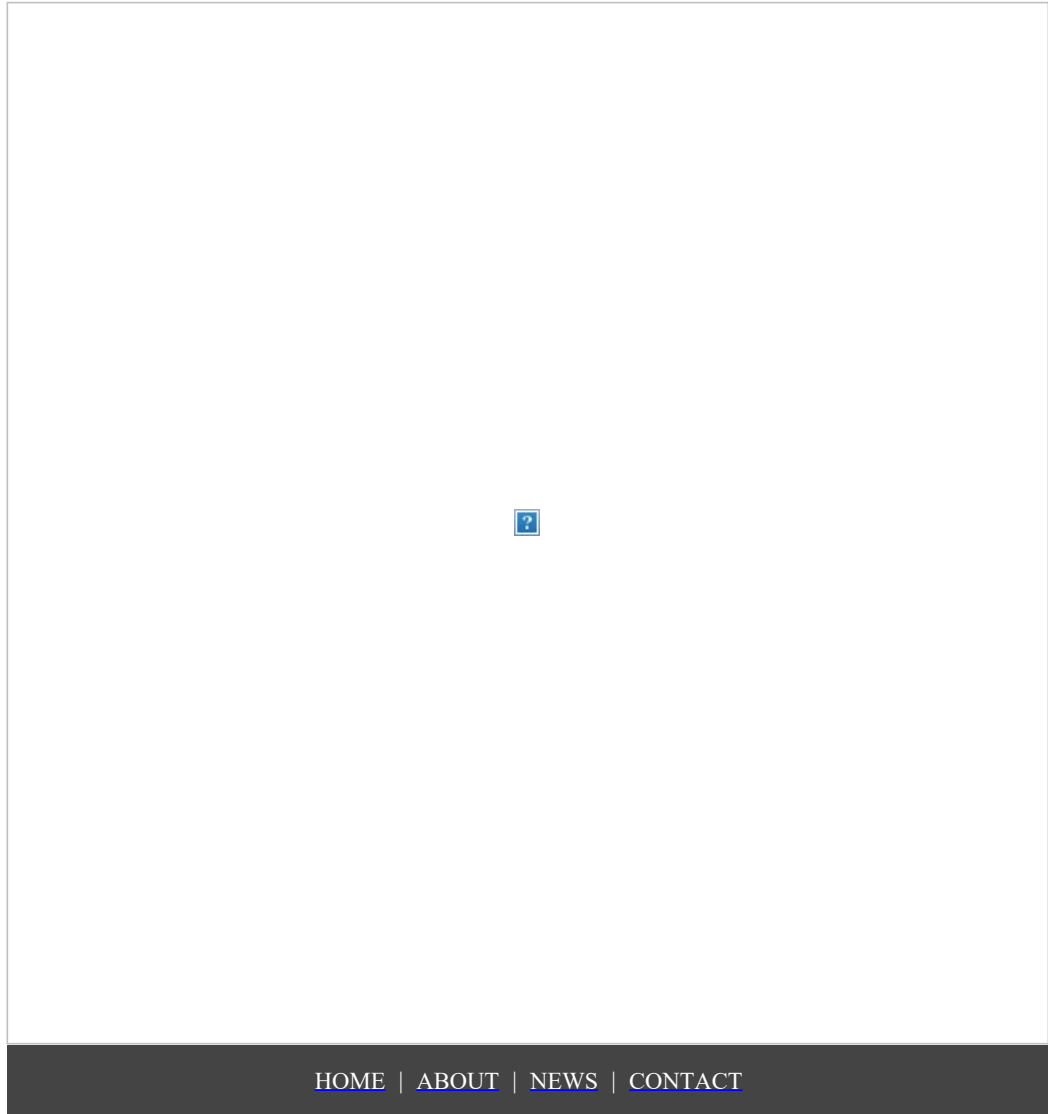
U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, praised the conference report for the Department of Defense appropriations bill:

"The men and women who volunteer to wear the uniform deserve stable, reliable, adequate funding, but for too long Congress has failed to provide that certainty. I'm pleased that with this defense appropriations bill Congress is finally on track to fully fund our military by the start of the fiscal year for the first time in nearly ten years."

Andrew E. Forbes
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U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
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From: [Lee_Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee_Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW 2 of 2: Thornberry on Defense Appropriations Conference Report
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:36:50 AM

ICYMI. Forwarding the statements of the Senate and House Armed Services chairmen.



For Immediate Release:
September 14, 2018

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THORNBERRY ON DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Chairman Mac Thornberry (R-TX), of the House Armed Services Committee, released the following statement ahead of consideration of the Defense Appropriations Conference Report on the House Floor:

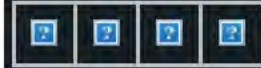
“For nine years, Congress has failed in its basic duty to fund the troops on time and give them the certainty they need. That decade of continuing resolutions and thoughtless cuts has sapped our strength and emboldened our enemies. This agreement breaks that cycle, shows Congress doing its

job, and keeps faith with the men and women in uniform. The funding level in this bill is consistent with the John McCain National Defense Authorization Act, helps restore our readiness today and prepare for the future, and – most importantly- it does so on time.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: ADVISORY: Appropriations Schedule for September 13, 2018
Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:08:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

FYI. Conferee public meetings for both the DoD-LHHS package and the Interior 4- bill minibus.

From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations)
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:06 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: ADVISORY: Appropriations Schedule for September 13, 2018

Shelby letterhead



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 11, 2018

CONTACT:
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MEDIA ADVISORY

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the schedule for the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations for Thursday, September 13, 2018.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (*House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen*)

Conference committee meeting on H.R. 6157, the minibus appropriations package which includes the Fiscal Year 2019 Department of Defense; and Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts.

11:30 a.m., Room HC-5, U.S. Capitol Visitors Center

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (*House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen*)

Conference committee meeting on H.R. 6147, the minibus appropriations package which includes the Fiscal Year 2019 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; Financial Services and General Government; Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts.

1:00 p.m., Room HC-5, U.S. Capitol Visitors Center

Note: Media should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time. Space is limited to one (1) per news organization. Members of the press should contact their respective media galleries for more information. Webcast will be available on appropriations.senate.gov and appropriations.house.gov.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Blunt (UC)
Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 5:29:14 PM

ICYMI – We have consent to proceed to consideration of the Defense-LHHS minibus this week, per below.

Approps action will follow confirmation of the two Fourth Circuit court nominees up this week:

1. Executive Calendar #1008, A. [Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., of South Carolina](#)
2. Executive Calendar #1009, [Julius Ness Richardson, of South Carolina](#)

From: SRC UC Tracker (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 5:02 PM
Subject: Blunt (UC)

UC Agreement

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 AT 05:02 PM

Blunt (UC)

Senator Blunt: (4:54 p.m.)

- Unanimous Consent –
 - Following the disposition of the Richardson nomination, the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 6157, the minibus appropriations bill.
 - For the purpose of Rule XVI in relation to Amendment #3695 to H.R. 6157, the minibus appropriations bill:
 - The text of H.R. 6157 serve as the basis for the defense of germaneness for Division A of the amendment and the text of H.R. 6470 as reported by the House Committee on Appropriations serve as the basis for defense of germaneness of Division B of the amendment.
 - (Without Objection)

Alexander Charow, Floor Monitor
SRC

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Cloakroom Wrap Up
Date: Monday, September 17, 2018 7:32:17 PM

FYI on today's vote results.

Leader has also filed cloture on the DoD-LHHS package to start the process for Senate passage.

From: Cloakroom <subscriptions_cloakroom@rep-secretary.senate.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 7:29 PM

Subject: Cloakroom Wrap Up

Wrap Up Memo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 07:29 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Adoption of Lee amendment #4011, to S.2554, Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act. Not Adopted. (11-89)

Passage of S.2554, Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act. Passed. (98-2)

Passage of H.R.6, the Opioids bill, as amended. Passed. (99-1)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.630 – 10th Anniversary Women's Congressional Staff Association

Tuesday, September 18th:

The Senate will convene at 10:00am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6157, Minibus Appropriations (DOD, LHHS).

The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

Please note, the Leader has filed cloture on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6157, Minibus Appropriations (DOD, LHHS).

Wrap Up Memos are sent from the Senate Republican Cloakroom using the telephone alert system. An E-mail copy is sent to offices and posted on Trunkline (<http://gop.senate.gov>) as a convenience, but primary notification will always come via telephone. If you have questions about wrap up memos, unanimous consent items or other floor scheduling matters, please call the Cloakroom at (202) 224-6191. Please do not reply to this message.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Energy and Water Conference Vote Results (Adoption)
Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 7:26:34 PM

FYI.

All Rs present in support except for two nays.

All Ds in support except for three.

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 7:13 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Adoption)

Vote Result

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 AT 07:12 PM

The conference report accompanying the first minibus appropriations bill (H.R. 5895)

Adopted, 92-5:

Conference report accompanying H.R. 5895, the first minibus appropriations bill.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: FAA Vote Results (Cloture)
Date: Monday, October 1, 2018 6:16:12 PM

FYI on the vote result to end debate on the FAA 5-year reauthorization package. 30 hours of debate until vote for final passage, unless there is consent to move it up earlier.

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 1, 2018 6:11 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Cloture)

Vote Result

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018 AT 06:11 PM

Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the vehicle for the FAA reauthorization (H.R. 302)

Invoked, 90-7:

Cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 302, the vehicle for the FAA reauthorization.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Minibus Round 3
Date: Monday, August 20, 2018 11:37:52 AM
Attachments: [HR6157 - Substitute Amendment.pdf](#)
[SAP HR6157 SenateDefenseLaborHHS.pdf](#)

Morning,

On the FY19 DoD/LHHS bill today and at 5:30 PM, as a reminder, two amendments up:

1. [Menendez #3705](#) (Provide funding for the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018)
2. [Fischer #3706](#) (\$10M for Operation/Maintenance POW/MIA identification w/in Def. Personnel Accounting Agency)

Below, in one place, all recent documents. Feel free to call anytime. (b) (6) or email.
Talk soon!

- Attached: Substitute Amendment
- CBO Score: <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/54384>
 - Consistent with caps set in statute.
- Attached – Pointing out what I like in the WH Statement of Administration Position, below. The troops’ pay raise by the way is the largest increase in almost a decade.
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August 15, 2018
(Senate)

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY
Substitute Amendment to H.R. 6157 — Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019
(Sen. Shelby, R-AL)

This Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) provides views on the Substitute Amendment to H.R. 6157, making appropriations for the Departments of Defense (DOD), Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year (FY) ending September 30, 2019.

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Division B invests in the health, education, and job skills of the American people. The Administration appreciates the inclusion of funding for priorities such as anti-opioid programs, charter schools, the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and apprenticeship grants, as well as the bill's support for efforts to combat improper payments and maintain program integrity. However, the bill does not include – and in some case precludes – numerous Administration proposals to reduce spending and improve program effectiveness found in the FY 2019 Budget's Major Savings and Reform volume.

The Administration appreciates that division A is generally consistent with the FY 2019 Budget request topline level. Division B, however, exceeds the Administration's request by \$11.8 billion. The Administration recognizes that the problematic spending levels in division B stem from the non-Defense discretionary cap set by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (BBA), about which the Administration has repeatedly registered concern in multiple SAPs and other communications to the Congress since the BBA's enactment.

In the FY 2019 Budget request, this SAP, and publicly available letters to the Senate Appropriations Committee expressing views on each division of this bill, the Administration has identified numerous reductions and reforms that, if adopted, would bring these bills into alignment with the President's policies. The Administration hopes that the Congress will consider these suggestions and engage with the Administration to ensure that funding is

eventually enacted for the truly essential programs supported by these bills. As the appropriations process continues, the Administration would like to work with the Congress to identify a path to ultimately enacting non-Defense discretionary spending for FY 2019 below the BBA cap of \$597 billion.

The Administration would like to take this opportunity to share additional views regarding the Senate Appropriations Committee's (Committee) version of the bill.

Division A – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019

Military Pay Raise. The Administration appreciates that the bill fully funds the FY 2019 Budget request for a 2.6 percent military pay raise.

Strategic Forces. The Administration appreciates the Committee's robust support for the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review and the FY 2019 Budget request for operations, sustainment, and recapitalization of U.S. strategic nuclear forces.

Ground Combat Investments. The Administration appreciates the Committee's robust support of Army and Marine Corps ground investments. The bill provides \$12.5 billion, including Armored Brigade Combat Teams and amphibious ground combat systems, which provide critical support in furtherance of National Security Strategy and National Defense Strategy (NDS) objectives.

Israeli Cooperative Programs. The Administration appreciates the Committee's support for the FY 2019 Budget request of \$500 million for Israeli Cooperative Programs, consistent with the U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding.

Financial Assistance for Palau. The Administration appreciates the Committee's ongoing support for the 2010 Palau Compact Review Agreement (CRA), which has enabled the United States to fulfill its financial commitment to the Republic of Palau in FY 2018. Consistent with the CRA, the Administration strongly urges the Congress to include the provision requested in the FY 2019 Budget that would provide the authority for DOD to offset costs associated with Palau's acquisition of private land for new U.S. defense sites to install critical defense assets.

Littoral Combat Ships (LCS). The Administration strongly objects to the provision of an additional \$475 million above the FY 2019 Budget request for the procurement of a second LCS. The additional ship is not needed. One LCS in FY 2019, when combined with the three funded in FY 2018, would keep both shipyards supplied with enough work to remain viable for the Frigate competition. It is imperative that, based on lessons learned from the LCS program, a more capable and survivable ship is developed to meet the Navy's needs, consistent with NDS priorities.

Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle. The Administration strongly objects to the elimination of \$209 million in launch funding for the Space Test Program-4 mission. The Robotic Servicing of Geosynchronous Satellites payload is an innovative public-private partnership to demonstrate on-orbit repair, refueling, and other servicing capabilities. This satellite will be available for launch in spring 2021, which requires the procurement of its launch vehicle in FY 2019. Failure to do

so would lead to significantly increased program costs for satellite storage and program support, and puts at risk substantial private investment and future public-private partnerships.

Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (ASFF). The Administration objects to the \$532 million reduction to the ASFF. With the President's South Asia Strategy at a critical juncture, this reduction would jeopardize the ability of the Afghanistan National Defense and Security Forces to maintain a security environment that supports upcoming parliamentary and presidential elections and achieve political reconciliation with the Taliban. Reduced funding specifically risks undermining: 1) the combat effectiveness of the Afghan National Army; 2) the ability of the Afghan National Police to effectively implement the Kabul Enhanced Security Zone; 3) the continued modernization of the Afghan Air Force; and 4) the continued expansion of the Afghan Special Security Forces.

Counter-Islamic State of Iraq and Syria Train and Equip Fund (CTEF). The Administration objects to the FY 2019 CTEF reduction of \$406 million. This reduction would inhibit DOD's ability to ensure a lasting and complete defeat of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), executed as part of DOD's by, with, and through strategy. The primary defeat mechanism in the fight against ISIS are U.S. partner forces in Iraq and Syria. Fully equipping and training these partner forces is critical to maintain campaign momentum against ISIS and its threat networks. If funding is reduced to the level in the bill, DOD would be significantly degraded in its ability to: 1) complete the materiel provisioning of the border guard forces to secure the western border of Iraq; 2) provide the necessary mobility and lethal equipment sets for local security forces to strengthen the security of liberated provinces; 3) build the capability of Peshmerga to conduct wide area security; 4) support the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service with the necessary modern equipment to sustain the pressure on ISIS threat networks; 5) resource emerging requirements to support Syrian Democratic Forces offensive operations against remaining ISIS forces; and 6) support building the capacity of internal security forces to stabilize a post-ISIS Syria and prevent an ISIS reemergence.

Security Cooperation Funding. The Administration objects to the \$150 million reduction to the security cooperation Overseas Contingency Operations request. Funding security cooperation at a level below the FY 2019 Budget request would force the cancellation or delay of critical security cooperation programs supporting the NDS line of effort to strengthen alliances and attract new partners.

Defense Information Systems Agency's National Background Investigation System (NBIS). The Administration objects to the bill's \$60 million reduction to NBIS, which would undermine the Administration's efforts to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal background investigation process. The reduction would delay NBIS's deployment from FY 2019 to FY 2020, and undercut DOD's efforts to assume the National Background Investigation Bureau mission. The reduction would also limit DOD's ability to integrate capabilities that are critical to reducing the background investigation backlog, such as continuous evaluation, biometrics and fingerprinting, automated records checks, and case management.

End Strength. The Administration urges the Congress to fully fund the request to increase end strength to 1,338,100 Active Component and 817,700 Reserve Component members. One of the

primary objectives of the FY 2019 Budget request, which fully aligns with the National Defense Strategy, is to invest in DOD's most important asset: people. Failure to fund the necessary end strength growth could impose critical delays on efforts to improve readiness by increasing manning levels to reduce personnel and operational tempo, as well as to generate expanded ability for full-spectrum training opportunities.

Division B – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019

Department of Labor

Apprenticeship. The Administration strongly supports the continued funding for the Department of Labor's apprenticeship grant program. These grants would help to expand the use of apprenticeship as a tool for cultivating a skilled workforce in businesses across the Nation. The bill maintains language, however, preventing the Department from spending funds to provide a streamlined, employer-driven approach to establishing high-quality apprenticeship programs.

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA). The Administration strongly supports the bill's funding for RESEA in accordance with the BBA. RESEA is an evidence-based intervention that reduces improper payments in the Unemployment Insurance program while getting claimants back to work more quickly and at higher wages.

Protecting Union Members. The Administration strongly objects to the lack of increased funding for the Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS). The increase is necessary to restore OLMS's investigative workforce, which the previous administration allowed to fall by one-third during the past 10 years. The FY 2019 Budget request strengthens protections for transparency for union members by supporting more audits and investigations to uncover flawed officer elections, fraud, and embezzlement.

International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB). The Administration strongly objects to the bill's continued funding for ILAB's grants, which the FY 2019 Budget request proposed to eliminate. Many of ILAB's grants are awarded non-competitively and spent on activities that are of questionable utility and where there is not a clear Federal role.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Child Care. The Administration appreciates the support provided for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which helps families access child care so they can work, go to school, or enroll in a job training program.

Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Account. The Administration appreciates the Committee's continued support of program integrity in health programs and the flexibility the bill provides to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to focus funding on the most valuable program integrity efforts and areas of greatest need.

Opioid Abuse and Mental Health Funding. The Administration appreciates that the bill provides

funding to address opioids and mental health, most notably the \$1.5 billion provided for State grants to address opioid abuse.

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Consolidations. The Administration is disappointed that the bill does not consolidate the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research activities in NIH, as requested in the FY 2019 Budget. Further, the bill includes funding in excess of the request for NIOSH, AHRQ, and NIH, totaling \$4.7 billion above the FY 2019 Budget request. The Administration strongly supports actions that reduce overlap in Government programs and increase efficiency, and looks forward to working with the Congress to achieve these goals.

Indirect Cost Policy. The Administration is disappointed by the continued inclusion of language in the bill (section 226), which prohibits changes to the method NIH uses to pay grantee institutions for administrative and facilities costs. In addition, the Administration strongly opposes any attempts to prohibit NIH or any other Agency staff from developing strategies to make Government programs more effective and efficient.

21st Century Cures Act Research Policy Board. The Administration is disappointed that the bill does not authorize the use of NIH funding to establish and operate the 21st Century Cures Act Research Policy Board, as requested in the FY 2019 Budget. Further, the indirect cost policy provision noted above makes it difficult to address regulatory burden in a meaningful way. As a result, the Administration will not be able to establish the Research Policy Board as directed by the Congress.

Health Professions Training Programs. The Administration is disappointed that the bill provides unrequested funds for health professions training programs. The bill provides \$643 million, which is \$555 million more than included in the FY 2019 Budget request.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) program. The Administration opposes the bill's inclusion of \$101 million in unrequested funds for the TPP program. The TPP program began in FY 2010 to provide competitive grants to replicate successful TPP approaches, test new TPP approaches, and identify the effectiveness of these interventions. The TPP program serves less than one percent of teenagers in the United States. Although the teenage pregnancy rate has declined significantly, the evidence suggests that TPP has not been a major driver in that reduction.

Department of Education

Charter Schools. The Administration appreciates the funding provided in the bill for the Charter Schools Program, which is generally consistent with the FY 2019 Budget request. This funding supports the opening, expansion, and replication of charter schools as well as helps charter school operators access high-quality facilities.

Unnecessary Department of Education Programs. The Administration is concerned that the bill funds 28 programs that the Administration has proposed for elimination in the FY 2019 Budget

request. Eliminating these programs, which are duplicative, narrowly-focused, or unable to demonstrate effectiveness, would save nearly \$6 billion in FY 2019.

School Choice. The Administration opposes the lack of funding for Opportunity Grants. The FY 2019 Budget requested \$1 billion in funding to empower more families to choose the best private or public school for their children.

Student Aid Administration. The Administration objects to the funding level for Student Aid Administration which is \$93 million below the FY 2019 Budget request. The requested increase is needed to service an ever increasing volume of Federal student loans, improve cybersecurity, and protect the data of 40 million Americans with student loans. The Administration also strongly opposes a provision in the bill under the Student Aid Administration heading that would constrain the Department of Education's authority in awarding a new servicing contract. The provision would require significant change to the Next Generation Processing and Servicing Environment procurement, increasing the discretionary cost of Federal student loan servicing, and severely restricting the Department of Education's ability to provide a consistent and improved borrower experience.

Expansion of Public Service Loan Forgiveness. The Administration opposes the wasteful \$350 million funding level for a temporary benefit in the Federal Direct Student Loan program that expands Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) eligibility. In contrast, the Administration proposes to eliminate the PSLF program, which unfairly favors certain career choices over others, and instead focuses assistance on undergraduate student borrowers from all professions through a single income-based repayment plan.

Social Security Administration (SSA)

Limitation on Administrative Expenses. The Administration appreciates the Committee's support for SSA, including its full funding of program integrity activities to ensure that only eligible individuals receive Social Security benefits.

Other Independent Agencies

National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The Administration opposes the \$274 million funding level for the NLRB, which is substantially more than the President's FY 2019 Budget request. NLRB caseload and activities have declined markedly over recent decades, while funding levels have increased. The NLRB can fulfill its important mission of protecting workers' statutory rights to join, or refrain from joining, labor organizations at lower funding levels. The Administration requests transferring at least \$6 million from NLRB to OLMS within the Department of Labor, an office that also protects workers' associational rights and whose inadequate funding levels impair its ability to perform its mission.

Constitutional Concerns

Certain provisions of the bill raise constitutional concerns. Such provisions would contravene the separation of powers between the executive branch and the Congress. In particular, these

provisions would require congressional committee approval of certain executive actions, in violation of *INS v. Chadha*. The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to address these concerns.

The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress as the FY 2019 appropriations process moves forward.

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AMENDMENT NO.

Calendar No.

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H.R. 6157

Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Department of Defense
5 and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
6 Appropriations Act, 2019”.

7 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO ACT.**

8 Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference
9 to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall
10 be treated as referring only to the provisions of that divi-
11 sion.

1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES TO REPORT.**

2 (a) Any reference to a “report accompanying this
3 Act” contained in division A shall be treated as a reference
4 to Senate Report 115–290. The effect of such Report shall
5 be limited to division A and shall apply for purposes of
6 determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the
7 implementation of, division A.

8 (b) Any reference to a “report accompanying this
9 Act” contained in division B shall be treated as a reference
10 to Senate Report 115–289. The effect of such Report shall
11 be limited to division B and shall apply for purposes of
12 determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the
13 implementation of, division B.

1 **DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
2 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019**

3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending Sep-
6 tember 30, 2019, and for other purposes, namely:

7 **TITLE I**

8 **MILITARY PERSONNEL**

9 **MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY**

10 For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence,
11 interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of sta-
12 tion travel (including all expenses thereof for organiza-
13 tional movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel
14 between permanent duty stations, for members of the
15 Army on active duty (except members of reserve compo-
16 nents provided for elsewhere), cadets, and aviation cadets;
17 for members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and
18 for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-
19 377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), and to the Depart-
20 ment of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
21 \$43,060,042,000.

22 **MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY**

23 For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence,
24 interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of sta-
25 tion travel (including all expenses thereof for organiza-

1 tional movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel
2 between permanent duty stations, for members of the
3 Navy on active duty (except members of the Reserve pro-
4 vided for elsewhere), midshipmen, and aviation cadets; for
5 members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and for
6 payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377,
7 as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), and to the Department
8 of Defense Military Retirement Fund, \$30,305,481,000.

9 MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

10 For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence,
11 interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of sta-
12 tion travel (including all expenses thereof for organiza-
13 tional movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel
14 between permanent duty stations, for members of the Ma-
15 rine Corps on active duty (except members of the Reserve
16 provided for elsewhere); and for payments pursuant to sec-
17 tion 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C.
18 402 note), and to the Department of Defense Military Re-
19 tirement Fund, \$13,799,038,000.

20 MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

21 For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence,
22 interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of sta-
23 tion travel (including all expenses thereof for organiza-
24 tional movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel
25 between permanent duty stations, for members of the Air

1 Force on active duty (except members of reserve compo-
2 nents provided for elsewhere), cadets, and aviation cadets;
3 for members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and
4 for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-
5 377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), and to the Depart-
6 ment of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
7 \$30,173,691,000.

8 RESERVE PERSONNEL, ARMY

9 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
10 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Army Re-
11 serve on active duty under sections 10211, 10302, and
12 3038 of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on
13 active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United
14 States Code, in connection with performing duty specified
15 in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or
16 while undergoing reserve training, or while performing
17 drills or equivalent duty or other duty, and expenses au-
18 thorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code;
19 and for payments to the Department of Defense Military
20 Retirement Fund, \$4,870,947,000.

21 RESERVE PERSONNEL, NAVY

22 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
23 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Navy Re-
24 serve on active duty under section 10211 of title 10,
25 United States Code, or while serving on active duty under

1 section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code, in con-
2 nection with performing duty specified in section 12310(a)
3 of title 10, United States Code, or while undergoing re-
4 serve training, or while performing drills or equivalent
5 duty, and expenses authorized by section 16131 of title
6 10, United States Code; and for payments to the Depart-
7 ment of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
8 \$2,059,521,000.

9 RESERVE PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

10 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
11 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Marine
12 Corps Reserve on active duty under section 10211 of title
13 10, United States Code, or while serving on active duty
14 under section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code,
15 in connection with performing duty specified in section
16 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while under-
17 going reserve training, or while performing drills or equiv-
18 alent duty, and for members of the Marine Corps platoon
19 leaders class, and expenses authorized by section 16131
20 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments to the
21 Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
22 \$787,090,000.

23 RESERVE PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

24 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
25 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Air Force

1 Reserve on active duty under sections 10211, 10305, and
2 8038 of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on
3 active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United
4 States Code, in connection with performing duty specified
5 in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or
6 while undergoing reserve training, or while performing
7 drills or equivalent duty or other duty, and expenses au-
8 thorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code;
9 and for payments to the Department of Defense Military
10 Retirement Fund, \$1,871,286,000.

11 NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, ARMY

12 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
13 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Army Na-
14 tional Guard while on duty under sections 10211, 10302,
15 or 12402 of title 10 or section 708 of title 32, United
16 States Code, or while serving on duty under section
17 12301(d) of title 10 or section 502(f) of title 32, United
18 States Code, in connection with performing duty specified
19 in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or
20 while undergoing training, or while performing drills or
21 equivalent duty or other duty, and expenses authorized by
22 section 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for pay-
23 ments to the Department of Defense Military Retirement
24 Fund, \$8,650,645,000.

1 NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

2 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
3 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Air Na-
4 tional Guard on duty under sections 10211, 10305, or
5 12402 of title 10 or section 708 of title 32, United States
6 Code, or while serving on duty under section 12301(d) of
7 title 10 or section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code,
8 in connection with performing duty specified in section
9 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while under-
10 going training, or while performing drills or equivalent
11 duty or other duty, and expenses authorized by section
12 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments
13 to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
14 \$3,718,780,000.

15 TITLE II

16 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

17 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

18 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
19 for the operation and maintenance of the Army, as author-
20 ized by law, \$40,634,715,000: *Provided*, That not to ex-
21 ceed \$12,478,000 can be used for emergencies and ex-
22 traordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or
23 authority of the Secretary of the Army, and payments may
24 be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential mili-
25 tary purposes.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

2 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
3 for the operation and maintenance of the Navy and the
4 Marine Corps, as authorized by law, \$47,296,183,000:
5 *Provided*, That not to exceed \$15,055,000 can be used for
6 emergencies and extraordinary expenses, to be expended
7 on the approval or authority of the Secretary of the Navy,
8 and payments may be made on his certificate of necessity
9 for confidential military purposes.

10 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

11 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
12 for the operation and maintenance of the Marine Corps,
13 as authorized by law, \$6,372,000,000.

14 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

15 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
16 for the operation and maintenance of the Air Force, as
17 authorized by law, \$40,775,374,000: *Provided*, That not
18 to exceed \$7,699,000 can be used for emergencies and ex-
19 traordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or
20 authority of the Secretary of the Air Force, and payments
21 may be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential
22 military purposes.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
4 for the operation and maintenance of activities and agen-
5 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military
6 departments), as authorized by law, \$35,662,783,000:
7 *Provided*, That not more than \$7,503,000 may be used
8 for the Combatant Commander Initiative Fund authorized
9 under section 166a of title 10, United States Code: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That not to exceed \$36,000,000 can be used
11 for emergencies and extraordinary expenses, to be ex-
12 pended on the approval or authority of the Secretary of
13 Defense, and payments may be made on his certificate of
14 necessity for confidential military purposes: *Provided fur-*
15 *ther*, That of the funds provided under this heading, not
16 less than \$33,025,000 shall be made available for the Pro-
17 curement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement
18 Program, of which not less than \$2,600,000 shall be avail-
19 able for centers defined in 10 U.S.C. 2411(1)(D): *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That none of the funds appropriated or oth-
21 erwise made available by this Act may be used to plan
22 or implement the consolidation of a budget or appropria-
23 tions liaison office of the Office of the Secretary of De-
24 fense, the office of the Secretary of a military department,
25 or the service headquarters of one of the Armed Forces

1 into a legislative affairs or legislative liaison office: *Pro-*
2 *vided further*, That \$19,160,000, to remain available until
3 expended, is available only for expenses relating to certain
4 classified activities, and may be transferred as necessary
5 by the Secretary of Defense to operation and maintenance
6 appropriations or research, development, test and evalua-
7 tion appropriations, to be merged with and to be available
8 for the same time period as the appropriations to which
9 transferred: *Provided further*, That any ceiling on the in-
10 vestment item unit cost of items that may be purchased
11 with operation and maintenance funds shall not apply to
12 the funds described in the preceding proviso: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That of the funds provided under this heading,
14 \$686,744,000, of which \$171,686,000, to remain available
15 until September 30, 2020, shall be available to provide
16 support and assistance to foreign security forces or other
17 groups or individuals to conduct, support or facilitate
18 counterterrorism, crisis response, or other Department of
19 Defense security cooperation programs: *Provided further*,
20 That the transfer authority provided under this heading
21 is in addition to any other transfer authority provided else-
22 where in this Act.

23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE

24 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
25 for the operation and maintenance, including training, or-

1 ganization, and administration, of the Army Reserve; re-
2 pair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor
3 vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; re-
4 cruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equip-
5 ment; and communications, \$2,854,909,000.

6 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

7 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
8 for the operation and maintenance, including training, or-
9 ganization, and administration, of the Navy Reserve; re-
10 pair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor
11 vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; re-
12 cruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equip-
13 ment; and communications, \$1,018,006,000.

14 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

15 RESERVE

16 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
17 for the operation and maintenance, including training, or-
18 ganization, and administration, of the Marine Corps Re-
19 serve; repair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger
20 motor vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead;
21 recruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equip-
22 ment; and communications, \$271,570,000.

23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE

24 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
25 for the operation and maintenance, including training, or-

1 ganization, and administration, of the Air Force Reserve;
2 repair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor
3 vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; re-
4 cruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equip-
5 ment; and communications, \$3,247,534,000.

6 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL

7 GUARD

8 For expenses of training, organizing, and admin-
9 istering the Army National Guard, including medical and
10 hospital treatment and related expenses in non-Federal
11 hospitals; maintenance, operation, and repairs to struc-
12 tures and facilities; hire of passenger motor vehicles; per-
13 sonnel services in the National Guard Bureau; travel ex-
14 penses (other than mileage), as authorized by law for
15 Army personnel on active duty, for Army National Guard
16 division, regimental, and battalion commanders while in-
17 specting units in compliance with National Guard Bureau
18 regulations when specifically authorized by the Chief, Na-
19 tional Guard Bureau; supplying and equipping the Army
20 National Guard as authorized by law; and expenses of re-
21 pair, modification, maintenance, and issue of supplies and
22 equipment (including aircraft), \$7,261,295,000.

23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

24 For expenses of training, organizing, and admin-
25 istering the Air National Guard, including medical and

1 hospital treatment and related expenses in non-Federal
2 hospitals; maintenance, operation, and repairs to struc-
3 tures and facilities; transportation of things, hire of pas-
4 senger motor vehicles; supplying and equipping the Air
5 National Guard, as authorized by law; expenses for repair,
6 modification, maintenance, and issue of supplies and
7 equipment, including those furnished from stocks under
8 the control of agencies of the Department of Defense;
9 travel expenses (other than mileage) on the same basis as
10 authorized by law for Air National Guard personnel on
11 active Federal duty, for Air National Guard commanders
12 while inspecting units in compliance with National Guard
13 Bureau regulations when specifically authorized by the
14 Chief, National Guard Bureau, \$6,433,697,000.

15 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED
16 FORCES

17 For salaries and expenses necessary for the United
18 States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces,
19 \$14,662,000, of which not to exceed \$5,000 may be used
20 for official representation purposes.

21 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 For the Department of the Army, \$228,449,000, to
24 remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Sec-
25 retary of the Army shall, upon determining that such

1 funds are required for environmental restoration, reduc-
2 tion and recycling of hazardous waste, removal of unsafe
3 buildings and debris of the Department of the Army, or
4 for similar purposes, transfer the funds made available by
5 this appropriation to other appropriations made available
6 to the Department of the Army, to be merged with and
7 to be available for the same purposes and for the same
8 time period as the appropriations to which transferred:
9 *Provided further*, That upon a determination that all or
10 part of the funds transferred from this appropriation are
11 not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such
12 amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation:
13 *Provided further*, That the transfer authority provided
14 under this heading is in addition to any other transfer au-
15 thority provided elsewhere in this Act.

16 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY
17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For the Department of the Navy, \$329,253,000, to
19 remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Sec-
20 retary of the Navy shall, upon determining that such
21 funds are required for environmental restoration, reduc-
22 tion and recycling of hazardous waste, removal of unsafe
23 buildings and debris of the Department of the Navy, or
24 for similar purposes, transfer the funds made available by
25 this appropriation to other appropriations made available

1 to the Department of the Navy, to be merged with and
2 to be available for the same purposes and for the same
3 time period as the appropriations to which transferred:
4 *Provided further*, That upon a determination that all or
5 part of the funds transferred from this appropriation are
6 not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such
7 amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation:
8 *Provided further*, That the transfer authority provided
9 under this heading is in addition to any other transfer au-
10 thority provided elsewhere in this Act.

11 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 For the Department of the Air Force, \$365,808,000,
14 to remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the
15 Secretary of the Air Force shall, upon determining that
16 such funds are required for environmental restoration, re-
17 duction and recycling of hazardous waste, removal of un-
18 safe buildings and debris of the Department of the Air
19 Force, or for similar purposes, transfer the funds made
20 available by this appropriation to other appropriations
21 made available to the Department of the Air Force, to be
22 merged with and to be available for the same purposes
23 and for the same time period as the appropriations to
24 which transferred: *Provided further*, That upon a deter-
25 mination that all or part of the funds transferred from

1 this appropriation are not necessary for the purposes pro-
2 vided herein, such amounts may be transferred back to
3 this appropriation: *Provided further*, That the transfer au-
4 thority provided under this heading is in addition to any
5 other transfer authority provided elsewhere in this Act.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE-WIDE

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 For the Department of Defense, \$8,926,000, to re-
9 main available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Sec-
10 retary of Defense shall, upon determining that such funds
11 are required for environmental restoration, reduction and
12 recycling of hazardous waste, removal of unsafe buildings
13 and debris of the Department of Defense, or for similar
14 purposes, transfer the funds made available by this appro-
15 priation to other appropriations made available to the De-
16 partment of Defense, to be merged with and to be avail-
17 able for the same purposes and for the same time period
18 as the appropriations to which transferred: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That upon a determination that all or part of the
20 funds transferred from this appropriation are not nec-
21 essary for the purposes provided herein, such amounts
22 may be transferred back to this appropriation: *Provided*
23 *further*, That the transfer authority provided under this
24 heading is in addition to any other transfer authority pro-
25 vided elsewhere in this Act.

1 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED
2 DEFENSE SITES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For the Department of the Army, \$212,346,000, to
5 remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Sec-
6 retary of the Army shall, upon determining that such
7 funds are required for environmental restoration, reduc-
8 tion and recycling of hazardous waste, removal of unsafe
9 buildings and debris at sites formerly used by the Depart-
10 ment of Defense, transfer the funds made available by this
11 appropriation to other appropriations made available to
12 the Department of the Army, to be merged with and to
13 be available for the same purposes and for the same time
14 period as the appropriations to which transferred: *Pro-*
15 *vided further*, That upon a determination that all or part
16 of the funds transferred from this appropriation are not
17 necessary for the purposes provided herein, such amounts
18 may be transferred back to this appropriation: *Provided*
19 *further*, That the transfer authority provided under this
20 heading is in addition to any other transfer authority pro-
21 vided elsewhere in this Act.

22 OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID

23 For expenses relating to the Overseas Humanitarian,
24 Disaster, and Civic Aid programs of the Department of
25 Defense (consisting of the programs provided under sec-

1 tions 401, 402, 404, 407, 2557, and 2561 of title 10,
2 United States Code), \$107,663,000, to remain available
3 until September 30, 2020.

4 COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT

5 For assistance, including assistance provided by con-
6 tract or by grants, under programs and activities of the
7 Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction
8 Program authorized under the Department of Defense Co-
9 operative Threat Reduction Act, \$335,240,000, to remain
10 available until September 30, 2021.

11 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

12 DEVELOPMENT FUND

13 For the Department of Defense Acquisition Work-
14 force Development Fund, \$552,000,000, to remain avail-
15 able for obligation until September 30, 2020: *Provided,*
16 That no other amounts may be otherwise credited or
17 transferred to the Fund, or deposited into the Fund, in
18 fiscal year 2019 pursuant to section 1705(d) of title 10,
19 United States Code.

1 TITLE III
2 PROCUREMENT
3 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY

4 For construction, procurement, production, modifica-
5 tion, and modernization of aircraft, equipment, including
6 ordnance, ground handling equipment, spare parts, and
7 accessories therefor; specialized equipment and training
8 devices; expansion of public and private plants, including
9 the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing purposes,
10 and such lands and interests therein, may be acquired,
11 and construction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of
12 title; and procurement and installation of equipment, ap-
13 pliances, and machine tools in public and private plants;
14 reserve plant and Government and contractor-owned
15 equipment layaway; and other expenses necessary for the
16 foregoing purposes, \$4,890,658,000, to remain available
17 for obligation until September 30, 2021.

18 MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY

19 For construction, procurement, production, modifica-
20 tion, and modernization of missiles, equipment, including
21 ordnance, ground handling equipment, spare parts, and
22 accessories therefor; specialized equipment and training
23 devices; expansion of public and private plants, including
24 the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing purposes,
25 and such lands and interests therein, may be acquired,

1 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY

2 For construction, procurement, production, and
3 modification of ammunition, and accessories therefor; spe-
4 cialized equipment and training devices; expansion of pub-
5 lic and private plants, including ammunition facilities, au-
6 thorized by section 2854 of title 10, United States Code,
7 and the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing pur-
8 poses, and such lands and interests therein, may be ac-
9 quired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to ap-
10 proval of title; and procurement and installation of equip-
11 ment, appliances, and machine tools in public and private
12 plants; reserve plant and Government and contractor-
13 owned equipment layaway; and other expenses necessary
14 for the foregoing purposes, \$2,283,369,000, to remain
15 available for obligation until September 30, 2021.

16 OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY

17 For construction, procurement, production, and
18 modification of vehicles, including tactical, support, and
19 non-tracked combat vehicles; the purchase of passenger
20 motor vehicles for replacement only; communications and
21 electronic equipment; other support equipment; spare
22 parts, ordnance, and accessories therefor; specialized
23 equipment and training devices; expansion of public and
24 private plants, including the land necessary therefor, for
25 the foregoing purposes, and such lands and interests

1 therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
2 thereon prior to approval of title; and procurement and
3 installation of equipment, appliances, and machine tools
4 in public and private plants; reserve plant and Govern-
5 ment and contractor-owned equipment layaway; and other
6 expenses necessary for the foregoing purposes,
7 \$7,709,078,000, to remain available for obligation until
8 September 30, 2021.

9 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY

10 For construction, procurement, production, modifica-
11 tion, and modernization of aircraft, equipment, including
12 ordnance, spare parts, and accessories therefor; specialized
13 equipment; expansion of public and private plants, includ-
14 ing the land necessary therefor, and such lands and inter-
15 ests therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
16 thereon prior to approval of title; and procurement and
17 installation of equipment, appliances, and machine tools
18 in public and private plants; reserve plant and Govern-
19 ment and contractor-owned equipment layaway,
20 \$20,083,169,000, to remain available for obligation until
21 September 30, 2021.

22 WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY

23 For construction, procurement, production, modifica-
24 tion, and modernization of missiles, torpedoes, other weap-
25 ons, and related support equipment including spare parts,

1 and accessories therefor; expansion of public and private
2 plants, including the land necessary therefor, and such
3 lands and interests therein, may be acquired, and con-
4 struction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of title; and
5 procurement and installation of equipment, appliances,
6 and machine tools in public and private plants; reserve
7 plant and Government and contractor-owned equipment
8 layaway, \$3,780,572,000, to remain available for obliga-
9 tion until September 30, 2021.

10 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE
11 CORPS

12 For construction, procurement, production, and
13 modification of ammunition, and accessories therefor; spe-
14 cialized equipment and training devices; expansion of pub-
15 lic and private plants, including ammunition facilities, au-
16 thorized by section 2854 of title 10, United States Code,
17 and the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing pur-
18 poses, and such lands and interests therein, may be ac-
19 quired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to ap-
20 proval of title; and procurement and installation of equip-
21 ment, appliances, and machine tools in public and private
22 plants; reserve plant and Government and contractor-
23 owned equipment layaway; and other expenses necessary
24 for the foregoing purposes, \$970,454,000, to remain avail-
25 able for obligation until September 30, 2021.

1 SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY

2 For expenses necessary for the construction, acquisi-
3 tion, or conversion of vessels as authorized by law, includ-
4 ing armor and armament thereof, plant equipment, appli-
5 ances, and machine tools and installation thereof in public
6 and private plants; reserve plant and Government and con-
7 tractor-owned equipment layaway; procurement of critical,
8 long lead time components and designs for vessels to be
9 constructed or converted in the future; and expansion of
10 public and private plants, including land necessary there-
11 for, and such lands and interests therein, may be acquired,
12 and construction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of
13 title, as follows:

14 Ohio Replacement Submarine (AP),
15 \$3,242,330,000;

16 Carrier Replacement Program (CVN 80),
17 \$1,573,181,000;

18 Virginia Class Submarine, \$4,373,382,000;

19 Virginia Class Submarine (AP),
20 \$2,796,401,000;

21 CVN Refueling Overhauls (AP), \$449,597,000;

22 DDG-1000 Program, \$270,965,000;

23 DDG-51 Destroyer, \$5,171,827,000;

24 DDG-51 Destroyer (AP), \$641,928,000;

25 Littoral Combat Ship, \$1,121,244,000;

1 LPD-17, \$500,000,000;
2 Expeditionary Sea Base, \$650,000,000;
3 LHA Replacement (AP), \$350,000,000;
4 Expeditionary Fast Transport, \$225,000,000;
5 TAO Fleet Oiler, \$977,104,000;
6 TAO Fleet Oiler (AP), \$75,046,000;
7 Towing Salvage and Rescue Ship, \$80,517,000;
8 LCU 1700, \$41,520,000;
9 Ship to Shore Connector, \$325,375,000;
10 Service Craft, \$97,062,000;
11 LCAC SLEP, \$23,321,000;
12 For outfitting, post delivery, conversions, and
13 first destination transportation, \$550,038,000;
14 Completion of Prior Year Shipbuilding Pro-
15 grams, \$207,099,000; and
16 Cable Ship, \$250,000,000.

17 In all: \$23,992,937,000, to remain available for obli-
18 gation until September 30, 2023: *Provided*, That addi-
19 tional obligations may be incurred after September 30,
20 2023, for engineering services, tests, evaluations, and
21 other such budgeted work that must be performed in the
22 final stage of ship construction: *Provided further*, That
23 none of the funds provided under this heading for the con-
24 struction or conversion of any naval vessel to be con-
25 structed in shipyards in the United States shall be ex-

1 pended in foreign facilities for the construction of major
2 components of such vessel: *Provided further*, That none
3 of the funds provided under this heading shall be used
4 for the construction of any naval vessel in foreign ship-
5 yards: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated or other-
6 wise made available by this Act for production of the com-
7 mon missile compartment of nuclear-powered vessels may
8 be available for multiyear procurement of critical compo-
9 nents to support continuous production of such compart-
10 ments only in accordance with the provisions of subsection
11 (i) of section 2218a of title 10, United States Code (as
12 added by section 1023 of the National Defense Authoriza-
13 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328)).

14 OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY

15 For procurement, production, and modernization of
16 support equipment and materials not otherwise provided
17 for, Navy ordnance (except ordnance for new aircraft, new
18 ships, and ships authorized for conversion); the purchase
19 of passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; expan-
20 sion of public and private plants, including the land nec-
21 essary therefor, and such lands and interests therein, may
22 be acquired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to
23 approval of title; and procurement and installation of
24 equipment, appliances, and machine tools in public and
25 private plants; reserve plant and Government and con-

1 tractor-owned equipment layaway, \$10,393,562,000, to
2 remain available for obligation until September 30, 2021.

3 PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS

4 For expenses necessary for the procurement, manu-
5 facture, and modification of missiles, armament, military
6 equipment, spare parts, and accessories therefor; plant
7 equipment, appliances, and machine tools, and installation
8 thereof in public and private plants; reserve plant and
9 Government and contractor-owned equipment layaway; ve-
10 hicles for the Marine Corps, including the purchase of pas-
11 senger motor vehicles for replacement only; and expansion
12 of public and private plants, including land necessary
13 therefor, and such lands and interests therein, may be ac-
14 quired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to ap-
15 proval of title, \$2,800,997,000, to remain available for ob-
16 ligation until September 30, 2021.

17 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

18 For construction, procurement, and modification of
19 aircraft and equipment, including armor and armament,
20 specialized ground handling equipment, and training de-
21 vices, spare parts, and accessories therefor; specialized
22 equipment; expansion of public and private plants, Gov-
23 ernment-owned equipment and installation thereof in such
24 plants, erection of structures, and acquisition of land, for
25 the foregoing purposes, and such lands and interests

1 therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
2 thereon prior to approval of title; reserve plant and Gov-
3 ernment and contractor-owned equipment layaway; and
4 other expenses necessary for the foregoing purposes in-
5 cluding rents and transportation of things,
6 \$15,772,473,000, to remain available for obligation until
7 September 30, 2021.

8 MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

9 For construction, procurement, and modification of
10 missiles, rockets, and related equipment, including spare
11 parts and accessories therefor; ground handling equip-
12 ment, and training devices; expansion of public and pri-
13 vate plants, Government-owned equipment and installa-
14 tion thereof in such plants, erection of structures, and ac-
15 quisition of land, for the foregoing purposes, and such
16 lands and interests therein, may be acquired, and con-
17 struction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of title; re-
18 serve plant and Government and contractor-owned equip-
19 ment layaway; and other expenses necessary for the fore-
20 going purposes including rents and transportation of
21 things, \$2,614,954,000, to remain available for obligation
22 until September 30, 2021.

23 SPACE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

24 For construction, procurement, and modification of
25 spacecraft, rockets, and related equipment, including

1 spare parts and accessories therefor; ground handling
2 equipment, and training devices; expansion of public and
3 private plants, Government-owned equipment and installa-
4 tion thereof in such plants, erection of structures, and ac-
5 quisition of land, for the foregoing purposes, and such
6 lands and interests therein, may be acquired, and con-
7 struction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of title; re-
8 serve plant and Government and contractor-owned equip-
9 ment layaway; and other expenses necessary for the fore-
10 going purposes including rents and transportation of
11 things, \$2,224,142,000, to remain available for obligation
12 until September 30, 2021.

13 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE

14 For construction, procurement, production, and
15 modification of ammunition, and accessories therefor; spe-
16 cialized equipment and training devices; expansion of pub-
17 lic and private plants, including ammunition facilities, au-
18 thorized by section 2854 of title 10, United States Code,
19 and the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing pur-
20 poses, and such lands and interests therein, may be ac-
21 quired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to ap-
22 proval of title; and procurement and installation of equip-
23 ment, appliances, and machine tools in public and private
24 plants; reserve plant and Government and contractor-
25 owned equipment layaway; and other expenses necessary

1 for the foregoing purposes, \$1,564,880,000, to remain
2 available for obligation until September 30, 2021.

3 OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

4 For procurement and modification of equipment (in-
5 cluding ground guidance and electronic control equipment,
6 and ground electronic and communication equipment),
7 and supplies, materials, and spare parts therefor, not oth-
8 erwise provided for; the purchase of passenger motor vehi-
9 cles for replacement only; lease of passenger motor vehi-
10 cles; and expansion of public and private plants, Govern-
11 ment-owned equipment and installation thereof in such
12 plants, erection of structures, and acquisition of land, for
13 the foregoing purposes, and such lands and interests
14 therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
15 thereon, prior to approval of title; reserve plant and Gov-
16 ernment and contractor-owned equipment layaway,
17 \$20,839,366,000, to remain available for obligation until
18 September 30, 2021.

19 PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

20 For expenses of activities and agencies of the Depart-
21 ment of Defense (other than the military departments)
22 necessary for procurement, production, and modification
23 of equipment, supplies, materials, and spare parts there-
24 for, not otherwise provided for; the purchase of passenger
25 motor vehicles for replacement only; expansion of public

1 and private plants, equipment, and installation thereof in
2 such plants, erection of structures, and acquisition of land
3 for the foregoing purposes, and such lands and interests
4 therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
5 thereon prior to approval of title; reserve plant and Gov-
6 ernment and contractor-owned equipment layaway,
7 \$6,663,821,000, to remain available for obligation until
8 September 30, 2021.

9 NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

10 For procurement of rotary-wing aircraft; combat, tac-
11 tical and support vehicles; other weapons; and other pro-
12 curement items for the reserve components of the Armed
13 Forces, \$900,000,000, to remain available for obligation
14 until September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That the Chiefs of
15 National Guard and Reserve components shall, not later
16 than 30 days after enactment of this Act, individually sub-
17 mit to the congressional defense committees the mod-
18 ernization priority assessment for their respective Na-
19 tional Guard or Reserve component: *Provided further*,
20 That none of the funds made available by this paragraph
21 may be used to procure manned fixed wing aircraft, or
22 procure or modify missiles, munitions, or ammunition.

23 DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT PURCHASES

24 For activities by the Department of Defense pursuant
25 to sections 108, 301, 302, and 303 of the Defense Produc-

1 tion Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4518, 4531, 4532, and 4533),
2 \$38,578,000, to remain available until expended.

3

TITLE IV

4

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND

5

EVALUATION

6

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,

7

ARMY

8 For expenses necessary for basic and applied sci-
9 entific research, development, test and evaluation, includ-
10 ing maintenance, rehabilitation, lease, and operation of fa-
11 cilities and equipment, \$10,812,458,000, to remain avail-
12 able for obligation until September 30, 2020.

13

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,

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NAVY

15 For expenses necessary for basic and applied sci-
16 entific research, development, test and evaluation, includ-
17 ing maintenance, rehabilitation, lease, and operation of fa-
18 cilities and equipment, \$18,992,064,000, to remain avail-
19 able for obligation until September 30, 2020: *Provided,*
20 That funds appropriated in this paragraph which are
21 available for the V-22 may be used to meet unique oper-
22 ational requirements of the Special Operations Forces.

1 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
2 AIR FORCE

3 For expenses necessary for basic and applied sci-
4 entific research, development, test and evaluation, includ-
5 ing maintenance, rehabilitation, lease, and operation of fa-
6 cilities and equipment, \$40,896,667,000, to remain avail-
7 able for obligation until September 30, 2020.

8 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
9 DEFENSE-WIDE

10 For expenses of activities and agencies of the Depart-
11 ment of Defense (other than the military departments),
12 necessary for basic and applied scientific research, devel-
13 opment, test and evaluation; advanced research projects
14 as may be designated and determined by the Secretary
15 of Defense, pursuant to law; maintenance, rehabilitation,
16 lease, and operation of facilities and equipment,
17 \$24,049,621,000, to remain available for obligation until
18 September 30, 2020.

19 OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE

20 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
21 for the independent activities of the Director, Operational
22 Test and Evaluation, in the direction and supervision of
23 operational test and evaluation, including initial oper-
24 ational test and evaluation which is conducted prior to,
25 and in support of, production decisions; joint operational

1 testing and evaluation; and administrative expenses in
2 connection therewith, \$381,009,000, to remain available
3 for obligation until September 30, 2020.

4 TITLE V

5 REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

6 DEFENSE WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS

7 For the Defense Working Capital Funds,
8 \$1,641,115,000.

9 TITLE VI

10 OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

11 DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

12 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, for medical
13 and health care programs of the Department of Defense
14 as authorized by law, \$34,135,992,000; of which
15 \$31,588,995,000 shall be for operation and maintenance,
16 of which not to exceed one percent shall remain available
17 for obligation until September 30, 2020, and of which up
18 to \$15,152,801,000 may be available for contracts entered
19 into under the TRICARE program; of which
20 \$873,160,000, to remain available for obligation until Sep-
21 tember 30, 2021, shall be for procurement; and of which
22 \$1,673,837,000, to remain available for obligation until
23 September 30, 2020, shall be for research, development,
24 test and evaluation: *Provided*, That of the funds provided
25 under this heading for research, development, test and

1 evaluation, not less than \$761,500,000 shall be made
2 available to the United States Army Medical Research and
3 Materiel Command to carry out the congressionally di-
4 rected medical research programs.

5 CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION,
6 DEFENSE

7 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
8 for the destruction of the United States stockpile of lethal
9 chemical agents and munitions in accordance with the pro-
10 visions of section 1412 of the Department of Defense Au-
11 thorization Act, 1986 (50 U.S.C. 1521), and for the de-
12 struction of other chemical warfare materials that are not
13 in the chemical weapon stockpile, \$993,816,000, of which
14 \$105,997,000 shall be for operation and maintenance, of
15 which no less than \$52,735,000 shall be for the Chemical
16 Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, consisting of
17 \$21,600,000 for activities on military installations and
18 \$31,135,000, to remain available until September 30,
19 2020, to assist State and local governments; \$1,091,000
20 shall be for procurement, to remain available until Sep-
21 tember 30, 2021, of which \$1,091,000 shall be for the
22 Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program to
23 assist State and local governments; and \$886,728,000, to
24 remain available until September 30, 2020, shall be for
25 research, development, test and evaluation, of which

1 \$880,283,000 shall only be for the Assembled Chemical
2 Weapons Alternatives program.

3 DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES,
4 DEFENSE
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For drug interdiction and counter-drug activities of
7 the Department of Defense, for transfer to appropriations
8 available to the Department of Defense for military per-
9 sonnel of the reserve components serving under the provi-
10 sions of title 10 and title 32, United States Code; for oper-
11 ation and maintenance; for procurement; and for research,
12 development, test and evaluation, \$872,525,000, of which
13 \$507,171,000 shall be for counter-narcotics support;
14 \$117,900,000 shall be for the drug demand reduction pro-
15 gram; \$217,178,000 shall be for the National Guard
16 counter-drug program; and \$30,276,000 shall be for the
17 National Guard counter-drug schools program: *Provided*,
18 That the funds appropriated under this heading shall be
19 available for obligation for the same time period and for
20 the same purpose as the appropriation to which trans-
21 ferred: *Provided further*, That upon a determination that
22 all or part of the funds transferred from this appropriation
23 are not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such
24 amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation:
25 *Provided further*, That the transfer authority provided

1 under this heading is in addition to any other transfer au-
2 thority contained elsewhere in this Act.

3 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 For expenses and activities of the Office of the In-
5 spector General in carrying out the provisions of the In-
6 spector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$329,273,000,
7 of which \$325,236,000 shall be for operation and mainte-
8 nance, of which not to exceed \$700,000 is available for
9 emergencies and extraordinary expenses to be expended on
10 the approval or authority of the Inspector General, and
11 payments may be made on the Inspector General's certifi-
12 cate of necessity for confidential military purposes; of
13 which \$60,000, to remain available for obligation until
14 September 30, 2021, shall be for procurement; and of
15 which \$3,977,000, to remain available until September 30,
16 2020, shall be for research, development, test and evalua-
17 tion.

18 TITLE VII

19 RELATED AGENCIES

20 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT AND
21 DISABILITY SYSTEM FUND

22 For payment to the Central Intelligence Agency Re-
23 tirement and Disability System Fund, to maintain the
24 proper funding level for continuing the operation of the

1 Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability
2 System, \$514,000,000.

3 INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

4 For necessary expenses of the Intelligence Commu-
5 nity Management Account, \$529,624,000.

6 TITLE VIII

7 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8 SEC. 8001. No part of any appropriation contained
9 in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda pur-
10 poses not authorized by the Congress.

11 SEC. 8002. During the current fiscal year, provisions
12 of law prohibiting the payment of compensation to, or em-
13 ployment of, any person not a citizen of the United States
14 shall not apply to personnel of the Department of Defense:
15 *Provided*, That salary increases granted to direct and indi-
16 rect hire foreign national employees of the Department of
17 Defense funded by this Act shall not be at a rate in excess
18 of the percentage increase authorized by law for civilian
19 employees of the Department of Defense whose pay is
20 computed under the provisions of section 5332 of title 5,
21 United States Code, or at a rate in excess of the percent-
22 age increase provided by the appropriate host nation to
23 its own employees, whichever is higher: *Provided further*,
24 That this section shall not apply to Department of De-
25 fense foreign service national employees serving at United

1 States diplomatic missions whose pay is set by the Depart-
2 ment of State under the Foreign Service Act of 1980: *Pro-*
3 *vided further*, That the limitations of this provision shall
4 not apply to foreign national employees of the Department
5 of Defense in the Republic of Turkey.

6 SEC. 8003. No part of any appropriation contained
7 in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond
8 the current fiscal year, unless expressly so provided herein.

9 SEC. 8004. No more than 20 percent of the appro-
10 priations in this Act which are limited for obligation dur-
11 ing the current fiscal year shall be obligated during the
12 last 2 months of the fiscal year: *Provided*, That this sec-
13 tion shall not apply to obligations for support of active
14 duty training of reserve components or summer camp
15 training of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

16 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 8005. Upon determination by the Secretary of
18 Defense that such action is necessary in the national inter-
19 est, he may, with the approval of the Office of Manage-
20 ment and Budget, transfer not to exceed \$4,000,000,000
21 of working capital funds of the Department of Defense
22 or funds made available in this Act to the Department
23 of Defense for military functions (except military con-
24 struction) between such appropriations or funds or any
25 subdivision thereof, to be merged with and to be available

1 for the same purposes, and for the same time period, as
2 the appropriation or fund to which transferred: *Provided*,
3 That such authority to transfer may not be used unless
4 for higher priority items, based on unforeseen military re-
5 quirements, than those for which originally appropriated
6 and in no case where the item for which funds are re-
7 quested has been denied by the Congress: *Provided further*,
8 That the Secretary of Defense shall notify the Congress
9 promptly of all transfers made pursuant to this authority
10 or any other authority in this Act: *Provided further*, That
11 no part of the funds in this Act shall be available to pre-
12 pare or present a request to the Committees on Appropria-
13 tions for reprogramming of funds, unless for higher pri-
14 ority items, based on unforeseen military requirements,
15 than those for which originally appropriated and in no
16 case where the item for which reprogramming is requested
17 has been denied by the Congress: *Provided further*, That
18 a request for multiple reprogrammings of funds using au-
19 thority provided in this section shall be made prior to June
20 30, 2019: *Provided further*, That transfers among military
21 personnel appropriations shall not be taken into account
22 for purposes of the limitation on the amount of funds that
23 may be transferred under this section.

24 SEC. 8006. (a) With regard to the list of specific pro-
25 grams, projects, and activities (and the dollar amounts

1 and adjustments to budget activities corresponding to
2 such programs, projects, and activities) contained in the
3 tables titled “Committee Recommended Adjustments” in
4 the explanatory statement regarding this Act, the obliga-
5 tion and expenditure of amounts appropriated or other-
6 wise made available in this Act for those programs,
7 projects, and activities for which the amounts appro-
8 priated exceed the amounts requested are hereby required
9 by law to be carried out in the manner provided by such
10 tables to the same extent as if the tables were included
11 in the text of this Act.

12 (b) Amounts specified in the referenced tables de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) shall not be treated as subdivi-
14 sions of appropriations for purposes of section 8005 of this
15 Act: *Provided*, That section 8005 shall apply when trans-
16 fers of the amounts described in subsection (a) occur be-
17 tween appropriation accounts.

18 SEC. 8007. (a) Not later than 60 days after enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Department of Defense shall submit
20 a report to the congressional defense committees to estab-
21 lish the baseline for application of reprogramming and
22 transfer authorities for fiscal year 2019: *Provided*, That
23 the report shall include—

24 (1) a table for each appropriation with a sepa-
25 rate column to display the President’s budget re-

1 quest, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments
2 due to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the
3 fiscal year enacted level;

4 (2) a delineation in the table for each appro-
5 priation both by budget activity and program,
6 project, and activity as detailed in the Budget Ap-
7 pendix; and

8 (3) an identification of items of special congres-
9 sional interest.

10 (b) Notwithstanding section 8005 of this Act, none
11 of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for
12 reprogramming or transfer until the report identified in
13 subsection (a) is submitted to the congressional defense
14 committees, unless the Secretary of Defense certifies in
15 writing to the congressional defense committees that such
16 reprogramming or transfer is necessary as an emergency
17 requirement: *Provided*, That this subsection shall not
18 apply to transfers from the following appropriations ac-
19 counts:

20 (1) “Environmental Restoration, Army”;

21 (2) “Environmental Restoration, Navy”;

22 (3) “Environmental Restoration, Air Force”;

23 (4) “Environmental Restoration, Defense-
24 Wide”;

1 inventory, unless the Secretary of Defense has notified the
2 Congress prior to any such obligation.

3 SEC. 8009. Funds appropriated by this Act may not
4 be used to initiate a special access program without prior
5 notification 30 calendar days in advance to the congres-
6 sional defense committees.

7 SEC. 8010. None of the funds provided in this Act
8 shall be available to initiate: (1) a multiyear contract that
9 employs economic order quantity procurement in excess of
10 \$20,000,000 in any one year of the contract or that in-
11 cludes an unfunded contingent liability in excess of
12 \$20,000,000; or (2) a contract for advance procurement
13 leading to a multiyear contract that employs economic
14 order quantity procurement in excess of \$20,000,000 in
15 any one year, unless the congressional defense committees
16 have been notified at least 30 days in advance of the pro-
17 posed contract award: *Provided*, That no part of any ap-
18 propriation contained in this Act shall be available to ini-
19 tiate a multiyear contract for which the economic order
20 quantity advance procurement is not funded at least to
21 the limits of the Government's liability: *Provided further*,
22 That no part of any appropriation contained in this Act
23 shall be available to initiate multiyear procurement con-
24 tracts for any systems or component thereof if the value
25 of the multiyear contract would exceed \$500,000,000 un-

1 less specifically provided in this Act: *Provided further*,
2 That no multiyear procurement contract can be termi-
3 nated without 30-day prior notification to the congres-
4 sional defense committees: *Provided further*, That the exe-
5 cution of multiyear authority shall require the use of a
6 present value analysis to determine lowest cost compared
7 to an annual procurement: *Provided further*, That none of
8 the funds provided in this Act may be used for a multiyear
9 contract executed after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act unless in the case of any such contract—

11 (1) the Secretary of Defense has submitted to
12 Congress a budget request for full funding of units
13 to be procured through the contract and, in the case
14 of a contract for procurement of aircraft, that in-
15 cludes, for any aircraft unit to be procured through
16 the contract for which procurement funds are re-
17 quested in that budget request for production be-
18 yond advance procurement activities in the fiscal
19 year covered by the budget, full funding of procure-
20 ment of such unit in that fiscal year;

21 (2) cancellation provisions in the contract do
22 not include consideration of recurring manufacturing
23 costs of the contractor associated with the produc-
24 tion of unfunded units to be delivered under the con-
25 tract;

1 (3) the contract provides that payments to the
2 contractor under the contract shall not be made in
3 advance of incurred costs on funded units; and

4 (4) the contract does not provide for a price ad-
5 justment based on a failure to award a follow-on
6 contract.

7 Funds appropriated in title III of this Act may be
8 used for multiyear procurement contracts for any or all
9 of the following projects:

10 (1) Standard Missile-3 IB;

11 (2) Standard Missile-6;

12 (3) F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and EA-18G
13 Aircraft variants;

14 (4) E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (AHE) Aircraft;
15 and

16 (5) C-130J, KC-130J, HC-130J; MC-130J,
17 AC-130J Aircraft:

18 *Provided*, That the multiyear procurement authority for
19 the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (AHE) and the F/A-18E/
20 F Super Hornet programs provided for by this section
21 shall be subject to the certification requirement in section
22 2306b(i) of title 10, United States Code, with the cost
23 analysis in connection with such certification to be current
24 as of the date of such certification and to be submitted
25 to Congress prior to the Secretary exercising the authority

1 in accordance with section 2306b(i)(3) of title 10, United
2 States Code: *Provided further*, That the multiyear procure-
3 ment authority for the Standard Missile—6 program pro-
4 vided for by this section shall be subject to the certification
5 requirement in section 2306b(i) of title 10, United States
6 Code, with the cost analysis in connection with such cer-
7 tification to be current as of the date of such certification
8 and to be submitted to Congress prior to the Secretary
9 exercising the authority in accordance with section
10 2306b(i)(3) of title 10, United States Code.

11 SEC. 8011. Within the funds appropriated for the op-
12 eration and maintenance of the Armed Forces, funds are
13 hereby appropriated pursuant to section 401 of title 10,
14 United States Code, for humanitarian and civic assistance
15 costs under chapter 20 of title 10, United States Code.
16 Such funds may also be obligated for humanitarian and
17 civic assistance costs incidental to authorized operations
18 and pursuant to authority granted in section 401 of chap-
19 ter 20 of title 10, United States Code, and these obliga-
20 tions shall be reported as required by section 401(d) of
21 title 10, United States Code: *Provided*, That funds avail-
22 able for operation and maintenance shall be available for
23 providing humanitarian and similar assistance by using
24 Civic Action Teams in the Trust Territories of the Pacific
25 Islands and freely associated states of Micronesia, pursu-

1 ant to the Compact of Free Association as authorized by
2 Public Law 99–239: *Provided further*, That upon a deter-
3 mination by the Secretary of the Army that such action
4 is beneficial for graduate medical education programs con-
5 ducted at Army medical facilities located in Hawaii, the
6 Secretary of the Army may authorize the provision of med-
7 ical services at such facilities and transportation to such
8 facilities, on a nonreimbursable basis, for civilian patients
9 from American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the North-
10 ern Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated
11 States of Micronesia, Palau, and Guam.

12 SEC. 8012. (a) During the current fiscal year, the
13 civilian personnel of the Department of Defense may not
14 be managed on the basis of any end-strength, and the
15 management of such personnel during that fiscal year
16 shall not be subject to any constraint or limitation (known
17 as an end-strength) on the number of such personnel who
18 may be employed on the last day of such fiscal year.

19 (b) The fiscal year 2020 budget request for the De-
20 partment of Defense as well as all justification material
21 and other documentation supporting the fiscal year 2020
22 Department of Defense budget request shall be prepared
23 and submitted to the Congress as if subsections (a) and
24 (b) of this provision were effective with regard to fiscal
25 year 2020.

1 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply
2 to military (civilian) technicians.

3 SEC. 8013. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act shall be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to in-
5 fluence congressional action on any legislation or appro-
6 priation matters pending before the Congress.

7 SEC. 8014. None of the funds appropriated by this
8 Act shall be available for the basic pay and allowances of
9 any member of the Army participating as a full-time stu-
10 dent and receiving benefits paid by the Secretary of Vet-
11 erans Affairs from the Department of Defense Education
12 Benefits Fund when time spent as a full-time student is
13 credited toward completion of a service commitment: *Pro-*
14 *vided*, That this section shall not apply to those members
15 who have reenlisted with this option prior to October 1,
16 1987: *Provided further*, That this section applies only to
17 active components of the Army.

18 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 8015. Funds appropriated in title III of this Act
20 for the Department of Defense Pilot Mentor-Protégé Pro-
21 gram may be transferred to any other appropriation con-
22 tained in this Act solely for the purpose of implementing
23 a Mentor-Protégé Program developmental assistance
24 agreement pursuant to section 831 of the National De-
25 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law

1 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note), as amended, under the
2 authority of this provision or any other transfer authority
3 contained in this Act.

4 SEC. 8016. None of the funds appropriated by this
5 Act shall be used for the support of any nonappropriated
6 funds activity of the Department of Defense that procures
7 malt beverages and wine with nonappropriated funds for
8 resale (including such alcoholic beverages sold by the
9 drink) on a military installation located in the United
10 States unless such malt beverages and wine are procured
11 within that State, or in the case of the District of Colum-
12 bia, within the District of Columbia, in which the military
13 installation is located: *Provided*, That, in a case in which
14 the military installation is located in more than one State,
15 purchases may be made in any State in which the installa-
16 tion is located: *Provided further*, That such local procure-
17 ment requirements for malt beverages and wine shall
18 apply to all alcoholic beverages only for military installa-
19 tions in States which are not contiguous with another
20 State: *Provided further*, That alcoholic beverages other
21 than wine and malt beverages, in contiguous States and
22 the District of Columbia shall be procured from the most
23 competitive source, price and other factors considered.

24 SEC. 8017. None of the funds available to the De-
25 partment of Defense may be used to demilitarize or dis-

1 pose of M-1 Carbines, M-1 Garand rifles, M-14 rifles,
2 .22 caliber rifles, .30 caliber rifles, or M-1911 pistols, or
3 to demilitarize or destroy small arms ammunition or am-
4 munition components that are not otherwise prohibited
5 from commercial sale under Federal law, unless the small
6 arms ammunition or ammunition components are certified
7 by the Secretary of the Army or designee as unserviceable
8 or unsafe for further use.

9 SEC. 8018. No more than \$500,000 of the funds ap-
10 propriated or made available in this Act shall be used dur-
11 ing a single fiscal year for any single relocation of an orga-
12 nization, unit, activity or function of the Department of
13 Defense into or within the National Capital Region: *Pro-*
14 *vided*, That the Secretary of Defense may waive this re-
15 striction on a case-by-case basis by certifying in writing
16 to the congressional defense committees that such a relo-
17 cation is required in the best interest of the Government.

18 SEC. 8019. Of the funds made available in this Act,
19 up to \$15,000,000 may be available for incentive pay-
20 ments authorized by section 504 of the Indian Financing
21 Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1544): *Provided*, That a prime
22 contractor or a subcontractor at any tier that makes a
23 subcontract award to any subcontractor or supplier as de-
24 fined in section 1544 of title 25, United States Code, or
25 a small business owned and controlled by an individual

1 or individuals defined under section 4221(9) of title 25,
2 United States Code, shall be considered a contractor for
3 the purposes of being allowed additional compensation
4 under section 504 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974
5 (25 U.S.C. 1544) whenever the prime contract or sub-
6 contract amount is over \$500,000 and involves the ex-
7 penditure of funds appropriated by an Act making appro-
8 priations for the Department of Defense with respect to
9 any fiscal year: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
10 section 1906 of title 41, United States Code, this section
11 shall be applicable to any Department of Defense acquisi-
12 tion of supplies or services, including any contract and any
13 subcontract at any tier for acquisition of commercial items
14 produced or manufactured, in whole or in part, by any
15 subcontractor or supplier defined in section 1544 of title
16 25, United States Code, or a small business owned and
17 controlled by an individual or individuals defined under
18 section 4221(9) of title 25, United States Code.

19 SEC. 8020. Funds appropriated by this Act for the
20 Defense Media Activity shall not be used for any national
21 or international political or psychological activities.

22 SEC. 8021. During the current fiscal year, the De-
23 partment of Defense is authorized to incur obligations of
24 not to exceed \$350,000,000 for purposes specified in sec-
25 tion 2350j(c) of title 10, United States Code, in anticipa-

1 tion of receipt of contributions, only from the Government
2 of Kuwait, under that section: *Provided*, That, upon re-
3 ceipt, such contributions from the Government of Kuwait
4 shall be credited to the appropriations or fund which in-
5 curred such obligations.

6 SEC. 8022. (a) Of the funds made available in this
7 Act, not less than \$46,100,000 shall be available for the
8 Civil Air Patrol Corporation, of which—

9 (1) \$33,600,000 shall be available from “Oper-
10 ation and Maintenance, Air Force” to support Civil
11 Air Patrol Corporation operation and maintenance,
12 readiness, counter-drug activities, and drug demand
13 reduction activities involving youth programs;

14 (2) \$10,800,000 shall be available from “Air-
15 craft Procurement, Air Force”; and

16 (3) \$1,700,000 shall be available from “Other
17 Procurement, Air Force” for vehicle procurement.

18 (b) The Secretary of the Air Force should waive reim-
19 bursement for any funds used by the Civil Air Patrol for
20 counter-drug activities in support of Federal, State, and
21 local government agencies.

22 SEC. 8023. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
23 Act are available to establish a new Department of De-
24 fense (department) federally funded research and develop-
25 ment center (FFRDC), either as a new entity, or as a

1 separate entity administrated by an organization man-
2 aging another FFRDC, or as a nonprofit membership cor-
3 poration consisting of a consortium of other FFRDCs and
4 other nonprofit entities.

5 (b) No member of a Board of Directors, Trustees,
6 Overseers, Advisory Group, Special Issues Panel, Visiting
7 Committee, or any similar entity of a defense FFRDC,
8 and no paid consultant to any defense FFRDC, except
9 when acting in a technical advisory capacity, may be com-
10 pensated for his or her services as a member of such enti-
11 ty, or as a paid consultant by more than one FFRDC in
12 a fiscal year: *Provided*, That a member of any such entity
13 referred to previously in this subsection shall be allowed
14 travel expenses and per diem as authorized under the Fed-
15 eral Joint Travel Regulations, when engaged in the per-
16 formance of membership duties.

17 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none
18 of the funds available to the department from any source
19 during the current fiscal year may be used by a defense
20 FFRDC, through a fee or other payment mechanism, for
21 construction of new buildings not located on a military in-
22 stallation, for payment of cost sharing for projects funded
23 by Government grants, for absorption of contract over-
24 runs, or for certain charitable contributions, not to include

1 employee participation in community service and/or devel-
2 opment.

3 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of
4 the funds available to the department during fiscal year
5 2019, not more than 6,030 staff years of technical effort
6 (staff years) may be funded for defense FFRDCs: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That, of the specific amount referred to previously
8 in this subsection, not more than 1,125 staff years may
9 be funded for the defense studies and analysis FFRDCs:
10 *Provided further*, That this subsection shall not apply to
11 staff years funded in the National Intelligence Program
12 (NIP) and the Military Intelligence Program (MIP).

13 (e) The Secretary of Defense shall, with the submis-
14 sion of the department's fiscal year 2020 budget request,
15 submit a report presenting the specific amounts of staff
16 years of technical effort to be allocated for each defense
17 FFRDC during that fiscal year and the associated budget
18 estimates.

19 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
20 the total amount appropriated in this Act for FFRDCs
21 is hereby reduced by \$179,000,000: *Provided*, That this
22 subsection shall not apply to appropriations for the Na-
23 tional Intelligence Program (NIP) and the Military Intel-
24 ligence Program (MIP).

1 SEC. 8024. None of the funds appropriated or made
2 available in this Act shall be used to procure carbon, alloy,
3 or armor steel plate for use in any Government-owned fa-
4 cility or property under the control of the Department of
5 Defense which were not melted and rolled in the United
6 States or Canada: *Provided*, That these procurement re-
7 strictions shall apply to any and all Federal Supply Class
8 9515, American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM)
9 or American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) specifications
10 of carbon, alloy or armor steel plate: *Provided further*,
11 That the Secretary of the military department responsible
12 for the procurement may waive this restriction on a case-
13 by-case basis by certifying in writing to the Committees
14 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
15 Senate that adequate domestic supplies are not available
16 to meet Department of Defense requirements on a timely
17 basis and that such an acquisition must be made in order
18 to acquire capability for national security purposes: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That these restrictions shall not apply to
20 contracts which are in being as of the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act.

22 SEC. 8025. For the purposes of this Act, the term
23 “congressional defense committees” means the Armed
24 Services Committee of the House of Representatives, the
25 Armed Services Committee of the Senate, the Sub-

1 committee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations
2 of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Defense of the
3 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
4 tives.

5 SEC. 8026. During the current fiscal year, the De-
6 partment of Defense may acquire the modification, depot
7 maintenance and repair of aircraft, vehicles and vessels
8 as well as the production of components and other De-
9 fense-related articles, through competition between De-
10 partment of Defense depot maintenance activities and pri-
11 vate firms: *Provided*, That the Senior Acquisition Execu-
12 tive of the military department or Defense Agency con-
13 cerned, with power of delegation, shall certify that success-
14 ful bids include comparable estimates of all direct and in-
15 direct costs for both public and private bids: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That Office of Management and Budget Circular A-
17 76 shall not apply to competitions conducted under this
18 section.

19 SEC. 8027. (a)(1) If the Secretary of Defense, after
20 consultation with the United States Trade Representative,
21 determines that a foreign country which is party to an
22 agreement described in paragraph (2) has violated the
23 terms of the agreement by discriminating against certain
24 types of products produced in the United States that are
25 covered by the agreement, the Secretary of Defense shall

1 rescind the Secretary's blanket waiver of the Buy Amer-
2 ican Act with respect to such types of products produced
3 in that foreign country.

4 (2) An agreement referred to in paragraph (1) is any
5 reciprocal defense procurement memorandum of under-
6 standing, between the United States and a foreign country
7 pursuant to which the Secretary of Defense has prospec-
8 tively waived the Buy American Act for certain products
9 in that country.

10 (b) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Con-
11 gress a report on the amount of Department of Defense
12 purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2019. Such
13 report shall separately indicate the dollar value of items
14 for which the Buy American Act was waived pursuant to
15 any agreement described in subsection (a)(2), the Trade
16 Agreement Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.), or any
17 international agreement to which the United States is a
18 party.

19 (c) For purposes of this section, the term "Buy
20 American Act" means chapter 83 of title 41, United
21 States Code.

22 SEC. 8028. During the current fiscal year, amounts
23 contained in the Department of Defense Overseas Military
24 Facility Investment Recovery Account established by sec-
25 tion 2921(c)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act

1 of 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) shall
2 be available until expended for the payments specified by
3 section 2921(c)(2) of that Act.

4 SEC. 8029. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
5 of law, the Secretary of the Air Force may convey at no
6 cost to the Air Force, without consideration, to Indian
7 tribes located in the States of Nevada, Idaho, North Da-
8 kota, South Dakota, Montana, Oregon, Minnesota, and
9 Washington relocatable military housing units located at
10 Grand Forks Air Force Base, Malmstrom Air Force Base,
11 Mountain Home Air Force Base, Ellsworth Air Force
12 Base, and Minot Air Force Base that are excess to the
13 needs of the Air Force.

14 (b) The Secretary of the Air Force shall convey, at
15 no cost to the Air Force, military housing units under sub-
16 section (a) in accordance with the request for such units
17 that are submitted to the Secretary by the Operation
18 Walking Shield Program on behalf of Indian tribes located
19 in the States of Nevada, Idaho, North Dakota, South Da-
20 kota, Montana, Oregon, Minnesota, and Washington. Any
21 such conveyance shall be subject to the condition that the
22 housing units shall be removed within a reasonable period
23 of time, as determined by the Secretary.

24 (c) The Operation Walking Shield Program shall re-
25 solve any conflicts among requests of Indian tribes for

1 housing units under subsection (a) before submitting re-
2 quests to the Secretary of the Air Force under subsection
3 (b).

4 (d) In this section, the term “Indian tribe” means
5 any recognized Indian tribe included on the current list
6 published by the Secretary of the Interior under section
7 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Act of 1994
8 (Public Law 103–454; 108 Stat. 4792; 25 U.S.C. 5131).

9 SEC. 8030. During the current fiscal year, appropria-
10 tions which are available to the Department of Defense
11 for operation and maintenance may be used to purchase
12 items having an investment item unit cost of not more
13 than \$250,000.

14 SEC. 8031. Up to \$10,518,000 of the funds appro-
15 priated under the heading “Operation and Maintenance,
16 Navy” may be made available for the Asia Pacific Re-
17 gional Initiative Program for the purpose of enabling the
18 Pacific Command to execute Theater Security Cooperation
19 activities such as humanitarian assistance, and payment
20 of incremental and personnel costs of training and exer-
21 cising with foreign security forces: *Provided*, That funds
22 made available for this purpose may be used, notwith-
23 standing any other funding authorities for humanitarian
24 assistance, security assistance or combined exercise ex-
25 penses: *Provided further*, That funds may not be obligated

1 to provide assistance to any foreign country that is other-
2 wise prohibited from receiving such type of assistance
3 under any other provision of law.

4 SEC. 8032. The Secretary of Defense shall issue reg-
5 ulations to prohibit the sale of any tobacco or tobacco-
6 related products in military resale outlets in the United
7 States, its territories and possessions at a price below the
8 most competitive price in the local community: *Provided*,
9 That such regulations shall direct that the prices of to-
10 bacco or tobacco-related products in overseas military re-
11 tail outlets shall be within the range of prices established
12 for military retail system stores located in the United
13 States.

14 SEC. 8033. (a) During the current fiscal year, none
15 of the appropriations or funds available to the Department
16 of Defense Working Capital Funds shall be used for the
17 purchase of an investment item for the purpose of acquir-
18 ing a new inventory item for sale or anticipated sale dur-
19 ing the current fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year to
20 customers of the Department of Defense Working Capital
21 Funds if such an item would not have been chargeable
22 to the Department of Defense Business Operations Fund
23 during fiscal year 1994 and if the purchase of such an
24 investment item would be chargeable during the current

1 fiscal year to appropriations made to the Department of
2 Defense for procurement.

3 (b) The fiscal year 2020 budget request for the De-
4 partment of Defense as well as all justification material
5 and other documentation supporting the fiscal year 2020
6 Department of Defense budget shall be prepared and sub-
7 mitted to the Congress on the basis that any equipment
8 which was classified as an end item and funded in a pro-
9 curement appropriation contained in this Act shall be
10 budgeted for in a proposed fiscal year 2020 procurement
11 appropriation and not in the supply management business
12 area or any other area or category of the Department of
13 Defense Working Capital Funds.

14 SEC. 8034. None of the funds appropriated by this
15 Act for programs of the Central Intelligence Agency shall
16 remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal
17 year, except for funds appropriated for the Reserve for
18 Contingencies, which shall remain available until Sep-
19 tember 30, 2020: *Provided*, That funds appropriated,
20 transferred, or otherwise credited to the Central Intel-
21 ligence Agency Central Services Working Capital Fund
22 during this or any prior or subsequent fiscal year shall
23 remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That
24 any funds appropriated or transferred to the Central Intel-
25 ligence Agency for advanced research and development ac-

1 quision, for agent operations, and for covert action pro-
2 grams authorized by the President under section 503 of
3 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3093) shall
4 remain available until September 30, 2020.

5 SEC. 8035. Of the funds appropriated to the Depart-
6 ment of Defense under the heading “Operation and Main-
7 tenance, Defense-Wide”, not less than \$12,000,000 may
8 be made available only for the mitigation of environmental
9 impacts, including training and technical assistance to
10 tribes, related administrative support, the gathering of in-
11 formation, documenting of environmental damage, and de-
12 veloping a system for prioritization of mitigation and cost
13 to complete estimates for mitigation, on Indian lands re-
14 sulting from Department of Defense activities.

15 SEC. 8036. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
16 Act may be expended by an entity of the Department of
17 Defense unless the entity, in expending the funds, com-
18 plies with the Buy American Act. For purposes of this
19 subsection, the term “Buy American Act” means chapter
20 83 of title 41, United States Code.

21 (b) If the Secretary of Defense determines that a per-
22 son has been convicted of intentionally affixing a label
23 bearing a “Made in America” inscription to any product
24 sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made
25 in America, the Secretary shall determine, in accordance

1 with section 2410f of title 10, United States Code, wheth-
2 er the person should be debarred from contracting with
3 the Department of Defense.

4 (c) In the case of any equipment or products pur-
5 chased with appropriations provided under this Act, it is
6 the sense of the Congress that any entity of the Depart-
7 ment of Defense, in expending the appropriation, purchase
8 only American-made equipment and products, provided
9 that American-made equipment and products are cost-
10 competitive, quality competitive, and available in a timely
11 fashion.

12 SEC. 8037. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b)
13 and (c), none of the funds made available by this Act may
14 be used—

15 (1) to establish a field operating agency; or

16 (2) to pay the basic pay of a member of the
17 Armed Forces or civilian employee of the depart-
18 ment who is transferred or reassigned from a head-
19 quarters activity if the member or employee's place
20 of duty remains at the location of that headquarters.

21 (b) The Secretary of Defense or Secretary of a mili-
22 tary department may waive the limitations in subsection
23 (a), on a case-by-case basis, if the Secretary determines,
24 and certifies to the Committees on Appropriations of the
25 House of Representatives and the Senate that the grant-

1 ing of the waiver will reduce the personnel requirements
2 or the financial requirements of the department.

3 (c) This section does not apply to—

4 (1) field operating agencies funded within the
5 National Intelligence Program;

6 (2) an Army field operating agency established
7 to eliminate, mitigate, or counter the effects of im-
8 proved explosive devices, and, as determined by the
9 Secretary of the Army, other similar threats;

10 (3) an Army field operating agency established
11 to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of bio-
12 metric activities and to integrate common biometric
13 technologies throughout the Department of Defense;
14 or

15 (4) an Air Force field operating agency estab-
16 lished to administer the Air Force Mortuary Affairs
17 Program and Mortuary Operations for the Depart-
18 ment of Defense and authorized Federal entities.

19 SEC. 8038. (a) None of the funds appropriated by
20 this Act shall be available to convert to contractor per-
21 formance an activity or function of the Department of De-
22 fense that, on or after the date of the enactment of this
23 Act, is performed by Department of Defense civilian em-
24 ployees unless—

1 (1) the conversion is based on the result of a
2 public-private competition that includes a most effi-
3 cient and cost effective organization plan developed
4 by such activity or function;

5 (2) the Competitive Sourcing Official deter-
6 mines that, over all performance periods stated in
7 the solicitation of offers for performance of the ac-
8 tivity or function, the cost of performance of the ac-
9 tivity or function by a contractor would be less costly
10 to the Department of Defense by an amount that
11 equals or exceeds the lesser of—

12 (A) 10 percent of the most efficient organi-
13 zation's personnel-related costs for performance
14 of that activity or function by Federal employ-
15 ees; or

16 (B) \$10,000,000; and

17 (3) the contractor does not receive an advan-
18 tage for a proposal that would reduce costs for the
19 Department of Defense by—

20 (A) not making an employer-sponsored
21 health insurance plan available to the workers
22 who are to be employed in the performance of
23 that activity or function under the contract; or

24 (B) offering to such workers an employer-
25 sponsored health benefits plan that requires the

1 employer to contribute less towards the pre-
2 mium or subscription share than the amount
3 that is paid by the Department of Defense for
4 health benefits for civilian employees under
5 chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

6 (b)(1) The Department of Defense, without regard
7 to subsection (a) of this section or subsection (a), (b), or
8 (c) of section 2461 of title 10, United States Code, and
9 notwithstanding any administrative regulation, require-
10 ment, or policy to the contrary shall have full authority
11 to enter into a contract for the performance of any com-
12 mercial or industrial type function of the Department of
13 Defense that—

14 (A) is included on the procurement list estab-
15 lished pursuant to section 2 of the Javits-Wagner-
16 O'Day Act (section 8503 of title 41, United States
17 Code);

18 (B) is planned to be converted to performance
19 by a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or by
20 a qualified nonprofit agency for other severely handi-
21 capped individuals in accordance with that Act; or

22 (C) is planned to be converted to performance
23 by a qualified firm under at least 51 percent owner-
24 ship by an Indian tribe, as defined in section 4(e)
25 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education As-

1 Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit

2 Control Act of 1985, as amended:

3 “Aircraft Procurement, Army”, 2017/2019,

4 \$16,000,000;

5 “Missile Procurement, Army”, 2017/2019,

6 \$12,900,000;

7 “Other Procurement, Army”, 2017/2019,

8 \$7,465,000;

9 “Other Procurement, Navy”, 2017/2019,

10 \$32,344,000;

11 “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force”, 2017/2019,

12 \$179,029,000;

13 “Space Procurement, Air Force”, 2017/2019,

14 \$15,000,000;

15 “Other Procurement, Air Force”, 2017/2019,

16 \$29,600,000;

17 “Defense Health Program: Procurement”,

18 2017/2019, \$2,413,000;

19 “Aircraft Procurement, Army”, 2018/2020,

20 \$4,939,000;

21 “Missile Procurement, Army”, 2018/2020,

22 \$149,400,000;

23 “Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat

24 Vehicles, Army”, 2018/2020, \$210,506,000;

1 “Other Procurement, Army”, 2018/2020,
2 \$115,389,000;

3 “Aircraft Procurement, Navy”, 2018/2020,
4 \$14,600,000;

5 “Other Procurement, Navy”, 2018/2020,
6 \$36,600,000;

7 “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force”, 2018/2020,
8 \$254,166,000;

9 “Space Procurement, Air Force”, 2018/2020,
10 \$192,300,000;

11 “Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force”,
12 2018/2020, \$17,100,000;

13 “Other Procurement, Air Force”, 2018/2020,
14 \$128,500,000;

15 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation,
16 Army”, 2018/2019, \$237,384,000;

17 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation,
18 Air Force”, 2018/2019, \$505,300,000;

19 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation,
20 Defense-Wide”, 2018/2019, \$25,000,000; and

21 “Defense Health Program: Procurement”,
22 2018/2020, \$215,000,000.

23 SEC. 8040. None of the funds available in this Act
24 may be used to reduce the authorized positions for mili-
25 tary technicians (dual status) of the Army National

1 Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Air Force
2 Reserve for the purpose of applying any administratively
3 imposed civilian personnel ceiling, freeze, or reduction on
4 military technicians (dual status), unless such reductions
5 are a direct result of a reduction in military force struc-
6 ture.

7 SEC. 8041. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise made available in this Act may be obligated or ex-
9 pended for assistance to the Democratic People's Republic
10 of Korea unless specifically appropriated for that purpose.

11 SEC. 8042. Funds appropriated in this Act for oper-
12 ation and maintenance of the Military Departments, Com-
13 batant Commands and Defense Agencies shall be available
14 for reimbursement of pay, allowances and other expenses
15 which would otherwise be incurred against appropriations
16 for the National Guard and Reserve when members of the
17 National Guard and Reserve provide intelligence or coun-
18 terintelligence support to Combatant Commands, Defense
19 Agencies and Joint Intelligence Activities, including the
20 activities and programs included within the National Intel-
21 ligence Program and the Military Intelligence Program:
22 *Provided*, That nothing in this section authorizes deviation
23 from established Reserve and National Guard personnel
24 and training procedures.

1 SEC. 8043. (a) None of the funds available to the
2 Department of Defense for any fiscal year for drug inter-
3 diction or counter-drug activities may be transferred to
4 any other department or agency of the United States ex-
5 cept as specifically provided in an appropriations law.

6 (b) None of the funds available to the Central Intel-
7 ligence Agency for any fiscal year for drug interdiction or
8 counter-drug activities may be transferred to any other de-
9 partment or agency of the United States except as specifi-
10 cally provided in an appropriations law.

11 SEC. 8044. Of the amounts appropriated for “Work-
12 ing Capital Fund, Army”, \$99,000,000 shall be available
13 to maintain competitive rates at the arsenals.

14 SEC. 8045. In addition to the amounts appropriated
15 or otherwise made available elsewhere in this Act,
16 \$20,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the Department of
17 Defense: *Provided*, That upon the determination of the
18 Secretary of Defense that it shall serve the national inter-
19 est, the Secretary shall make grants in the amounts speci-
20 fied as follows: \$20,000,000 to the United Service Organi-
21 zations.

22 SEC. 8046. None of the funds in this Act may be
23 used to purchase any supercomputer which is not manu-
24 factured in the United States, unless the Secretary of De-
25 fense certifies to the congressional defense committees

1 that such an acquisition must be made in order to acquire
2 capability for national security purposes that is not avail-
3 able from United States manufacturers.

4 SEC. 8047. Notwithstanding any other provision in
5 this Act, the Small Business Innovation Research program
6 and the Small Business Technology Transfer program set-
7 asides shall be taken proportionally from all programs,
8 projects, or activities to the extent they contribute to the
9 extramural budget.

10 SEC. 8048. None of the funds available to the De-
11 partment of Defense under this Act shall be obligated or
12 expended to pay a contractor under a contract with the
13 Department of Defense for costs of any amount paid by
14 the contractor to an employee when—

15 (1) such costs are for a bonus or otherwise in
16 excess of the normal salary paid by the contractor
17 to the employee; and

18 (2) such bonus is part of restructuring costs as-
19 sociated with a business combination.

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 8049. During the current fiscal year, no more
22 than \$30,000,000 of appropriations made in this Act
23 under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-
24 Wide” may be transferred to appropriations available for
25 the pay of military personnel, to be merged with, and to

1 be available for the same time period as the appropriations
2 to which transferred, to be used in support of such per-
3 sonnel in connection with support and services for eligible
4 organizations and activities outside the Department of De-
5 fense pursuant to section 2012 of title 10, United States
6 Code.

7 SEC. 8050. During the current fiscal year, in the case
8 of an appropriation account of the Department of Defense
9 for which the period of availability for obligation has ex-
10 pired or which has closed under the provisions of section
11 1552 of title 31, United States Code, and which has a
12 negative unliquidated or unexpended balance, an obliga-
13 tion or an adjustment of an obligation may be charged
14 to any current appropriation account for the same purpose
15 as the expired or closed account if—

16 (1) the obligation would have been properly
17 chargeable (except as to amount) to the expired or
18 closed account before the end of the period of avail-
19 ability or closing of that account;

20 (2) the obligation is not otherwise properly
21 chargeable to any current appropriation account of
22 the Department of Defense; and

23 (3) in the case of an expired account, the obli-
24 gation is not chargeable to a current appropriation
25 of the Department of Defense under the provisions

1 of section 1405(b)(8) of the National Defense Au-
2 thORIZATION Act for Fiscal Year 1991, Public Law
3 101-510, as amended (31 U.S.C. 1551 note): *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That in the case of an expired account, if sub-
5 sequent review or investigation discloses that there
6 was not in fact a negative unliquidated or unex-
7 pended balance in the account, any charge to a cur-
8 rent account under the authority of this section shall
9 be reversed and recorded against the expired ac-
10 count: *Provided further*, That the total amount
11 charged to a current appropriation under this sec-
12 tion may not exceed an amount equal to 1 percent
13 of the total appropriation for that account.

14 SEC. 8051. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
15 of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau may per-
16 mit the use of equipment of the National Guard Distance
17 Learning Project by any person or entity on a space-avail-
18 able, reimbursable basis. The Chief of the National Guard
19 Bureau shall establish the amount of reimbursement for
20 such use on a case-by-case basis.

21 (b) Amounts collected under subsection (a) shall be
22 credited to funds available for the National Guard Dis-
23 tance Learning Project and be available to defray the costs
24 associated with the use of equipment of the project under

1 that subsection. Such funds shall be available for such
2 purposes without fiscal year limitation.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 8052. Of the funds appropriated in this Act
5 under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-
6 wide”, \$25,000,000 shall be for continued implementation
7 and expansion of the Sexual Assault Special Victims’
8 Counsel Program: *Provided*, That the funds are made
9 available for transfer to the Department of the Army, the
10 Department of the Navy, and the Department of the Air
11 Force: *Provided further*, That funds transferred shall be
12 merged with and available for the same purposes and for
13 the same time period as the appropriations to which the
14 funds are transferred: *Provided further*, That this transfer
15 authority is in addition to any other transfer authority
16 provided in this Act.

17 SEC. 8053. None of the funds appropriated in title
18 IV of this Act may be used to procure end-items for deliv-
19 ery to military forces for operational training, operational
20 use or inventory requirements: *Provided*, That this restric-
21 tion does not apply to end-items used in development,
22 prototyping, and test activities preceding and leading to
23 acceptance for operational use: *Provided further*, That the
24 Secretary of Defense shall, with submission of the depart-
25 ment’s fiscal year 2020 budget request, submit a report

1 detailing the use of funds requested in research, develop-
2 ment, test and evaluation accounts for end-items used in
3 development, prototyping and test activities preceding and
4 leading to acceptance for operational use: *Provided further,*
5 That this restriction does not apply to programs funded
6 within the National Intelligence Program: *Provided fur-*
7 *ther,* That the Secretary of Defense may waive this restric-
8 tion on a case-by-case basis by certifying in writing to the
9 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
10 atives and the Senate that it is in the national security
11 interest to do so.

12 SEC. 8054. (a) The Secretary of Defense may, on a
13 case-by-case basis, waive with respect to a foreign country
14 each limitation on the procurement of defense items from
15 foreign sources provided in law if the Secretary determines
16 that the application of the limitation with respect to that
17 country would invalidate cooperative programs entered
18 into between the Department of Defense and the foreign
19 country, or would invalidate reciprocal trade agreements
20 for the procurement of defense items entered into under
21 section 2531 of title 10, United States Code, and the
22 country does not discriminate against the same or similar
23 defense items produced in the United States for that coun-
24 try.

25 (b) Subsection (a) applies with respect to—

1 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-
2 Wide” for any new start advanced concept technology
3 demonstration project or joint capability demonstration
4 project may only be obligated 45 days after a report, in-
5 cluding a description of the project, the planned acquisi-
6 tion and transition strategy and its estimated annual and
7 total cost, has been provided in writing to the congres-
8 sional defense committees: *Provided*, That the Secretary
9 of Defense may waive this restriction on a case-by-case
10 basis by certifying to the congressional defense committees
11 that it is in the national interest to do so.

12 SEC. 8057. The Secretary of Defense shall continue
13 to provide a classified quarterly report to the House and
14 Senate Appropriations Committees, Subcommittees on
15 Defense on certain matters as directed in the classified
16 annex accompanying this Act.

17 SEC. 8058. Notwithstanding section 12310(b) of title
18 10, United States Code, a Reserve who is a member of
19 the National Guard serving on full-time National Guard
20 duty under section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code,
21 may perform duties in support of the ground-based ele-
22 ments of the National Ballistic Missile Defense System.

23 SEC. 8059. None of the funds provided in this Act
24 may be used to transfer to any nongovernmental entity
25 ammunition held by the Department of Defense that has

1 a center-fire cartridge and a United States military no-
2 menclature designation of “armor penetrator”, “armor
3 piercing (AP)”, “armor piercing incendiary (API)”, or
4 “armor-piercing incendiary tracer (API-T)”, except to an
5 entity performing demilitarization services for the Depart-
6 ment of Defense under a contract that requires the entity
7 to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of
8 Defense that armor piercing projectiles are either: (1) ren-
9 dered incapable of reuse by the demilitarization process;
10 or (2) used to manufacture ammunition pursuant to a con-
11 tract with the Department of Defense or the manufacture
12 of ammunition for export pursuant to a License for Per-
13 manent Export of Unclassified Military Articles issued by
14 the Department of State.

15 SEC. 8060. Notwithstanding any other provision of
16 law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his des-
17 ignee, may waive payment of all or part of the consider-
18 ation that otherwise would be required under section 2667
19 of title 10, United States Code, in the case of a lease of
20 personal property for a period not in excess of 1 year to
21 any organization specified in section 508(d) of title 32,
22 United States Code, or any other youth, social, or fra-
23 ternal nonprofit organization as may be approved by the
24 Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his designee, on
25 a case-by-case basis.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 8061. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
3 under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Army”,
4 \$62,483,700 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law,
6 the Secretary of Defense is authorized to transfer such
7 funds to other activities of the Federal Government: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Defense is authorized
9 to enter into and carry out contracts for the acquisition
10 of real property, construction, personal services, and oper-
11 ations related to projects carrying out the purposes of this
12 section: *Provided further*, That contracts entered into
13 under the authority of this section may provide for such
14 indemnification as the Secretary determines to be nec-
15 essary: *Provided further*, That projects authorized by this
16 section shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and
17 local law to the maximum extent consistent with the na-
18 tional security, as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

19 SEC. 8062. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
20 or any other Act may be used to take any action to mod-
21 ify—

22 (1) the appropriations account structure for the
23 National Intelligence Program budget, including
24 through the creation of a new appropriation or new
25 appropriation account;

1 (2) how the National Intelligence Program
2 budget request is presented in the unclassified P-1,
3 R-1, and O-1 documents supporting the Depart-
4 ment of Defense budget request;

5 (3) the process by which the National Intel-
6 ligence Program appropriations are apportioned to
7 the executing agencies; or

8 (4) the process by which the National Intel-
9 ligence Program appropriations are allotted, obli-
10 gated and disbursed.

11 (b) Nothing in section (a) shall be construed to pro-
12 hibit the merger of programs or changes to the National
13 Intelligence Program budget at or below the Expenditure
14 Center level, provided such change is otherwise in accord-
15 ance with paragraphs (a)(1)–(3).

16 (c) The Director of National Intelligence and the Sec-
17 retary of Defense may jointly, only for the purposes of
18 achieving auditable financial statements and improving
19 fiscal reporting, study and develop detailed proposals for
20 alternative financial management processes. Such study
21 shall include a comprehensive counterintelligence risk as-
22 sessment to ensure that none of the alternative processes
23 will adversely affect counterintelligence.

1 (d) Upon development of the detailed proposals de-
2 fined under subsection (c), the Director of National Intel-
3 ligence and the Secretary of Defense shall—

4 (1) provide the proposed alternatives to all af-
5 fected agencies;

6 (2) receive certification from all affected agen-
7 cies attesting that the proposed alternatives will help
8 achieve auditability, improve fiscal reporting, and
9 will not adversely affect counterintelligence; and

10 (3) not later than 30 days after receiving all
11 necessary certifications under paragraph (2), present
12 the proposed alternatives and certifications to the
13 congressional defense and intelligence committees.

14 SEC. 8063. None of the funds available to the De-
15 partment of Defense may be obligated to modify command
16 and control relationships to give Fleet Forces Command
17 operational and administrative control of United States
18 Navy forces assigned to the Pacific fleet: *Provided*, That
19 the command and control relationships which existed on
20 October 1, 2004, shall remain in force until a written
21 modification has been proposed to the House and Senate
22 Appropriations Committees: *Provided further*, That the
23 proposed modification may be implemented 30 days after
24 the notification unless an objection is received from either
25 the House or Senate Appropriations Committees: *Provided*

1 *further*, That any proposed modification shall not preclude
2 the ability of the commander of United States Pacific
3 Command to meet operational requirements.

4 SEC. 8064. Any notice that is required to be sub-
5 mitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate
6 and the House of Representatives under section 806(c)(4)
7 of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for
8 Fiscal Year 2003 (10 U.S.C. 2302 note) after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act shall be submitted pursuant
10 to that requirement concurrently to the Subcommittees on
11 Defense of the Committees on Appropriations of the Sen-
12 ate and the House of Representatives.

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 SEC. 8065. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
15 under the headings “Procurement, Defense-Wide” and
16 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-
17 Wide”, \$500,000,000 shall be for the Israeli Cooperative
18 Programs: *Provided*, That of this amount, \$70,000,000
19 shall be for the Secretary of Defense to provide to the Gov-
20 ernment of Israel for the procurement of the Iron Dome
21 defense system to counter short-range rocket threats, sub-
22 ject to the U.S.-Israel Iron Dome Procurement Agree-
23 ment, as amended; \$187,000,000 shall be for the Short
24 Range Ballistic Missile Defense (SRBMD) program, in-
25 cluding cruise missile defense research and development

1 under the SRBMD program, of which \$50,000,000 shall
2 be for co-production activities of SRBMD systems in the
3 United States and in Israel to meet Israel's defense re-
4 quirements consistent with each nation's laws, regulations,
5 and procedures, subject to the U.S.-Israeli co-production
6 agreement for SRBMD, as amended; \$80,000,000 shall
7 be for an upper-tier component to the Israeli Missile De-
8 fense Architecture, of which \$80,000,000 shall be for co-
9 production activities of Arrow 3 Upper Tier systems in
10 the United States and in Israel to meet Israel's defense
11 requirements consistent with each nation's laws, regula-
12 tions, and procedures, subject to the U.S.-Israeli co-pro-
13 duction agreement for Arrow 3 Upper Tier, as amended;
14 and \$163,000,000 shall be for the Arrow System Improve-
15 ment Program including development of a long range,
16 ground and airborne, detection suite: *Provided further,*
17 That the transfer authority provided under this provision
18 is in addition to any other transfer authority contained
19 in this Act.

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 8066. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
22 under the heading "Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy",
23 \$207,099,000 shall be available until September 30, 2019,
24 to fund prior year shipbuilding cost increases: *Provided,*
25 That upon enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the

1 Navy shall transfer funds to the following appropriations
2 in the amounts specified: *Provided further*, That the
3 amounts transferred shall be merged with and be available
4 for the same purposes as the appropriations to which
5 transferred to:

6 (1) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
7 version, Navy”, 2011/2019: LHA Replacement
8 \$25,100,000;

9 (2) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
10 version, Navy”, 2013/2019: DDG-51 Destroyer
11 \$53,966,000;

12 (3) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
13 version, Navy”, 2014/2019: Littoral Combat Ship
14 \$19,498,000;

15 (4) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
16 version, Navy”, 2015/2019: Littoral Combat Ship
17 \$83,686,000;

18 (5) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
19 version, Navy”, 2015/2019: LCAC \$9,400,000; and

20 (6) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
21 version, Navy”, 2016/2019: TAO Fleet Oiler
22 \$15,449,000.

23 SEC. 8067. Funds appropriated by this Act, or made
24 available by the transfer of funds in this Act, for intel-
25 ligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized

1 by the Congress for purposes of section 504 of the Na-
2 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3094) during fiscal
3 year 2019 until the enactment of the Intelligence Author-
4 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

5 SEC. 8068. None of the funds provided in this Act
6 shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a
7 reprogramming of funds that creates or initiates a new
8 program, project, or activity unless such program, project,
9 or activity must be undertaken immediately in the interest
10 of national security and only after written prior notifica-
11 tion to the congressional defense committees.

12 SEC. 8069. The budget of the President for fiscal
13 year 2020 submitted to the Congress pursuant to section
14 1105 of title 31, United States Code, shall include sepa-
15 rate budget justification documents for costs of United
16 States Armed Forces' participation in contingency oper-
17 ations for the Military Personnel accounts, the Operation
18 and Maintenance accounts, the Procurement accounts,
19 and the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation ac-
20 counts: *Provided*, That these documents shall include a de-
21 scription of the funding requested for each contingency op-
22 eration, for each military service, to include all Active and
23 Reserve components, and for each appropriations account:
24 *Provided further*, That these documents shall include esti-
25 mated costs for each element of expense or object class,

1 a reconciliation of increases and decreases for each contin-
2 gency operation, and programmatic data including, but
3 not limited to, troop strength for each Active and Reserve
4 component, and estimates of the major weapons systems
5 deployed in support of each contingency: *Provided further*,
6 That these documents shall include budget exhibits OP-
7 5 and OP-32 (as defined in the Department of Defense
8 Financial Management Regulation) for all contingency op-
9 erations for the budget year and the two preceding fiscal
10 years.

11 SEC. 8070. None of the funds in this Act may be
12 used for research, development, test, evaluation, procure-
13 ment or deployment of nuclear armed interceptors of a
14 missile defense system.

15 SEC. 8071. (a) None of the funds made available in
16 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
17 network unless such network is designed to block access
18 to pornography websites.

19 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
20 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
21 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
22 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities,
23 or for any activity necessary for the national defense, in-
24 cluding intelligence activities.

1 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 8072. The Secretary of Defense may transfer
3 up to \$800,000,000 of the amounts appropriated or other-
4 wise made available in this Act to the Department of De-
5 fense for the rapid acquisition and deployment of supplies
6 and associated support pursuant to section 806 of the Bob
7 Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
8 Year 2003 (Public Law 107-314; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note):
9 *Provided*, That the Secretary of Defense shall notify the
10 congressional defense committees promptly of all transfers
11 made pursuant to this authority or any other authority
12 in this Act: *Provided further*, That the transfer authority
13 provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer
14 authority provided elsewhere in this Act.

15 SEC. 8073. None of the funds appropriated or made
16 available in this Act shall be used to reduce or disestablish
17 the operation of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squad-
18 ron of the Air Force Reserve, if such action would reduce
19 the WC-130 Weather Reconnaissance mission below the
20 levels funded in this Act: *Provided*, That the Air Force
21 shall allow the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron to
22 perform other missions in support of national defense re-
23 quirements during the non-hurricane season.

24 SEC. 8074. None of the funds provided in this Act
25 shall be available for integration of foreign intelligence in-

1 formation unless the information has been lawfully col-
2 lected and processed during the conduct of authorized for-
3 eign intelligence activities: *Provided*, That information
4 pertaining to United States persons shall only be handled
5 in accordance with protections provided in the Fourth
6 Amendment of the United States Constitution as imple-
7 mented through Executive Order No. 12333.

8 SEC. 8075. (a) None of the funds appropriated by
9 this Act may be used to transfer research and develop-
10 ment, acquisition, or other program authority relating to
11 current tactical unmanned aerial vehicles (TUAVs) from
12 the Army.

13 (b) The Army shall retain responsibility for and oper-
14 ational control of the MQ-1C Gray Eagle Unmanned Aer-
15 ial Vehicle (UAV) in order to support the Secretary of De-
16 fense in matters relating to the employment of unmanned
17 aerial vehicles.

18 SEC. 8076. None of the funds appropriated by this
19 Act for programs of the Office of the Director of National
20 Intelligence shall remain available for obligation beyond
21 the current fiscal year, except for funds appropriated for
22 research and technology, which shall remain available until
23 September 30, 2020.

24 SEC. 8077. For purposes of section 1553(b) of title
25 31, United States Code, any subdivision of appropriations

1 made in this Act under the heading “Shipbuilding and
2 Conversion, Navy” shall be considered to be for the same
3 purpose as any subdivision under the heading “Ship-
4 building and Conversion, Navy” appropriations in any
5 prior fiscal year, and the 1 percent limitation shall apply
6 to the total amount of the appropriation.

7 SEC. 8078. (a) Not later than 60 days after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intel-
9 ligence shall submit a report to the congressional intel-
10 ligence committees to establish the baseline for application
11 of reprogramming and transfer authorities for fiscal year
12 2019: *Provided*, That the report shall include—

13 (1) a table for each appropriation with a sepa-
14 rate column to display the President’s budget re-
15 quest, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments
16 due to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the
17 fiscal year enacted level;

18 (2) a delineation in the table for each appro-
19 priation by Expenditure Center and project; and

20 (3) an identification of items of special congres-
21 sional interest.

22 (b) None of the funds provided for the National Intel-
23 ligence Program in this Act shall be available for re-
24 programming or transfer until the report identified in sub-
25 section (a) is submitted to the congressional intelligence

1 committees, unless the Director of National Intelligence
2 certifies in writing to the congressional intelligence com-
3 mittees that such reprogramming or transfer is necessary
4 as an emergency requirement.

5 SEC. 8079. None of the funds provided in this Act
6 for the TAO-205 program shall be used to award a new
7 contract that provides for the acquisition of the following
8 components unless those components are manufactured in
9 the United States: Auxiliary equipment (including pumps)
10 for shipboard services; propulsion equipment (including
11 engines, reduction gears, and propellers); shipboard
12 cranes; and spreaders for shipboard cranes.

13 SEC. 8080. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, any transfer of funds, appropriated or otherwise made
15 available by this Act, for support to friendly foreign coun-
16 tries in connection with the conduct of operations in which
17 the United States is not participating, pursuant to section
18 331(d) of title 10, United States Code, shall be made in
19 accordance with sections 8005 or 9002 of this Act, as ap-
20 plicable.

21 SEC. 8081. Any transfer of amounts appropriated to,
22 credited to, or deposited in the Department of Defense Ac-
23 quisition Workforce Development Fund in or for fiscal
24 year 2019 to a military department or Defense Agency
25 pursuant to section 1705(e)(1) of title 10, United States

1 Code, shall be covered by and subject to sections 8005 or
2 9002 of this Act, as applicable.

3 SEC. 8082. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act for excess defense articles, assistance under section
5 333 of title 10, United States Code, or peacekeeping oper-
6 ations for the countries designated annually to be in viola-
7 tion of the standards of the Child Soldiers Prevention Act
8 of 2008 (Public Law 110-457; 22 U.S.C. 2370c-1) may
9 be used to support any military training or operation that
10 includes child soldiers, as defined by the Child Soldiers
11 Prevention Act of 2008, unless such assistance is other-
12 wise permitted under section 404 of the Child Soldiers
13 Prevention Act of 2008.

14 SEC. 8083. (a) None of the funds provided for the
15 National Intelligence Program in this or any prior appro-
16 priations Act shall be available for obligation or expendi-
17 ture through a reprogramming or transfer of funds in ac-
18 cordance with section 102A(d) of the National Security
19 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(d)) that—

20 (1) creates a new start effort;

21 (2) terminates a program with appropriated
22 funding of \$10,000,000 or more;

23 (3) transfers funding into or out of the Na-
24 tional Intelligence Program; or

25 (4) transfers funding between appropriations,

1 unless the congressional intelligence committees are noti-
2 fied 30 days in advance of such reprogramming of funds;
3 this notification period may be reduced for urgent national
4 security requirements.

5 (b) None of the funds provided for the National Intel-
6 ligence Program in this or any prior appropriations Act
7 shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a
8 reprogramming or transfer of funds in accordance with
9 section 102A(d) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
10 U.S.C. 3024(d)) that results in a cumulative increase or
11 decrease of the levels specified in the classified annex ac-
12 companying the Act unless the congressional intelligence
13 committees are notified 30 days in advance of such re-
14 programming of funds; this notification period may be re-
15 duced for urgent national security requirements.

16 SEC. 8084. The Director of National Intelligence
17 shall submit to Congress each year, at or about the time
18 that the President's budget is submitted to Congress that
19 year under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
20 Code, a future-years intelligence program (including asso-
21 ciated annexes) reflecting the estimated expenditures and
22 proposed appropriations included in that budget. Any such
23 future-years intelligence program shall cover the fiscal
24 year with respect to which the budget is submitted and
25 at least the four succeeding fiscal years.

1 required to be submitted by the Congress in this or any
2 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-
3 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

4 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—

5 (1) the public posting of the report com-
6 promises national security; or

7 (2) the report contains proprietary information.

8 (c) The head of the agency posting such report shall
9 do so only after such report has been made available to
10 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for
11 no less than 45 days.

12 SEC. 8089. (a) None of the funds appropriated or
13 otherwise made available by this Act may be expended for
14 any Federal contract for an amount in excess of
15 \$1,000,000, unless the contractor agrees not to—

16 (1) enter into any agreement with any of its
17 employees or independent contractors that requires,
18 as a condition of employment, that the employee or
19 independent contractor agree to resolve through ar-
20 bitration any claim under title VII of the Civil
21 Rights Act of 1964 or any tort related to or arising
22 out of sexual assault or harassment, including as-
23 sault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional
24 distress, false imprisonment, or negligent hiring, su-
25 pervision, or retention; or

1 (2) take any action to enforce any provision of
2 an existing agreement with an employee or inde-
3 pendent contractor that mandates that the employee
4 or independent contractor resolve through arbitra-
5 tion any claim under title VII of the Civil Rights Act
6 of 1964 or any tort related to or arising out of sex-
7 ual assault or harassment, including assault and
8 battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress,
9 false imprisonment, or negligent hiring, supervision,
10 or retention.

11 (b) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise
12 made available by this Act may be expended for any Fed-
13 eral contract unless the contractor certifies that it requires
14 each covered subcontractor to agree not to enter into, and
15 not to take any action to enforce any provision of, any
16 agreement as described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
17 section (a), with respect to any employee or independent
18 contractor performing work related to such subcontract.
19 For purposes of this subsection, a “covered subcon-
20 tractor” is an entity that has a subcontract in excess of
21 \$1,000,000 on a contract subject to subsection (a).

22 (c) The prohibitions in this section do not apply with
23 respect to a contractor’s or subcontractor’s agreements
24 with employees or independent contractors that may not
25 be enforced in a court of the United States.

1 (d) The Secretary of Defense may waive the applica-
2 tion of subsection (a) or (b) to a particular contractor or
3 subcontractor for the purposes of a particular contract or
4 subcontract if the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary per-
5 sonally determines that the waiver is necessary to avoid
6 harm to national security interests of the United States,
7 and that the term of the contract or subcontract is not
8 longer than necessary to avoid such harm. The determina-
9 tion shall set forth with specificity the grounds for the
10 waiver and for the contract or subcontract term selected,
11 and shall state any alternatives considered in lieu of a
12 waiver and the reasons each such alternative would not
13 avoid harm to national security interests of the United
14 States. The Secretary of Defense shall transmit to Con-
15 gress, and simultaneously make public, any determination
16 under this subsection not less than 15 business days be-
17 fore the contract or subcontract addressed in the deter-
18 mination may be awarded.

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 SEC. 8090. From within the funds appropriated for
21 operation and maintenance for the Defense Health Pro-
22 gram in this Act, up to \$113,000,000, shall be available
23 for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense-Depart-
24 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration
25 Fund in accordance with the provisions of section 1704

1 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2 2010, Public Law 111–84: *Provided*, That for purposes
3 of section 1704(b), the facility operations funded are oper-
4 ations of the integrated Captain James A. Lovell Federal
5 Health Care Center, consisting of the North Chicago Vet-
6 erans Affairs Medical Center, the Navy Ambulatory Care
7 Center, and supporting facilities designated as a combined
8 Federal medical facility as described by section 706 of
9 Public Law 110–417: *Provided further*, That additional
10 funds may be transferred from funds appropriated for op-
11 eration and maintenance for the Defense Health Program
12 to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Vet-
13 erans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon
14 written notification by the Secretary of Defense to the
15 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
16 atives and the Senate.

17 SEC. 8091. None of the funds appropriated or other-
18 wise made available by this Act may be used by the De-
19 partment of Defense or a component thereof in contraven-
20 tion of the provisions of section 130h of title 10, United
21 States Code.

22 SEC. 8092. Appropriations available to the Depart-
23 ment of Defense may be used for the purchase of heavy
24 and light armored vehicles for the physical security of per-
25 sonnel or for force protection purposes up to a limit of

1 \$450,000 per vehicle, notwithstanding price or other limi-
2 tations applicable to the purchase of passenger carrying
3 vehicles.

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 8093. Upon a determination by the Director of
6 National Intelligence that such action is necessary and in
7 the national interest, the Director may, with the approval
8 of the Office of Management and Budget, transfer not to
9 exceed \$1,500,000,000 of the funds made available in this
10 Act for the National Intelligence Program: *Provided*, That
11 such authority to transfer may not be used unless for
12 higher priority items, based on unforeseen intelligence re-
13 quirements, than those for which originally appropriated
14 and in no case where the item for which funds are re-
15 quested has been denied by the Congress: *Provided further*,
16 That a request for multiple reprogrammings of funds
17 using authority provided in this section shall be made
18 prior to June 30, 2019.

19 SEC. 8094. None of the funds appropriated or other-
20 wise made available in this or any other Act may be used
21 to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release to
22 or within the United States, its territories, or possessions
23 Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee who—
24 (1) is not a United States citizen or a member
25 of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

1 (2) is or was held on or after June 24, 2009,
2 at United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
3 Cuba, by the Department of Defense.

4 SEC. 8095. (a) None of the funds appropriated or
5 otherwise made available in this or any other Act may be
6 used to construct, acquire, or modify any facility in the
7 United States, its territories, or possessions to house any
8 individual described in subsection (c) for the purposes of
9 detention or imprisonment in the custody or under the ef-
10 fective control of the Department of Defense.

11 (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply
12 to any modification of facilities at United States Naval
13 Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

14 (c) An individual described in this subsection is any
15 individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United
16 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and who—

17 (1) is not a citizen of the United States or a
18 member of the Armed Forces of the United States;
19 and

20 (2) is—

21 (A) in the custody or under the effective
22 control of the Department of Defense; or

23 (B) otherwise under detention at United
24 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

1 SEC. 8096. None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available in this Act may be used to transfer
3 any individual detained at United States Naval Station
4 Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to the custody or control of the
5 individual's country of origin, any other foreign country,
6 or any other foreign entity except in accordance with sec-
7 tion 1034 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
8 Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92) and section 1034
9 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
10 2017 (Public Law 114-328).

11 SEC. 8097. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act may be used in contravention of the War Powers Res-
13 olution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

14 SEC. 8098. (a) None of the funds appropriated or
15 otherwise made available by this or any other Act may
16 be used by the Secretary of Defense, or any other official
17 or officer of the Department of Defense, to enter into a
18 contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative
19 agreement with, or make a grant to, or provide a loan
20 or loan guarantee to Rosoboronexport or any subsidiary
21 of Rosoboronexport.

22 (b) The Secretary of Defense may waive the limita-
23 tion in subsection (a) if the Secretary, in consultation with
24 the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intel-
25 ligence, determines that it is in the vital national security

1 interest of the United States to do so, and certifies in writ-
2 ing to the congressional defense committees that, to the
3 best of the Secretary's knowledge:

4 (1) Rosoboronexport has ceased the transfer of
5 lethal military equipment to, and the maintenance of
6 existing lethal military equipment for, the Govern-
7 ment of the Syrian Arab Republic;

8 (2) The armed forces of the Russian Federation
9 have withdrawn from Crimea, other than armed
10 forces present on military bases subject to agree-
11 ments in force between the Government of the Rus-
12 sian Federation and the Government of Ukraine;
13 and

14 (3) Agents of the Russian Federation have
15 ceased taking active measures to destabilize the con-
16 trol of the Government of Ukraine over eastern
17 Ukraine.

18 (c) The Inspector General of the Department of De-
19 fense shall conduct a review of any action involving
20 Rosoboronexport with respect to a waiver issued by the
21 Secretary of Defense pursuant to subsection (b), and not
22 later than 90 days after the date on which such a waiver
23 is issued by the Secretary of Defense, the Inspector Gen-
24 eral shall submit to the congressional defense committees

1 a report containing the results of the review conducted
2 with respect to such waiver.

3 SEC. 8099. The Secretary of Defense, in consultation
4 with the Service Secretaries, shall submit two reports to
5 the congressional defense committees, not later than
6 March 1, 2019, and not later than September 1, 2019,
7 detailing the submission of records during the previous 6
8 months to databases accessible to the National Instant
9 Criminal Background Check System (NICS), including
10 the Interstate Identification Index (III), the National
11 Crime Information Center (NCIC), and the NICS Index,
12 as required by Public Law 110–180: *Provided*, That such
13 reports shall provide the number and category of records
14 submitted by month to each such database, by Service or
15 Component: *Provided further*, That such reports shall
16 identify the number and category of records submitted by
17 month to those databases for which the Identification for
18 Firearm Sales (IFFS) flag or other database flags were
19 used to pre-validate the records and indicate that such
20 persons are prohibited from receiving or possessing a fire-
21 arm: *Provided further*, That such reports shall describe the
22 steps taken during the previous 6 months, by Service or
23 Component, to ensure complete and accurate submission
24 and appropriate flagging of records of individuals prohib-
25 ited from gun possession or receipt pursuant to 18 U.S.C.

1 922(g) or (n) including applicable records involving pro-
2 ceedings under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

3 SEC. 8100. (a) Of the funds appropriated in this Act
4 for the Department of Defense, amounts should be made
5 available, under such regulations as the Secretary of De-
6 fense may prescribe, to local military commanders ap-
7 pointed by the Secretary, or by an officer or employee des-
8 ignated by the Secretary, to provide at their discretion ex
9 gratia payments in amounts consistent with subsection (d)
10 of this section for damage, personal injury, or death that
11 is incident to combat operations of the Armed Forces in
12 a foreign country.

13 (b) An ex gratia payment under this section may be
14 provided only if—

15 (1) the prospective foreign civilian recipient is
16 determined by the local military commander to be
17 friendly to the United States;

18 (2) a claim for damages would not be compen-
19 sable under chapter 163 of title 10, United States
20 Code (commonly known as the “Foreign Claims
21 Act”); and

22 (3) the property damage, personal injury, or
23 death was not caused by action by an enemy.

24 (c) NATURE OF PAYMENTS.—Any payments provided
25 under a program under subsection (a) shall not be consid-

1 ered an admission or acknowledgement of any legal obliga-
2 tion to compensate for any damage, personal injury, or
3 death.

4 (d) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—If the Secretary of De-
5 fense determines a program under subsection (a) to be ap-
6 propriate in a particular setting, the amounts of pay-
7 ments, if any, to be provided to civilians determined to
8 have suffered harm incident to combat operations of the
9 Armed Forces under the program should be determined
10 pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary and
11 based on an assessment, which should include such factors
12 as cultural appropriateness and prevailing economic condi-
13 tions.

14 (e) LEGAL ADVICE.—Local military commanders
15 shall receive legal advice before making ex gratia pay-
16 ments under this subsection. The legal advisor, under reg-
17 ulations of the Department of Defense, shall advise on
18 whether an ex gratia payment is proper under this section
19 and applicable Department of Defense regulations.

20 (f) WRITTEN RECORD.—A written record of any ex
21 gratia payment offered or denied shall be kept by the local
22 commander and on a timely basis submitted to the appro-
23 priate office in the Department of Defense as determined
24 by the Secretary of Defense.

1 (g) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall report
2 to the congressional defense committees on an annual
3 basis the efficacy of the ex gratia payment program in-
4 cluding the number of types of cases considered, amounts
5 offered, the response from ex gratia payment recipients,
6 and any recommended modifications to the program.

7 SEC. 8101. None of the funds available in this Act
8 to the Department of Defense, other than appropriations
9 made for necessary or routine refurbishments, upgrades
10 or maintenance activities, shall be used to reduce or to
11 prepare to reduce the number of deployed and non-de-
12 ployed strategic delivery vehicles and launchers below the
13 levels set forth in the report submitted to Congress in ac-
14 cordance with section 1042 of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

16 SEC. 8102. Amounts in working capital funds of the
17 Department of Defense established pursuant to section
18 2208 of title 10, United States Code, may be obligated
19 and expended in fiscal year 2020 for the payment of death
20 gratuities authorized by subchapter II of chapter 75 of
21 title 10, United States Code, that are payable during the
22 period in which the appropriations bill for fiscal year 2020
23 for the Department has not become law and an Act or
24 joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fis-
25 cal year 2020 for the Department is not in effect (a “lapse

1 in appropriations’): *Provided*, That, upon enactment of
2 the appropriations Act for fiscal year 2020 for the Depart-
3 ment, such obligations and expenditures shall be recorded
4 against the appropriations made available by such Act for
5 the payment of such death gratuities.

6 SEC. 8103. The Secretary of each military depart-
7 ment, in reducing each research, development, test and
8 evaluation and procurement account of the military de-
9 partment as required under paragraph (1) of section
10 828(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
11 cal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 2430 note),
12 as amended by section 825(a)(3) of the National Defense
13 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, shall allocate the
14 percentage reduction determined under paragraph (2) of
15 such section 828(d) proportionally from all programs,
16 projects, or activities under such account: *Provided*, That
17 the authority under section 804(d)(2) of the National De-
18 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
19 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note) to transfer amounts avail-
20 able in the Rapid Prototyping Fund shall be subject to
21 section 8005 or 9002 of this Act, as applicable.

22 SEC. 8104. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act may be used by the National Security Agency to—

24 (1) conduct an acquisition pursuant to section
25 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of

1 1978 for the purpose of targeting a United States
2 person; or

3 (2) acquire, monitor, or store the contents (as
4 such term is defined in section 2510(8) of title 18,
5 United States Code) of any electronic communica-
6 tion of a United States person from a provider of
7 electronic communication services to the public pur-
8 suant to section 501 of the Foreign Intelligence Sur-
9 veillance Act of 1978.

10 SEC. 8105. None of the funds made available in this
11 or any other Act may be used to pay the salary of any
12 officer or employee of any agency funded by this Act who
13 approves or implements the transfer of administrative re-
14 sponsibilities or budgetary resources of any program,
15 project, or activity financed by this Act to the jurisdiction
16 of another Federal agency not financed by this Act with-
17 out the express authorization of Congress: *Provided*, That
18 this limitation shall not apply to transfers of funds ex-
19 pressly provided for in Defense Appropriations Acts, or
20 provisions of Acts providing supplemental appropriations
21 for the Department of Defense.

22 SEC. 8106. None of the funds made available in this
23 Act may be obligated for activities authorized under sec-
24 tion 1208 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Au-
25 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 112-

1 81; 125 Stat. 1621) to initiate support for, or expand sup-
2 port to, foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or individ-
3 uals unless the congressional defense committees are noti-
4 fied in accordance with the direction contained in the clas-
5 sified annex accompanying this Act, not less than 15 days
6 before initiating such support: *Provided*, That none of the
7 funds made available in this Act may be used under sec-
8 tion 1208 for any activity that is not in support of an
9 ongoing military operation being conducted by United
10 States Special Operations Forces to combat terrorism:
11 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense may waive
12 the prohibitions in this section if the Secretary determines
13 that such waiver is required by extraordinary cir-
14 cumstances and, by not later than 72 hours after making
15 such waiver, notifies the congressional defense committees
16 of such waiver.

17 SEC. 8107. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
18 for “Operation and Maintenance, Navy”, \$310,805,000,
19 to remain available until expended, may be used for any
20 purposes related to the National Defense Reserve Fleet
21 established under section 11 of the Merchant Ship Sales
22 Act of 1946 (50 U.S.C. 4405): *Provided*, That such
23 amounts are available for reimbursements to the Ready
24 Reserve Force, Maritime Administration account of the
25 United States Department of Transportation for pro-

1 grams, projects, activities, and expenses related to the Na-
2 tional Defense Reserve Fleet.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 8108. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act,
5 the Secretary of Defense may use up to \$52,657,000
6 under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-
7 Wide”, and up to \$39,400,000 under the heading “Re-
8 search, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-
9 Wide” to develop, replace, and sustain Federal Govern-
10 ment security and suitability background investigation in-
11 formation technology systems of the Office of Personnel
12 Management or other Federal agency responsible for con-
13 ducting such investigations: *Provided*, That the Secretary
14 may transfer additional amounts into these headings or
15 into “Procurement, Defense-Wide” using established re-
16 programming procedures prescribed in the Department of
17 Defense Financial Management Regulation 7000.14, Vol-
18 ume 3, Chapter 6, dated September 2015: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That such funds shall supplement, not supplant any
20 other amounts made available to other Federal agencies
21 for such purposes.

22 SEC. 8109. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment
24 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
25 Cuba.

1 SEC. 8110. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, any transfer of funds appropriated or otherwise made
3 available by this Act to the Global Engagement Center es-
4 tablished by section 1287 of the National Defense Author-
5 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328;
6 130 Stat. 22 U.S.C. 2656 note) shall be made in accord-
7 ance with section 8005 or 9002 of this Act, as applicable.

8 SEC. 8111. No amounts credited or otherwise made
9 available in this or any other Act to the Department of
10 Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Fund may be
11 transferred to:

12 (1) the Rapid Prototyping Fund established
13 under section 804(d) of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (10 U.S.C.
15 2302 note); or

16 (2) credited to a military-department specific
17 fund established under section 804(d)(2) of the Na-
18 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2016 (as amended by section 897 of the National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017).

21 SEC. 8112. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, from funds made available to the Department of De-
23 fense in title II of this Act under the heading “Operation
24 and Maintenance, Defense-Wide”, \$15,000,000 shall be
25 available for a project in a country designated by the Sec-

1 retary of Defense: *Provided*, That in furtherance of the
2 project, the Department of Defense is authorized to ac-
3 quire services, including services performed pursuant to
4 a grant agreement, from another Federal agency, on an
5 advance of funds or reimbursable basis: *Provided further*,
6 That an order for services placed under this section is
7 deemed to be an obligation in the same manner that a
8 similar order placed under a contract with a private con-
9 tractor is an obligation.

10 SEC. 8113. None of the funds appropriated by this
11 Act may be made available to transfer, or to facilitate the
12 transfer of, F-35 aircraft to Turkey, including any de-
13 fense articles or services related to such aircraft, until the
14 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
15 of State, certifies to the appropriate congressional commit-
16 tees that the Government of Turkey is not purchasing the
17 S-400 missile defense system from Russia and will not
18 accept the delivery of such system.

19 TITLE IX

20 OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

21 MILITARY PERSONNEL

22 MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

23 For an additional amount for “Military Personnel,
24 Army”, \$2,929,154,000: *Provided*, That such amount is
25 designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Op-

1 erations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
2 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
3 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

5 For an additional amount for “Military Personnel,
6 Navy”, \$385,461,000: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
7 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
8 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
9 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

12 For an additional amount for “Military Personnel,
13 Marine Corps”, \$109,232,000: *Provided*, That such
14 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
15 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
16 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

19 For an additional amount for “Military Personnel,
20 Air Force”, \$964,508,000: *Provided*, That such amount
21 is designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency
22 Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
23 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
24 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 RESERVE PERSONNEL, ARMY

2 For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel,
3 Army”, \$37,007,000: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
4 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
5 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
6 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
7 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 RESERVE PERSONNEL, NAVY

9 For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel,
10 Navy”, \$11,100,000: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
11 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
12 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
13 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
14 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 RESERVE PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

16 For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel,
17 Marine Corps”, \$2,380,000: *Provided*, That such amount
18 is designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency
19 Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
20 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
21 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 RESERVE PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

23 For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel,
24 Air Force”, \$21,076,000: *Provided*, That such amount is
25 designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Op-

1 erations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
2 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
3 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, ARMY

5 For an additional amount for “National Guard Per-
6 sonnel, Army”, \$195,283,000: *Provided*, That such
7 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
8 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
9 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
10 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

12 For an additional amount for “National Guard Per-
13 sonnel, Air Force”, \$5,460,000: *Provided*, That such
14 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
15 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
16 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

19 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

20 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
21 tenance, Army”, \$19,028,500,000: *Provided*, That such
22 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
23 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
24 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
25 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

2 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
3 tenance, Navy”, \$5,572,155,000: *Provided*, That such
4 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
5 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
6 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
7 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

9 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
10 tenance, Marine Corps”, \$1,475,800,000: *Provided*, That
11 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
12 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
13 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
14 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

16 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
17 tenance, Air Force”, \$10,055,789,000: *Provided*, That
18 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
19 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
20 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
21 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

23 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
24 tenance, Defense-Wide”, \$8,354,905,000: *Provided*, That
25 of the funds provided under this heading, not to exceed

1 \$900,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2 2020, shall be for payments to reimburse key cooperating
3 nations for logistical, military, and other support, includ-
4 ing access, provided to United States military and stability
5 operations in Afghanistan and to counter the Islamic
6 State of Iraq and Syria: *Provided further*, That such reim-
7 bursement payments may be made in such amounts as the
8 Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Sec-
9 retary of State, and in consultation with the Director of
10 the Office of Management and Budget, may determine,
11 based on documentation determined by the Secretary of
12 Defense to adequately account for the support provided,
13 and such determination is final and conclusive upon the
14 accounting officers of the United States, and 15 days fol-
15 lowing notification to the appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees: *Provided further*, That these funds may be used
17 for the purpose of providing specialized training and pro-
18 curing supplies and specialized equipment and providing
19 such supplies and loaning such equipment on a non-reim-
20 bursable basis to coalition forces supporting United States
21 military and stability operations in Afghanistan and to
22 counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and 15 days
23 following notification to the appropriate congressional
24 committees: *Provided further*, That these funds may be
25 used in accordance with section 1226 of the National De-

1 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
2 114–92), upon 15 days prior written notification to the
3 congressional defense committees outlining the amounts
4 intended to be provided and the nature of the expenses
5 incurred: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided
6 under this heading, not to exceed \$793,000,000, to remain
7 available until September 30, 2020, shall be available to
8 provide support and assistance to foreign security forces
9 or other groups or individuals to conduct, support or facili-
10 tate counterterrorism, crisis response, or other Depart-
11 ment of Defense security cooperation programs: *Provided*
12 *further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall provide quar-
13 terly reports to the congressional defense committees on
14 the use of funds provided in this paragraph: *Provided fur-*
15 *ther*, That such amount is designated by the Congress for
16 Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Ter-
17 rorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Bal-
18 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE

20 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
21 tenance, Army Reserve”, \$41,887,000: *Provided*, That
22 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
23 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
24 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
25 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

2 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
3 tenance, Navy Reserve”, \$25,637,000: *Provided*, That
4 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
5 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
6 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
7 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

9 RESERVE

10 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
11 tenance, Marine Corps Reserve”, \$3,345,000: *Provided*,
12 That such amount is designated by the Congress for Over-
13 seas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism
14 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced
15 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

16 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE

17 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
18 tenance, Air Force Reserve”, \$60,500,000: *Provided*, That
19 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
20 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
21 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
22 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 frastructure repair, renovation, construction, and funding:
2 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense may obli-
3 gate and expend funds made available to the Department
4 of Defense in this title for additional costs associated with
5 existing projects previously funded with amounts provided
6 under the heading “Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund” in
7 prior Acts: *Provided further*, That such costs shall be lim-
8 ited to contract changes resulting from inflation, market
9 fluctuation, rate adjustments, and other necessary con-
10 tract actions to complete existing projects, and associated
11 supervision and administration costs and costs for design
12 during construction: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
13 may not use more than \$50,000,000 under the authority
14 provided in this section: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
15 retary shall notify in advance such contract changes and
16 adjustments in annual reports to the congressional defense
17 committees: *Provided further*, That the authority to pro-
18 vide assistance under this heading is in addition to any
19 other authority to provide assistance to foreign nations:
20 *Provided further*, That contributions of funds for the pur-
21 poses provided herein from any person, foreign govern-
22 ment, or international organization may be credited to this
23 Fund, to remain available until expended, and used for
24 such purposes: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of De-
25 fense shall notify the congressional defense committees in

1 writing upon the receipt and upon the obligation of any
2 contribution, delineating the sources and amounts of the
3 funds received and the specific use of such contributions:
4 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall, not
5 fewer than 15 days prior to obligating from this appro-
6 priation account, notify the congressional defense commit-
7 tees in writing of the details of any such obligation: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall notify
9 the congressional defense committees of any proposed new
10 projects or transfer of funds between budget sub-activity
11 groups in excess of \$20,000,000: *Provided further*, That
12 the United States may accept equipment procured using
13 funds provided under this heading in this or prior Acts
14 that was transferred to the security forces of Afghanistan
15 and returned by such forces to the United States: *Provided*
16 *further*, That equipment procured using funds provided
17 under this heading in this or prior Acts, and not yet trans-
18 ferred to the security forces of Afghanistan or transferred
19 to the security forces of Afghanistan and returned by such
20 forces to the United States, may be treated as stocks of
21 the Department of Defense upon written notification to
22 the congressional defense committees: *Provided further*,
23 That of the funds provided under this heading, not less
24 than \$10,000,000 shall be for recruitment and retention
25 of women in the Afghanistan National Security Forces,

1 and the recruitment and training of female security per-
2 sonnel: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated
3 by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/
4 Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
5 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
6 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

7 COUNTER-ISIS TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND

8 For the “Counter-Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
9 Train and Equip Fund”, \$994,000,000, to remain avail-
10 able until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That such funds
11 shall be available to the Secretary of Defense in coordina-
12 tion with the Secretary of State, to provide assistance, in-
13 cluding training; equipment; logistics support, supplies,
14 and services; stipends; infrastructure repair and renova-
15 tion; and sustainment, to foreign security forces, irregular
16 forces, groups, or individuals participating, or preparing
17 to participate in activities to counter the Islamic State of
18 Iraq and Syria, and their affiliated or associated groups:
19 *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this
20 heading shall be available to provide assistance only for
21 activities in a country designated by the Secretary of De-
22 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, as hav-
23 ing a security mission to counter the Islamic State of Iraq
24 and Syria, and following written notification to the con-
25 gressional defense committees of such designation: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
2 that prior to providing assistance to elements of any forces
3 or individuals, such elements or individuals are appro-
4 priately vetted, including at a minimum, assessing such
5 elements for associations with terrorist groups or groups
6 associated with the Government of Iran; and receiving
7 commitments from such elements to promote respect for
8 human rights and the rule of law: *Provided further*, That
9 the Secretary of Defense shall, not fewer than 15 days
10 prior to obligating from this appropriation account, notify
11 the congressional defense committees in writing of the de-
12 tails of any such obligation: *Provided further*, That the
13 Secretary of Defense may accept and retain contributions,
14 including assistance in-kind, from foreign governments,
15 including the Government of Iraq and other entities, to
16 carry out assistance authorized under this heading: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That contributions of funds for the purposes
18 provided herein from any foreign government or other en-
19 tity may be credited to this Fund, to remain available until
20 expended, and used for such purposes: *Provided further*,
21 That the Secretary of Defense may waive a provision of
22 law relating to the acquisition of items and support serv-
23 ices or sections 40 and 40A of the Arms Export Control
24 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780 and 2785) if the Secretary deter-
25 mines that such provision of law would prohibit, restrict,

1 delay or otherwise limit the provision of such assistance
2 and a notice of and justification for such waiver is sub-
3 mitted to the congressional defense committees, the Com-
4 mittees on Appropriations and Foreign Relations of the
5 Senate and the Committees on Appropriations and For-
6 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives: *Provided fur-*
7 *ther*, That the United States may accept equipment pro-
8 cured using funds provided under this heading, or under
9 the heading, “Iraq Train and Equip Fund” in prior Acts,
10 that was transferred to security forces, irregular forces,
11 or groups participating, or preparing to participate in ac-
12 tivities to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria and
13 returned by such forces or groups to the United States,
14 may be treated as stocks of the Department of Defense
15 upon written notification to the congressional defense
16 committees: *Provided further*, That equipment procured
17 using funds provided under this heading, or under the
18 heading, “Iraq Train and Equip Fund” in prior Acts, and
19 not yet transferred to security forces, irregular forces, or
20 groups participating, or preparing to participate in activi-
21 ties to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria may
22 be treated as stocks of the Department of Defense when
23 determined by the Secretary to no longer be required for
24 transfer to such forces or groups and upon written notifi-
25 cation to the congressional defense committees: *Provided*

1 *further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall provide quar-
2 terly reports to the congressional defense committees on
3 the use of funds provided under this heading, including,
4 but not limited to, the number of individuals trained, the
5 nature and scope of support and sustainment provided to
6 each group or individual, the area of operations for each
7 group, and the contributions of other countries, groups,
8 or individuals: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
9 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
10 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
11 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 PROCUREMENT

14 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY

15 For an additional amount for “Aircraft Procurement,
16 Army”, \$363,363,000, to remain available until Sep-
17 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
18 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
19 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
20 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
21 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY

23 For an additional amount for “Missile Procurement,
24 Army”, \$1,740,985,000, to remain available until Sep-
25 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-

1 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
2 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
3 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
4 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
5 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY

7 For an additional amount for “Aircraft Procurement,
8 Navy”, \$80,119,000, to remain available until September
9 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by
10 the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
11 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
12 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
13 of 1985.

14 WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY

15 For an additional amount for “Weapons Procure-
16 ment, Navy”, \$14,134,000, to remain available until Sep-
17 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
18 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
19 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
20 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
21 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE
23 CORPS

24 For an additional amount for “Procurement of Am-
25 muniton, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$223,312,000, to re-

1 main available until September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That
2 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
3 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
4 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
5 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY

7 For an additional amount for “Other Procurement,
8 Navy”, \$181,173,000, to remain available until September
9 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by
10 the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
11 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
12 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
13 of 1985.

14 PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS

15 For an additional amount for “Procurement, Marine
16 Corps”, \$58,023,000, to remain available until September
17 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by
18 the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
19 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
20 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
21 of 1985.

22 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

23 For an additional amount for “Aircraft Procurement,
24 Air Force”, \$1,007,888,000, to remain available until
25 September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-

1 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
2 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
3 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
4 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

6 For an additional amount for “Missile Procurement,
7 Air Force”, \$493,526,000, to remain available until Sep-
8 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
9 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
10 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
11 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE

14 For an additional amount for “Procurement of Am-
15 munition, Air Force”, \$1,371,516,000, to remain available
16 until September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount
17 is designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency
18 Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
19 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

22 For an additional amount for “Other Procurement,
23 Air Force”, \$3,705,044,000, to remain available until
24 September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
25 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-

1 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
2 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
3 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

5 For an additional amount for “Procurement, De-
6 fense-Wide”, \$557,135,000, to remain available until Sep-
7 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
8 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
9 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
10 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
11 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND
13 EVALUATION

14 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
15 ARMY

16 For an additional amount for “Research, Develop-
17 ment, Test and Evaluation, Army”, \$325,104,000, to re-
18 main available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That
19 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
20 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
21 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
22 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
2 NAVY

3 For an additional amount for “Research, Develop-
4 ment, Test and Evaluation, Navy”, \$167,812,000, to re-
5 main available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That
6 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
7 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
8 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
9 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
11 AIR FORCE

12 For an additional amount for “Research, Develop-
13 ment, Test and Evaluation, Air Force”, \$287,971,000, to
14 remain available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*,
15 That such amount is designated by the Congress for Over-
16 seas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism
17 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced
18 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
20 DEFENSE-WIDE

21 For an additional amount for “Research, Develop-
22 ment, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide”,
23 \$394,883,000, to remain available until September 30,
24 2020: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
25 Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global

1 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
2 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
3 of 1985.

4 REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

5 DEFENSE WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS

6 For an additional amount for “Defense Working
7 Capital Funds”, \$15,190,000: *Provided*, That such
8 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
9 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
10 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
11 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

13 DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

14 For an additional amount for “Defense Health Pro-
15 gram”, \$352,068,000, which shall be for operation and
16 maintenance: *Provided*, That such amount is designated
17 by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/
18 Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
19 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES,

22 DEFENSE

23 For an additional amount for “Drug Interdiction and
24 Counter-Drug Activities, Defense”, \$143,100,000: *Pro-*
25 *vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress

1 for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Ter-
2 rorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Bal-
3 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

5 For an additional amount for the “Office of the In-
6 spector General”, \$24,692,000: *Provided*, That such
7 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
8 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
9 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
10 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

12 SEC. 9001. Notwithstanding any other provision of
13 law, funds made available in this title are in addition to
14 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the
15 Department of Defense for fiscal year 2019.

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 9002. Upon the determination of the Secretary
18 of Defense that such action is necessary in the national
19 interest, the Secretary may, with the approval of the Of-
20 fice of Management and Budget, transfer up to
21 \$2,000,000,000 between the appropriations or funds made
22 available to the Department of Defense in this title: *Pro-*
23 *vided*, That the Secretary shall notify the Congress
24 promptly of each transfer made pursuant to the authority
25 in this section: *Provided further*, That the authority pro-

1 vided in this section is in addition to any other transfer
2 authority available to the Department of Defense and is
3 subject to the same terms and conditions as the authority
4 provided in section 8005 of this Act.

5 SEC. 9003. Supervision and administration costs and
6 costs for design during construction associated with a con-
7 struction project funded with appropriations available for
8 operation and maintenance or the “Afghanistan Security
9 Forces Fund” provided in this Act and executed in direct
10 support of overseas contingency operations in Afghani-
11 stan, may be obligated at the time a construction contract
12 is awarded: *Provided*, That, for the purpose of this section,
13 supervision and administration costs and costs for design
14 during construction include all in-house Government costs.

15 SEC. 9004. From funds made available in this title,
16 the Secretary of Defense may purchase for use by military
17 and civilian employees of the Department of Defense in
18 the United States Central Command area of responsi-
19 bility: (1) passenger motor vehicles up to a limit of
20 \$75,000 per vehicle; and (2) heavy and light armored vehi-
21 cles for the physical security of personnel or for force pro-
22 tection purposes up to a limit of \$450,000 per vehicle, not-
23 withstanding price or other limitations applicable to the
24 purchase of passenger carrying vehicles.

1 SEC. 9005. Not to exceed \$5,000,000 of the amounts
2 appropriated by this title under the heading “Operation
3 and Maintenance, Army” may be used, notwithstanding
4 any other provision of law, to fund the Commanders’
5 Emergency Response Program (CERP), for the purpose
6 of enabling military commanders in Afghanistan to re-
7 spond to urgent, small-scale, humanitarian relief and re-
8 construction requirements within their areas of responsi-
9 bility: *Provided*, That each project (including any ancillary
10 or related elements in connection with such project) exe-
11 cuted under this authority shall not exceed \$2,000,000:
12 *Provided further*, That not later than 45 days after the
13 end of each 6 months of the fiscal year, the Secretary of
14 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
15 tees a report regarding the source of funds and the alloca-
16 tion and use of funds during that 6-month period that
17 were made available pursuant to the authority provided
18 in this section or under any other provision of law for the
19 purposes described herein: *Provided further*, That, not
20 later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal year quar-
21 ter, the Army shall submit to the congressional defense
22 committees quarterly commitment, obligation, and expend-
23 iture data for the CERP in Afghanistan: *Provided further*,
24 That, not less than 15 days before making funds available
25 pursuant to the authority provided in this section or under

1 any other provision of law for the purposes described here-
2 in for a project with a total anticipated cost for completion
3 of \$500,000 or more, the Secretary shall submit to the
4 congressional defense committees a written notice con-
5 taining each of the following:

6 (1) The location, nature and purpose of the
7 proposed project, including how the project is in-
8 tended to advance the military campaign plan for
9 the country in which it is to be carried out.

10 (2) The budget, implementation timeline with
11 milestones, and completion date for the proposed
12 project, including any other CERP funding that has
13 been or is anticipated to be contributed to the com-
14 pletion of the project.

15 (3) A plan for the sustainment of the proposed
16 project, including the agreement with either the host
17 nation, a non-Department of Defense agency of the
18 United States Government or a third-party contrib-
19 utor to finance the sustainment of the activities and
20 maintenance of any equipment or facilities to be pro-
21 vided through the proposed project.

22 SEC. 9006. Funds available to the Department of De-
23 fense for operation and maintenance may be used, not-
24 withstanding any other provision of law, to provide sup-
25 plies, services, transportation, including airlift and sealift,

1 and other logistical support to allied forces participating
2 in a combined operation with the armed forces of the
3 United States and coalition forces supporting military and
4 stability operations in Afghanistan and to counter the Is-
5 lamic State of Iraq and Syria: *Provided*, That the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall provide quarterly reports to the
7 congressional defense committees regarding support pro-
8 vided under this section.

9 SEC. 9007. None of the funds appropriated or other-
10 wise made available by this or any other Act shall be obli-
11 gated or expended by the United States Government for
12 a purpose as follows:

13 (1) To establish any military installation or
14 base for the purpose of providing for the permanent
15 stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq.

16 (2) To exercise United States control over any
17 oil resource of Iraq.

18 (3) To establish any military installation or
19 base for the purpose of providing for the permanent
20 stationing of United States Armed Forces in Af-
21 ghanistan.

22 SEC. 9008. None of the funds made available in this
23 Act may be used in contravention of the following laws
24 enacted or regulations promulgated to implement the
25 United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other

1 Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
2 (done at New York on December 10, 1984):

3 (1) Section 2340A of title 18, United States
4 Code.

5 (2) Section 2242 of the Foreign Affairs Reform
6 and Restructuring Act of 1998 (division G of Public
7 Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-822; 8 U.S.C. 1231
8 note) and regulations prescribed thereto, including
9 regulations under part 208 of title 8, Code of Fed-
10 eral Regulations, and part 95 of title 22, Code of
11 Federal Regulations.

12 (3) Sections 1002 and 1003 of the Department
13 of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations
14 to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and
15 Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-
16 148).

17 SEC. 9009. None of the funds provided for the “Af-
18 ghanistan Security Forces Fund” (ASFF) may be obli-
19 gated prior to the approval of a financial and activity plan
20 by the Afghanistan Resources Oversight Council (AROC)
21 of the Department of Defense: *Provided*, That the AROC
22 must approve the requirement and acquisition plan for any
23 service requirements in excess of \$50,000,000 annually
24 and any non-standard equipment requirements in excess
25 of \$100,000,000 using ASFF: *Provided further*, That the

1 Department of Defense must certify to the congressional
2 defense committees that the AROC has convened and ap-
3 proved a process for ensuring compliance with the require-
4 ments in the preceding proviso and accompanying report
5 language for the ASFF.

6 SEC. 9010. Funds made available in this title to the
7 Department of Defense for operation and maintenance
8 may be used to purchase items having an investment unit
9 cost of not more than \$250,000: *Provided*, That, upon de-
10 termination by the Secretary of Defense that such action
11 is necessary to meet the operational requirements of a
12 Commander of a Combatant Command engaged in contin-
13 gency operations overseas, such funds may be used to pur-
14 chase items having an investment item unit cost of not
15 more than \$500,000.

16 SEC. 9011. (a) None of the funds appropriated or
17 otherwise made available by this Act under the heading
18 “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide” for pay-
19 ments under section 1233 of Public Law 110–181 for re-
20 imbursement to the Government of Pakistan may be made
21 available unless the Secretary of Defense, in coordination
22 with the Secretary of State, certifies to the congressional
23 defense committees that the Government of Pakistan is—

24 (1) cooperating with the United States in
25 counterterrorism efforts against the Haqqani Net-

1 work, the Quetta Shura Taliban, Lashkar e-Tayyiba,
2 Jaish-e-Mohammed, Al Qaeda, and other domestic
3 and foreign terrorist organizations, including taking
4 steps to end support for such groups and prevent
5 them from basing and operating in Pakistan and
6 carrying out cross border attacks into neighboring
7 countries;

8 (2) not supporting terrorist activities against
9 United States or coalition forces in Afghanistan, and
10 Pakistan's military and intelligence agencies are not
11 intervening extra-judicially into political and judicial
12 processes in Pakistan;

13 (3) dismantling improvised explosive device
14 (IED) networks and interdicting precursor chemicals
15 used in the manufacture of IEDs;

16 (4) preventing the proliferation of nuclear-re-
17 lated material and expertise;

18 (5) implementing policies to protect judicial
19 independence and due process of law;

20 (6) issuing visas in a timely manner for United
21 States visitors engaged in counterterrorism efforts
22 and assistance programs in Pakistan; and

23 (7) providing humanitarian organizations access
24 to detainees, internally displaced persons, and other
25 Pakistani civilians affected by the conflict.

1 (b) The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with
2 the Secretary of State, may waive the restriction in sub-
3 section (a) on a case-by-case basis by certifying in writing
4 to the congressional defense committees that it is in the
5 national security interest to do so: *Provided*, That if the
6 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
7 of State, exercises such waiver authority, the Secretaries
8 shall report to the congressional defense committees on
9 both the justification for the waiver and on the require-
10 ments of this section that the Government of Pakistan was
11 not able to meet: *Provided further*, That such report may
12 be submitted in classified form if necessary.

13 SEC. 9012. None of the funds in this Act may be
14 made available for the transfer of additional C-130 cargo
15 aircraft to the Afghanistan National Security Forces or
16 the Afghanistan Air Force until the Department of De-
17 fense provides a report to the congressional defense com-
18 mittees of the Afghanistan Air Force's medium airlift re-
19 quirements. The report should identify Afghanistan's abil-
20 ity to utilize and maintain existing medium lift aircraft
21 in the inventory and the best alternative platform, if nec-
22 essary, to provide additional support to the Afghanistan
23 Air Force's current medium airlift capacity.

1 (RESCISSIONS)

2 SEC. 9013. Of the funds appropriated in Department
3 of Defense Appropriations Acts, the following funds are
4 hereby rescinded from the following accounts and pro-
5 grams in the specified amounts: *Provided*, That such
6 amounts are designated by the Congress for Overseas
7 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
8 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
9 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985:

10 “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide:
11 Coalition Support Funds”, 2018/2019,
12 \$800,000,000;

13 “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide:
14 DSCA Security Cooperation”, 2018/2019,
15 \$150,000,000;

16 “Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund”, 2018/
17 2019, \$400,000,000; and

18 “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force”, 2018/2020,
19 \$88,400,000.

20 SEC. 9014. Funds available for the Afghanistan Se-
21 curity Forces Fund may be used to provide limited train-
22 ing, equipment, and other assistance that would otherwise
23 be prohibited by 10 U.S.C. 362 to a unit of the security
24 forces of Afghanistan only if the Secretary certifies to the
25 congressional defense committees, within 30 days of a de-

1 cision to provide such assistance, that (1) a denial of such
2 assistance would present significant risk to U.S. or coali-
3 tion forces or significantly undermine United States na-
4 tional security objectives in Afghanistan; and (2) the Sec-
5 retary has sought a commitment by the Government of
6 Afghanistan to take all necessary corrective steps: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That such certification shall be accompanied by a
8 report describing: (1) the information relating to the gross
9 violation of human rights; (2) the circumstances that ne-
10 cessitated the provision of such assistance; (3) the Afghan
11 security force unit involved; (4) the assistance provided
12 and the assistance withheld; and (5) the corrective steps
13 to be taken by the Government of Afghanistan: *Provided*
14 *further*, That every 120 days after the initial report an
15 additional report shall be submitted detailing the status
16 of any corrective steps taken by the Government of Af-
17 ghanistan: *Provided further*, That if the Government of Af-
18 ghanistan has not initiated necessary corrective steps
19 within one year of the certification, the authority under
20 this section to provide assistance to such unit shall no
21 longer apply: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
22 submit a report to such committees detailing the final dis-
23 position of the case by the Government of Afghanistan.

24 SEC. 9015. Equipment procured using funds provided
25 in prior Acts under the heading “Counterterrorism Part-

1 nerships Fund” for the program authorized by section
2 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon
3 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015
4 (Public Law 113–291), and not yet transferred to author-
5 ized recipients may be transferred to foreign security
6 forces, irregular forces, groups, or individuals, authorized
7 to receive assistance using amounts provided under the
8 heading “Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund” in this
9 Act: *Provided*, That such equipment may be transferred
10 15 days following written notification to the congressional
11 defense committees.

12 SEC. 9016. Each amount designated in this Act by
13 the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
14 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
15 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
16 of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded, if applicable) only
17 if the President subsequently so designates all such
18 amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

19 This division may be cited as the “Department of De-
20 fense Appropriations Act, 2019”.

1 **DIVISION B—DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,**
2 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND**
3 **EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES**
4 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019**

5 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
6 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
7 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and
8 Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending
9 September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, namely:

10 **TITLE I**

11 **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

12 **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION**

13 **TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

14 For necessary expenses of the Workforce Innovation
15 and Opportunity Act (referred to in this Act as “WIOA”),
16 the Second Chance Act of 2007, and the National Appren-
17 ticeship Act, \$3,501,200,000, plus reimbursements, shall
18 be available. Of the amounts provided:

19 (1) for grants to States for adult employment
20 and training activities, youth activities, and dis-
21 located worker employment and training activities,
22 \$2,789,832,000 as follows:

23 (A) \$845,556,000 for adult employment
24 and training activities, of which \$133,556,000
25 shall be available for the period July 1, 2019

1 through June 30, 2020, and of which
2 \$712,000,000 shall be available for the period
3 October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;

4 (B) \$903,416,000 for youth activities,
5 which shall be available for the period April 1,
6 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

7 (C) \$1,040,860,000 for dislocated worker
8 employment and training activities, of which
9 \$180,860,000 shall be available for the period
10 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and of
11 which \$860,000,000 shall be available for the
12 period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

13 *Provided*, That the funds available for allotment to
14 outlying areas to carry out subtitle B of title I of the
15 WIOA shall not be subject to the requirements of
16 section 127(b)(1)(B)(ii) of such Act; and

17 (2) for national programs, \$711,368,000 as fol-
18 lows:

19 (A) \$220,859,000 for the dislocated work-
20 ers assistance national reserve, of which
21 \$20,859,000 shall be available for the period
22 July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and
23 of which \$200,000,000 shall be available for the
24 period October 1, 2019 through September 30,
25 2020: *Provided*, That funds provided to carry

1 out section 132(a)(2)(A) of the WIOA may be
2 used to provide assistance to a State for state-
3 wide or local use in order to address cases
4 where there have been worker dislocations
5 across multiple sectors or across multiple local
6 areas and such workers remain dislocated; co-
7 ordinate the State workforce development plan
8 with emerging economic development needs; and
9 train such eligible dislocated workers: *Provided*
10 *further*, That funds provided to carry out sec-
11 tions 168(b) and 169(c) of the WIOA may be
12 used for technical assistance and demonstration
13 projects, respectively, that provide assistance to
14 new entrants in the workforce and incumbent
15 workers: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
16 section 168(b) of the WIOA, of the funds pro-
17 vided under this subparagraph, the Secretary of
18 Labor (referred to in this title as “Secretary”)
19 may reserve not more than 10 percent of such
20 funds to provide technical assistance and carry
21 out additional activities related to the transition
22 to the WIOA: *Provided further*, That of the
23 funds provided under this subparagraph,
24 \$30,000,000 shall be for training and employ-
25 ment assistance under sections 168(b), 169(c)

1 (notwithstanding the 10 percent limitation in
2 such section) and 170 of the WIOA for workers
3 in the Appalachian region, as defined by 40
4 U.S.C. 14102(a)(1) and workers in the Lower
5 Mississippi, as defined in section 4(2) of the
6 Delta Development Act (Public Law 100-460,
7 102 Stat. 2246; 7 U.S.C. 2009aa(2));

8 (B) \$54,000,000 for Native American pro-
9 grams under section 166 of the WIOA, which
10 shall be available for the period July 1, 2019
11 through June 30, 2020;

12 (C) \$87,896,000 for migrant and seasonal
13 farmworker programs under section 167 of the
14 WIOA, including \$81,447,000 for formula
15 grants (of which not less than 70 percent shall
16 be for employment and training services),
17 \$5,922,000 for migrant and seasonal housing
18 (of which not less than 70 percent shall be for
19 permanent housing), and \$527,000 for other
20 discretionary purposes, which shall be available
21 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30,
22 2020: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
23 other provision of law or related regulation, the
24 Department of Labor shall take no action lim-
25 iting the number or proportion of eligible par-

1 participants receiving related assistance services or
2 discouraging grantees from providing such serv-
3 ices;

4 (D) \$89,534,000 for YouthBuild activities
5 as described in section 171 of the WIOA, which
6 shall be available for the period April 1, 2019
7 through June 30, 2020;

8 (E) \$93,079,000 for ex-offender activities,
9 under the authority of section 169 of the WIOA
10 and section 212 of the Second Chance Act of
11 2007, which shall be available for the period
12 April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020: *Provided*,
13 That of this amount, \$25,000,000 shall be for
14 competitive grants to national and regional
15 intermediaries for activities that prepare young
16 ex-offenders and school dropouts for employ-
17 ment, with a priority for projects serving high-
18 crime, high-poverty areas;

19 (F) \$6,000,000 for the Workforce Data
20 Quality Initiative, under the authority of section
21 169 of the WIOA, which shall be available for
22 the period July 1, 2019 through June 30,
23 2020; and

24 (G) \$160,000,000 to expand opportunities
25 relating to apprenticeship programs registered

1 under the National Apprenticeship Act, to be
2 available to the Secretary to carry out activities
3 through grants, cooperative agreements, con-
4 tracts and other arrangements, with States and
5 other appropriate entities, which shall be avail-
6 able for the period April 1, 2019 through June
7 30, 2020.

8 JOB CORPS

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 To carry out subtitle C of title I of the WIOA, includ-
11 ing Federal administrative expenses, the purchase and
12 hire of passenger motor vehicles, the construction, alter-
13 ation, and repairs of buildings and other facilities, and the
14 purchase of real property for training centers as author-
15 ized by the WIOA, \$1,718,655,000, plus reimbursements,
16 as follows:

17 (1) \$1,603,325,000 for Job Corps Operations,
18 which shall be available for the period July 1, 2019
19 through June 30, 2020;

20 (2) \$83,000,000 for construction, rehabilitation
21 and acquisition of Job Corps Centers, which shall be
22 available for the period July 1, 2019 through June
23 30, 2022, and which may include the acquisition,
24 maintenance, and repair of major items of equip-
25 ment: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer up

1 to 15 percent of such funds to meet the operational
2 needs of such centers or to achieve administrative ef-
3 ficiencies: *Provided further*, That any funds trans-
4 ferred pursuant to the preceding provision shall not
5 be available for obligation after June 30, 2020: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That the Committees on Appropria-
7 tions of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
8 ate are notified at least 15 days in advance of any
9 transfer; and

10 (3) \$32,330,000 for necessary expenses of Job
11 Corps, which shall be available for obligation for the
12 period October 1, 2018 through September 30,
13 2019:

14 *Provided*, That no funds from any other appropriation
15 shall be used to provide meal services at or for Job Corps
16 centers.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT FOR OLDER
18 AMERICANS

19 To carry out title V of the Older Americans Act of
20 1965 (referred to in this Act as “OAA”), \$400,000,000,
21 which shall be available for the period April 1, 2019
22 through June 30, 2020, and may be recaptured and reobli-
23 gated in accordance with section 517(c) of the OAA.

1 FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES

2 For payments during fiscal year 2019 of trade ad-
3 justment benefit payments and allowances under part I
4 of subchapter B of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act
5 of 1974, and section 246 of that Act; and for training,
6 employment and case management services, allowances for
7 job search and relocation, and related State administrative
8 expenses under part II of subchapter B of chapter 2 of
9 title II of the Trade Act of 1974, and including benefit
10 payments, allowances, training, employment and case
11 management services, and related State administration
12 provided pursuant to section 231(a) of the Trade Adjust-
13 ment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 and section 405(a)
14 of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015,
15 \$790,000,000 together with such amounts as may be nec-
16 essary to be charged to the subsequent appropriation for
17 payments for any period subsequent to September 15,
18 2019: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 502 of this
19 Act, any part of the appropriation provided under this
20 heading may remain available for obligation beyond the
21 current fiscal year pursuant to the authorities of section
22 245(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2317(c)).

1 STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT
2 SERVICE OPERATIONS

3 For authorized administrative expenses,
4 \$84,066,000, together with not to exceed \$3,254,944,000
5 which may be expended from the Employment Security
6 Administration Account in the Unemployment Trust Fund
7 (“the Trust Fund”), of which:

8 (1) \$2,515,816,000 from the Trust Fund is for
9 grants to States for the administration of State un-
10 employment insurance laws as authorized under title
11 III of the Social Security Act (including not less
12 than \$150,000,000 to carry out reemployment serv-
13 ices and eligibility assessments under section 306 of
14 such Act, any claimants of regular compensation, as
15 defined in such section, including those who are
16 profiled as most likely to exhaust their benefits, may
17 be eligible for such services and assessments: *Pro-*
18 *vided*, That of such amount, \$117,000,000 is speci-
19 fied for grants under section 306 of the Social Secu-
20 rity Act and is provided to meet the terms of section
21 251(b)(2)(E)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
22 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, and
23 \$33,000,000 is additional new budget authority
24 specified for purposes of section 251(b)(2)(E)(i)(II)
25 of such Act; and \$9,000,000 for continued support

1 of the Unemployment Insurance Integrity Center of
2 Excellence), the administration of unemployment in-
3 surance for Federal employees and for ex-service
4 members as authorized under 5 U.S.C. 8501–8523,
5 and the administration of trade readjustment allow-
6 ances, reemployment trade adjustment assistance,
7 and alternative trade adjustment assistance under
8 the Trade Act of 1974 and under section 231(a) of
9 the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of
10 2011 and section 405(a) of the Trade Preferences
11 Extension Act of 2015, and shall be available for ob-
12 ligation by the States through December 31, 2019,
13 except that funds used for automation shall be avail-
14 able for Federal obligation through December 31,
15 2019, and for State obligation through September
16 30, 2021, or, if the automation is being carried out
17 through consortia of States, for State obligation
18 through September 30, 2024, and for expenditure
19 through September 30, 2025, and funds for competi-
20 tive grants awarded to States for improved oper-
21 ations and to conduct in-person reemployment and
22 eligibility assessments and unemployment insurance
23 improper payment reviews and provide reemploy-
24 ment services and referrals to training, as appro-
25 priate, shall be available for Federal obligation

1 through December 31, 2019, and for obligation by
2 the States through September 30, 2021, and funds
3 for the Unemployment Insurance Integrity Center of
4 Excellence shall be available for obligation by the
5 State through September 30, 2020, and funds used
6 for unemployment insurance workloads experienced
7 through September 30, 2019 shall be available for
8 Federal obligation through December 31, 2019;

9 (2) \$12,000,000 from the Trust Fund is for na-
10 tional activities necessary to support the administra-
11 tion of the Federal-State unemployment insurance
12 system;

13 (3) \$645,000,000 from the Trust Fund, to-
14 gether with \$21,413,000 from the General Fund of
15 the Treasury, is for grants to States in accordance
16 with section 6 of the Wagner-Peyser Act, and shall
17 be available for Federal obligation for the period
18 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;

19 (4) \$19,818,000 from the Trust Fund is for na-
20 tional activities of the Employment Service, includ-
21 ing administration of the work opportunity tax cred-
22 it under section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code of
23 1986, and the provision of technical assistance and
24 staff training under the Wagner-Peyser Act;

1 (5) \$62,310,000 from the Trust Fund is for the
2 administration of foreign labor certifications and re-
3 lated activities under the Immigration and Nation-
4 ality Act and related laws, of which \$48,028,000
5 shall be available for the Federal administration of
6 such activities, and \$14,282,000 shall be available
7 for grants to States for the administration of such
8 activities; and

9 (6) \$62,653,000 from the General Fund is to
10 provide workforce information, national electronic
11 tools, and one-stop system building under the Wag-
12 ner-Peyser Act and shall be available for Federal ob-
13 ligation for the period July 1, 2019 through June
14 30, 2020:

15 *Provided*, That to the extent that the Average Weekly In-
16 sured Unemployment (“AWIU”) for fiscal year 2019 is
17 projected by the Department of Labor to exceed
18 2,030,000, an additional \$28,600,000 from the Trust
19 Fund shall be available for obligation for every 100,000
20 increase in the AWIU level (including a pro rata amount
21 for any increment less than 100,000) to carry out title
22 III of the Social Security Act: *Provided further*, That
23 funds appropriated in this Act that are allotted to a State
24 to carry out activities under title III of the Social Security
25 Act may be used by such State to assist other States in

1 carrying out activities under such title III if the other
2 States include areas that have suffered a major disaster
3 declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford
4 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: *Provided*
5 *further*, That the Secretary may use funds appropriated
6 for grants to States under title III of the Social Security
7 Act to make payments on behalf of States for the use of
8 the National Directory of New Hires under section
9 453(j)(8) of such Act: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
10 retary may use funds appropriated for grants to States
11 under title III of the Social Security Act to make pay-
12 ments on behalf of States to the entity operating the State
13 Information Data Exchange System: *Provided further*,
14 That funds appropriated in this Act which are used to es-
15 tablish a national one-stop career center system, or which
16 are used to support the national activities of the Federal-
17 State unemployment insurance, employment service, or
18 immigration programs, may be obligated in contracts,
19 grants, or agreements with States and non-State entities:
20 *Provided further*, That States awarded competitive grants
21 for improved operations under title III of the Social Secu-
22 rity Act, or awarded grants to support the national activi-
23 ties of the Federal-State unemployment insurance system,
24 may award subgrants to other States and non-State enti-
25 ties under such grants, subject to the conditions applicable

1 to the grants: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated
2 under this Act for activities authorized under title III of
3 the Social Security Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act may
4 be used by States to fund integrated Unemployment In-
5 surance and Employment Service automation efforts, not-
6 withstanding cost allocation principles prescribed under
7 the final rule entitled “Uniform Administrative Require-
8 ments, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Fed-
9 eral Awards” at part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal Regu-
10 lations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary, at the re-
11 quest of a State participating in a consortium with other
12 States, may reallocate funds allotted to such State under title
13 III of the Social Security Act to other States participating
14 in the consortium in order to carry out activities that ben-
15 efit the administration of the unemployment compensation
16 law of the State making the request: *Provided further*,
17 That the Secretary may collect fees for the costs associ-
18 ated with additional data collection, analyses, and report-
19 ing services relating to the National Agricultural Workers
20 Survey requested by State and local governments, public
21 and private institutions of higher education, and nonprofit
22 organizations and may utilize such sums, in accordance
23 with the provisions of 29 U.S.C. 9a, for the National Agri-
24 cultural Workers Survey infrastructure, methodology, and
25 data to meet the information collection and reporting

1 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For necessary expenses for the Employee Benefits
4 Security Administration, \$186,500,000, of which up to
5 \$3,000,000 shall be made available through September 30,
6 2020, for the procurement of expert witnesses for enforce-
7 ment litigation.

8 PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

9 PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION FUND

10 The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“Cor-
11 poration”) is authorized to make such expenditures, in-
12 cluding financial assistance authorized by subtitle E of
13 title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act
14 of 1974, within limits of funds and borrowing authority
15 available to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and
16 to make such contracts and commitments without regard
17 to fiscal year limitations, as provided by 31 U.S.C. 9104,
18 as may be necessary in carrying out the program, includ-
19 ing associated administrative expenses, through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2019, for the Corporation: *Provided*, That
21 none of the funds available to the Corporation for fiscal
22 year 2019 shall be available for obligations for administra-
23 tive expenses in excess of \$445,363,000: *Provided further*,
24 That to the extent that the number of new plan partici-
25 pants in plans terminated by the Corporation exceeds

1 100,000 in fiscal year 2019, an amount not to exceed an
2 additional \$9,200,000 shall be available through Sep-
3 tember 30, 2020, for obligation for administrative ex-
4 penses for every 20,000 additional terminated partici-
5 pants: *Provided further*, That obligations in excess of the
6 amounts provided in this paragraph may be incurred for
7 unforeseen and extraordinary pretermination expenses or
8 extraordinary multiemployer program related expenses
9 after approval by the Office of Management and Budget
10 and notification of the Committees on Appropriations of
11 the House of Representatives and the Senate.

12 WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For necessary expenses for the Wage and Hour Divi-
15 sion, including reimbursement to State, Federal, and local
16 agencies and their employees for inspection services ren-
17 dered, \$229,000,000.

18 OFFICE OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses for the Office of Labor-Man-
21 agement Standards, \$40,187,000.

1 Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act,
2 \$230,000,000, together with such amounts as may be nec-
3 essary to be charged to the subsequent year appropriation
4 for the payment of compensation and other benefits for
5 any period subsequent to August 15 of the current year,
6 for deposit into and to assume the attributes of the Em-
7 ployees' Compensation Fund established under 5 U.S.C.
8 8147(a): *Provided*, That amounts appropriated may be
9 used under 5 U.S.C. 8104 by the Secretary to reimburse
10 an employer, who is not the employer at the time of injury,
11 for portions of the salary of a re-employed, disabled bene-
12 ficiary: *Provided further*, That balances of reimbursements
13 unobligated on September 30, 2018, shall remain available
14 until expended for the payment of compensation, benefits,
15 and expenses: *Provided further*, That in addition there
16 shall be transferred to this appropriation from the Postal
17 Service and from any other corporation or instrumentality
18 required under 5 U.S.C. 8147(c) to pay an amount for
19 its fair share of the cost of administration, such sums as
20 the Secretary determines to be the cost of administration
21 for employees of such fair share entities through Sep-
22 tember 30, 2019: *Provided further*, That of those funds
23 transferred to this account from the fair share entities to
24 pay the cost of administration of the Federal Employees'

1 Compensation Act, \$74,777,000 shall be made available
2 to the Secretary as follows:

3 (1) For enhancement and maintenance of auto-
4 mated data processing systems operations and tele-
5 communications systems, \$24,540,000;

6 (2) For automated workload processing oper-
7 ations, including document imaging, centralized mail
8 intake, and medical bill processing, \$22,968,000;

9 (3) For periodic roll disability management and
10 medical review, \$25,535,000;

11 (4) For program integrity, \$1,734,000; and

12 (5) The remaining funds shall be paid into the
13 Treasury as miscellaneous receipts:

14 *Provided further*, That the Secretary may require that any
15 person filing a notice of injury or a claim for benefits
16 under 5 U.S.C. 81, or the Longshore and Harbor Work-
17 ers' Compensation Act, provide as part of such notice and
18 claim, such identifying information (including Social Secu-
19 rity account number) as such regulations may prescribe.

20 SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR DISABLED COAL MINERS

21 For carrying out title IV of the Federal Mine Safety
22 and Health Act of 1977, as amended by Public Law 107-
23 275, \$10,319,000, to remain available until expended.

24 For making after July 31 of the current fiscal year,
25 benefit payments to individuals under title IV of such Act,

1 for costs incurred in the current fiscal year, such amounts
2 as may be necessary.

3 For making benefit payments under title IV for the
4 first quarter of fiscal year 2020, \$14,000,000, to remain
5 available until expended.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, ENERGY EMPLOYEES

7 OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION FUND

8 For necessary expenses to administer the Energy
9 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
10 Act, \$59,098,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That the Secretary may require that any person fil-
12 ing a claim for benefits under the Act provide as part of
13 such claim such identifying information (including Social
14 Security account number) as may be prescribed.

15 BLACK LUNG DISABILITY TRUST FUND

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 Such sums as may be necessary from the Black Lung
18 Disability Trust Fund (the “Fund”), to remain available
19 until expended, for payment of all benefits authorized by
20 section 9501(d)(1), (2), (6), and (7) of the Internal Rev-
21 enue Code of 1986; and repayment of, and payment of
22 interest on advances, as authorized by section 9501(d)(4)
23 of that Act. In addition, the following amounts may be
24 expended from the Fund for fiscal year 2019 for expenses
25 of operation and administration of the Black Lung Bene-

1 fits program, as authorized by section 9501(d)(5): not to
2 exceed \$38,246,000 for transfer to the Office of Workers'
3 Compensation Programs, "Salaries and Expenses"; not to
4 exceed \$31,994,000 for transfer to Departmental Manage-
5 ment, "Salaries and Expenses"; not to exceed \$330,000
6 for transfer to Departmental Management, "Office of In-
7 spector General"; and not to exceed \$356,000 for pay-
8 ments into miscellaneous receipts for the expenses of the
9 Department of the Treasury.

10 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

12 For necessary expenses for the Occupational Safety
13 and Health Administration, \$556,787,000, including not
14 to exceed \$102,850,000 which shall be the maximum
15 amount available for grants to States under section 23(g)
16 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (the "Act"),
17 which grants shall be no less than 50 percent of the costs
18 of State occupational safety and health programs required
19 to be incurred under plans approved by the Secretary
20 under section 18 of the Act; and, in addition, notwith-
21 standing 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Occupational Safety and
22 Health Administration may retain up to \$499,000 per fis-
23 cal year of training institute course tuition and fees, other-
24 wise authorized by law to be collected, and may utilize
25 such sums for occupational safety and health training and

1 education: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C.
2 3302, the Secretary is authorized, during the fiscal year
3 ending September 30, 2019, to collect and retain fees for
4 services provided to Nationally Recognized Testing Lab-
5 oratories, and may utilize such sums, in accordance with
6 the provisions of 29 U.S.C. 9a, to administer national and
7 international laboratory recognition programs that ensure
8 the safety of equipment and products used by workers in
9 the workplace: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
10 appropriated under this paragraph shall be obligated or
11 expended to prescribe, issue, administer, or enforce any
12 standard, rule, regulation, or order under the Act which
13 is applicable to any person who is engaged in a farming
14 operation which does not maintain a temporary labor
15 camp and employs 10 or fewer employees: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That no funds appropriated under this paragraph
17 shall be obligated or expended to administer or enforce
18 any standard, rule, regulation, or order under the Act with
19 respect to any employer of 10 or fewer employees who is
20 included within a category having a Days Away, Re-
21 stricted, or Transferred (“DART”) occupational injury
22 and illness rate, at the most precise industrial classifica-
23 tion code for which such data are published, less than the
24 national average rate as such rates are most recently pub-
25 lished by the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of

1 Labor Statistics, in accordance with section 24 of the Act,
2 except—

3 (1) to provide, as authorized by the Act, con-
4 sultation, technical assistance, educational and train-
5 ing services, and to conduct surveys and studies;

6 (2) to conduct an inspection or investigation in
7 response to an employee complaint, to issue a cita-
8 tion for violations found during such inspection, and
9 to assess a penalty for violations which are not cor-
10 rected within a reasonable abatement period and for
11 any willful violations found;

12 (3) to take any action authorized by the Act
13 with respect to imminent dangers;

14 (4) to take any action authorized by the Act
15 with respect to health hazards;

16 (5) to take any action authorized by the Act
17 with respect to a report of an employment accident
18 which is fatal to one or more employees or which re-
19 sults in hospitalization of two or more employees,
20 and to take any action pursuant to such investiga-
21 tion authorized by the Act; and

22 (6) to take any action authorized by the Act
23 with respect to complaints of discrimination against
24 employees for exercising rights under the Act:

1 *Provided further*, That the foregoing proviso shall not
2 apply to any person who is engaged in a farming operation
3 which does not maintain a temporary labor camp and em-
4 ploys 10 or fewer employees: *Provided further*, That
5 \$10,537,000 shall be available for Susan Harwood train-
6 ing grants, of which the Secretary shall reserve not less
7 than \$4,500,000 for Susan Harwood Training Capacity
8 Building Developmental grants, as described in Funding
9 Opportunity Number SHTG-GY-16-02 (referenced in
10 the notice of availability of funds published in the Federal
11 Register on May 3, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 30568)) for pro-
12 gram activities starting not later than September 30, 2019
13 and lasting for a period of 12 months: *Provided further*,
14 That not less than \$3,500,000 shall be for Voluntary Pro-
15 tection Programs.

16 MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses for the Mine Safety and
19 Health Administration, \$373,816,000, including purchase
20 and bestowal of certificates and trophies in connection
21 with mine rescue and first-aid work, and the hire of pas-
22 senger motor vehicles, including up to \$2,000,000 for
23 mine rescue and recovery activities and not less than
24 \$10,537,000 for State assistance grants: *Provided*, That
25 amounts available for State assistance grants may be used

1 for the purchase and maintenance of new equipment re-
2 quired by the final rule entitled “Lowering Miners’ Expo-
3 sure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous
4 Personal Dust Monitors” published by the Department of
5 Labor in the Federal Register on May 1, 2014 (79 Fed.
6 Reg. 24813 et seq.), for operators that demonstrate finan-
7 cial need as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further,*
8 That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, not to exceed
9 \$750,000 may be collected by the National Mine Health
10 and Safety Academy for room, board, tuition, and the sale
11 of training materials, otherwise authorized by law to be
12 collected, to be available for mine safety and health edu-
13 cation and training activities: *Provided further,* That not-
14 withstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Mine Safety and Health
15 Administration is authorized to collect and retain up to
16 \$2,499,000 from fees collected for the approval and cer-
17 tification of equipment, materials, and explosives for use
18 in mines, and may utilize such sums for such activities:
19 *Provided further,* That the Secretary is authorized to ac-
20 cept lands, buildings, equipment, and other contributions
21 from public and private sources and to prosecute projects
22 in cooperation with other agencies, Federal, State, or pri-
23 vate: *Provided further,* That the Mine Safety and Health
24 Administration is authorized to promote health and safety
25 education and training in the mining community through

1 cooperative programs with States, industry, and safety as-
2 sociations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is author-
3 ized to recognize the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association
4 as a principal safety association and, notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law, may provide funds and, with or
6 without reimbursement, personnel, including service of
7 Mine Safety and Health Administration officials as offi-
8 cers in local chapters or in the national organization: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That any funds available to the Department
10 of Labor may be used, with the approval of the Secretary,
11 to provide for the costs of mine rescue and survival oper-
12 ations in the event of a major disaster.

13 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses for the Bureau of Labor Sta-
16 tistics, including advances or reimbursements to State,
17 Federal, and local agencies and their employees for serv-
18 ices rendered, \$550,000,000, together with not to exceed
19 \$65,000,000 which may be expended from the Employ-
20 ment Security Administration account in the Unemploy-
21 ment Trust Fund.

22 OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY

23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For necessary expenses for the Office of Disability
25 Employment Policy to provide leadership, develop policy

1 and initiatives, and award grants furthering the objective
2 of eliminating barriers to the training and employment of
3 people with disabilities, \$38,203,000.

4 DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 For necessary expenses for Departmental Manage-
8 ment, including the hire of three passenger motor vehicles,
9 \$337,536,000, together with not to exceed \$308,000,
10 which may be expended from the Employment Security
11 Administration account in the Unemployment Trust
12 Fund: *Provided*, That \$59,825,000 for the Bureau of
13 International Labor Affairs shall be available for obliga-
14 tion through December 31, 2019: *Provided further*, That
15 funds available to the Bureau of International Labor Af-
16 fairs may be used to administer or operate international
17 labor activities, bilateral and multilateral technical assist-
18 ance, and microfinance programs, by or through contracts,
19 grants, subgrants and other arrangements: *Provided fur-*
20 *ther*, That not more than \$53,825,000 shall be for pro-
21 grams to combat exploitative child labor internationally
22 and not less than \$6,000,000 shall be used to implement
23 model programs that address worker rights issues through
24 technical assistance in countries with which the United
25 States has free trade agreements or trade preference pro-

1 grams: *Provided further*, That \$8,040,000 shall be used
2 for program evaluation and shall be available for obliga-
3 tion through September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That
4 funds available for program evaluation may be used to ad-
5 minister grants for the purpose of evaluation: *Provided*
6 *further*, That grants made for the purpose of evaluation
7 shall be awarded through fair and open competition: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That funds available for program evaluation
9 may be transferred to any other appropriate account in
10 the Department for such purpose: *Provided further*, That
11 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days
13 in advance of any transfer: *Provided further*, That the
14 funds available to the Women’s Bureau may be used for
15 grants to serve and promote the interests of women in the
16 workforce: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
17 available to the Women’s Bureau, \$994,000 shall be used
18 for grants authorized by the Women in Apprenticeship
19 and Nontraditional Occupations Act.

20 VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

21 Not to exceed \$250,041,000 may be derived from the
22 Employment Security Administration account in the Un-
23 employment Trust Fund to carry out the provisions of
24 chapters 41, 42, and 43 of title 38, United States Code,
25 of which:

1 (1) \$180,000,000 is for Jobs for Veterans State
2 grants under 38 U.S.C. 4102A(b)(5) to support dis-
3 abled veterans' outreach program specialists under
4 section 4103A of such title and local veterans' em-
5 ployment representatives under section 4104(b) of
6 such title, and for the expenses described in section
7 4102A(b)(5)(C), which shall be available for obliga-
8 tion by the States through December 31, 2019, and
9 not to exceed 3 percent for the necessary Federal ex-
10 penditures for data systems and contract support to
11 allow for the tracking of participant and perform-
12 ance information: *Provided*, That, in addition, such
13 funds may be used to support such specialists and
14 representatives in the provision of services to
15 transitioning members of the Armed Forces who
16 have participated in the Transition Assistance Pro-
17 gram and have been identified as in need of inten-
18 sive services, to members of the Armed Forces who
19 are wounded, ill, or injured and receiving treatment
20 in military treatment facilities or warrior transition
21 units, and to the spouses or other family caregivers
22 of such wounded, ill, or injured members;

23 (2) \$24,500,000 is for carrying out the Transi-
24 tion Assistance Program under 38 U.S.C. 4113 and
25 10 U.S.C. 1144;

1 (3) \$42,127,000 is for Federal administration
2 of chapters 41, 42, and 43 of title 38, United States
3 Code: *Provided*, That, up to \$500,000 may be used
4 to carry out the Hire VETS Act (division O of Pub-
5 lic Law 115–31); and

6 (4) \$3,414,000 is for the National Veterans’
7 Employment and Training Services Institute under
8 38 U.S.C. 4109:

9 *Provided*, That the Secretary may reallocate among the
10 appropriations provided under paragraphs (1) through (4)
11 above an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the appropria-
12 tion from which such reallocation is made.

13 In addition, from the General Fund of the Treasury,
14 \$50,000,000 is for carrying out programs to assist home-
15 less veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness who are
16 transitioning from certain institutions under sections
17 2021, 2021A, and 2023 of title 38, United States Code:
18 *Provided*, That notwithstanding subsections (c)(3) and (d)
19 of section 2023, the Secretary may award grants through
20 September 30, 2019, to provide services under such sec-
21 tion: *Provided further*, That services provided under sec-
22 tion 2023 may include, in addition to services to the indi-
23 viduals described in subsection (e) of such section, services
24 to veterans recently released from incarceration who are
25 at risk of homelessness.

1 In addition, fees may be assessed and deposited in
2 the HIRE Vets Medallion Award Fund pursuant to sec-
3 tion 5(b) of the HIRE Vets Act, and such amounts shall
4 be available to the Secretary to carry out the HIRE Vets
5 Medallion Award Program, as authorized by such Act, and
6 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such
7 sums shall be in addition to any other funds available for
8 such purposes, including funds available under paragraph
9 (3) of this heading: *Provided further*, That section 2(d)
10 of division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017
11 (Public Law 115-31; 38 U.S.C. 4100 note) shall not
12 apply.

13 IT MODERNIZATION

14 For necessary expenses for Department of Labor cen-
15 tralized infrastructure technology investment activities re-
16 lated to support systems and modernization, \$20,769,000,
17 which shall be available until expended.

18 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector
20 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
21 General Act of 1978, \$83,487,000, together with not to
22 exceed \$5,660,000 which may be expended from the Em-
23 ployment Security Administration account in the Unem-
24 ployment Trust Fund.

1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2 SEC. 101. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
3 for the Job Corps shall be used to pay the salary and bo-
4 nuses of an individual, either as direct costs or any prora-
5 tion as an indirect cost, at a rate in excess of Executive
6 Level II.

7 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 SEC. 102. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-
9 tionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
10 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) which are appro-
11 priated for the current fiscal year for the Department of
12 Labor in this Act may be transferred between a program,
13 project, or activity, but no such program, project, or activ-
14 ity shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any such
15 transfer: *Provided*, That the transfer authority granted by
16 this section shall not be used to create any new program
17 or to fund any project or activity for which no funds are
18 provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That the Commit-
19 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
20 and the Senate are notified at least 15 days in advance
21 of any transfer.

22 SEC. 103. In accordance with Executive Order
23 13126, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made
24 available pursuant to this Act shall be obligated or ex-
25 pended for the procurement of goods mined, produced,

1 manufactured, or harvested or services rendered, in whole
2 or in part, by forced or indentured child labor in industries
3 and host countries already identified by the United States
4 Department of Labor prior to enactment of this Act.

5 SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in this sec-
6 tion, none of the funds made available to the Department
7 of Labor for grants under section 414(c) of the American
8 Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998
9 (29 U.S.C. 2916a) may be used for any purpose other
10 than competitive grants for training individuals who are
11 older than 16 years of age and are not currently enrolled
12 in school within a local educational agency in the occupa-
13 tions and industries for which employers are using H-1B
14 visas to hire foreign workers, and the related activities
15 necessary to support such training.

16 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available by this
17 Act under the heading “Employment and Training Ad-
18 ministration” shall be used by a recipient or subrecipient
19 of such funds to pay the salary and bonuses of an indi-
20 vidual, either as direct costs or indirect costs, at a rate
21 in excess of Executive Level II. This limitation shall not
22 apply to vendors providing goods and services as defined
23 in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.
24 Where States are recipients of such funds, States may es-
25 tablish a lower limit for salaries and bonuses of those re-

1 ceiving salaries and bonuses from subrecipients of such
2 funds, taking into account factors including the relative
3 cost-of-living in the State, the compensation levels for
4 comparable State or local government employees, and the
5 size of the organizations that administer Federal pro-
6 grams involved including Employment and Training Ad-
7 ministration programs.

8 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 106. (a) Notwithstanding section 102, the Sec-
10 retary may transfer funds made available to the Employ-
11 ment and Training Administration by this Act, either di-
12 rectly or through a set-aside, for technical assistance serv-
13 ices to grantees to “Program Administration” when it is
14 determined that those services will be more efficiently per-
15 formed by Federal employees: *Provided*, That this section
16 shall not apply to section 171 of the WIOA.

17 (b) Notwithstanding section 102, the Secretary may
18 transfer not more than 0.5 percent of each discretionary
19 appropriation made available to the Employment and
20 Training Administration by this Act to “Program Admin-
21 istration” in order to carry out program integrity activities
22 relating to any of the programs or activities that are fund-
23 ed under any such discretionary appropriations: *Provided*,
24 That notwithstanding section 102 and the preceding pro-
25 viso, the Secretary may transfer not more than 0.5 percent

1 of funds made available in paragraphs (1) and (2) of the
2 “Office of Job Corps” account to paragraph (3) of such
3 account to carry out program integrity activities related
4 to the Job Corps program: *Provided further*, That funds
5 transferred under the authority provided by this sub-
6 section shall be available for obligation through September
7 30, 2020.

8 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 107. (a) The Secretary may reserve not more
10 than 0.75 percent from each appropriation made available
11 in this Act identified in subsection (b) in order to carry
12 out evaluations of any of the programs or activities that
13 are funded under such accounts. Any funds reserved under
14 this section shall be transferred to “Departmental Man-
15 agement” for use by the Office of the Chief Evaluation
16 Officer within the Department of Labor, and shall be
17 available for obligation through September 30, 2020: *Pro-*
18 *vided*, That such funds shall only be available if the Chief
19 Evaluation Officer of the Department of Labor submits
20 a plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
21 of Representatives and the Senate describing the evalua-
22 tions to be carried out 15 days in advance of any transfer.

23 (b) The accounts referred to in subsection (a) are:
24 “Training and Employment Services”, “Job Corps”,
25 “Community Service Employment for Older Americans”,

1 “State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service
2 Operations”, “Employee Benefits Security Administra-
3 tion”, “Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs”,
4 “Wage and Hour Division”, “Office of Federal Contract
5 Compliance Programs”, “Office of Labor Management
6 Standards”, “Occupational Safety and Health Adminis-
7 tration”, “Mine Safety and Health Administration”, “Of-
8 fice of Disability Employment Policy”, funding made
9 available to the “Bureau of International Labor Affairs”
10 and “Women’s Bureau” within the “Departmental Man-
11 agement, Salaries and Expenses” account, and “Veterans
12 Employment and Training”.

13 SEC. 108. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, beginning October 1, 2017, the Secretary of Labor,
15 in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture may se-
16 lect an entity to operate a Civilian Conservation Center
17 on a competitive basis in accordance with section 147 of
18 the WIOA, if the Secretary of Labor determines such Cen-
19 ter has had consistently low performance under the per-
20 formance accountability system in effect for the Job Corps
21 program prior to July 1, 2016, or with respect to expected
22 levels of performance established under section 159(c) of
23 such Act beginning July 1, 2016.

1 SEC. 109. (a) Section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards
2 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207) shall be applied as if the
3 following text is part of such section:

4 “(s)(1) The provisions of this section shall not apply
5 for a period of 2 years after the occurrence of a major
6 disaster to any employee—

7 “(A) employed to adjust or evaluate claims re-
8 sulting from or relating to such major disaster, by
9 an employer not engaged, directly or through an af-
10 filiate, in underwriting, selling, or marketing prop-
11 erty, casualty, or liability insurance policies or con-
12 tracts;

13 “(B) who receives from such employer on aver-
14 age weekly compensation of not less than \$591.00
15 per week or any minimum weekly amount estab-
16 lished by the Secretary, whichever is greater, for the
17 number of weeks such employee is engaged in any
18 of the activities described in subparagraph (C); and

19 “(C) whose duties include any of the following:

20 “(i) interviewing insured individuals, indi-
21 viduals who suffered injuries or other damages
22 or losses arising from or relating to a disaster,
23 witnesses, or physicians;

1 “(ii) inspecting property damage or review-
2 ing factual information to prepare damage esti-
3 mates;

4 “(iii) evaluating and making recommenda-
5 tions regarding coverage or compensability of
6 claims or determining liability or value aspects
7 of claims;

8 “(iv) negotiating settlements; or

9 “(v) making recommendations regarding
10 litigation.

11 “(2) The exemption in this subsection shall not affect
12 the exemption provided by section 13(a)(1).

13 “(3) For purposes of this subsection—

14 “(A) the term ‘major disaster’ means any dis-
15 aster or catastrophe declared or designated by any
16 State or Federal agency or department;

17 “(B) the term ‘employee employed to adjust or
18 evaluate claims resulting from or relating to such
19 major disaster’ means an individual who timely se-
20 cured or secures a license required by applicable law
21 to engage in and perform the activities described in
22 clauses (i) through (v) of paragraph (1)(C) relating
23 to a major disaster, and is employed by an employer
24 that maintains worker compensation insurance cov-
25 erage or protection for its employees, if required by

1 applicable law, and withholds applicable Federal,
2 State, and local income and payroll taxes from the
3 wages, salaries and any benefits of such employees;
4 and

5 “(C) the term ‘affiliate’ means a company that,
6 by reason of ownership or control of 25 percent or
7 more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting
8 securities of one or more companies, directly or indi-
9 rectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common
10 control with, another company.”.

11 (b) This section shall be effective on the date of en-
12 actment of this Act.

13 (RESCISSION)

14 SEC. 110. Of the funds made available under the
15 heading “Employment and Training Administration—
16 Training and Employment Services” in division H of Pub-
17 lic Law 115–141, \$34,000,000 is rescinded, to be derived
18 from the amount made available in paragraph (2)(A)
19 under such heading for the period October 1, 2018,
20 through September 30, 2019.

21 SEC. 111. (a) FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE
22 CROSSING OF H–2B NONIMMIGRANTS WORKING IN THE
23 SEAFOOD INDUSTRY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), if
25 a petition for H–2B nonimmigrants filed by an em-

1 employer in the seafood industry is granted, the em-
2 ployer may bring the nonimmigrants described in
3 the petition into the United States at any time dur-
4 ing the 120-day period beginning on the start date
5 for which the employer is seeking the services of the
6 nonimmigrants without filing another petition.

7 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR CROSSINGS AFTER
8 90TH DAY.—An employer in the seafood industry
9 may not bring H–2B nonimmigrants into the United
10 States after the date that is 90 days after the start
11 date for which the employer is seeking the services
12 of the nonimmigrants unless the employer—

13 (A) completes a new assessment of the
14 local labor market by—

15 (i) listing job orders in local news-
16 papers on 2 separate Sundays; and

17 (ii) posting the job opportunity on the
18 appropriate Department of Labor Elec-
19 tronic Job Registry and at the employer’s
20 place of employment; and

21 (B) offers the job to an equally or better
22 qualified United States worker who—

23 (i) applies for the job; and

24 (ii) will be available at the time and
25 place of need.

1 (3) EXEMPTION FROM RULES WITH RESPECT
2 TO STAGGERING.—The Secretary of Labor shall not
3 consider an employer in the seafood industry who
4 brings H–2B nonimmigrants into the United States
5 during the 120-day period specified in paragraph (1)
6 to be staggering the date of need in violation of sec-
7 tion 655.20(d) of title 20, Code of Federal Regula-
8 tions, or any other applicable provision of law.

9 (b) H–2B NONIMMIGRANTS DEFINED.—In this sec-
10 tion, the term “H–2B nonimmigrants” means aliens ad-
11 mitted to the United States pursuant to section
12 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality
13 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(B)).

14 SEC. 112. The determination of prevailing wage for
15 the purposes of the H–2B program shall be the greater
16 of—(1) the actual wage level paid by the employer to other
17 employees with similar experience and qualifications for
18 such position in the same location; or (2) the prevailing
19 wage level for the occupational classification of the posi-
20 tion in the geographic area in which the H–2B non-
21 immigrant will be employed, based on the best information
22 available at the time of filing the petition. In the deter-
23 mination of prevailing wage for the purposes of the H–
24 2B program, the Secretary shall accept private wage sur-
25 veys even in instances where Occupational Employment

1 Statistics survey data are available unless the Secretary
2 determines that the methodology and data in the provided
3 survey are not statistically supported.

4 SEC. 113. None of the funds in this Act shall be used
5 to enforce the definition of corresponding employment
6 found in 20 CFR 655.5 or the three-fourths guarantee
7 rule definition found in 20 CFR 655.20, or any references
8 thereto. Further, for the purpose of regulating admission
9 of temporary workers under the H-2B program, the defi-
10 nition of temporary need shall be that provided in 8 CFR
11 214.2(h)(6)(ii)(B).

12 SEC. 114. Notwithstanding any other provision of
13 law, the Secretary may furnish through grants, coopera-
14 tive agreements, contracts, and other arrangements, up to
15 \$2,000,000 of excess personal property to apprenticeship
16 programs for the purpose of training apprentices in those
17 programs.

18 SEC. 115. The proviso at the end of paragraph (1)
19 under the heading “Department of Labor—Employment
20 and Training Administration—State Unemployment In-
21 surance and Employment Service Operations” in title I
22 of division G of Public Law 113–235 shall be applied in
23 fiscal year 2019 by substituting “seven” for “six”.

24 SEC. 116. (a) The Act entitled “An Act to create a
25 Department of Labor”, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat.

1 736, chapter 141) shall be applied as if the following text
2 is part of such Act:

3 **“SEC. 12. SECURITY DETAIL.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor is au-
5 thorized to employ law enforcement officers or special
6 agents to—

7 “(1) provide protection for the Secretary of
8 Labor during the workday of the Secretary and dur-
9 ing any activity that is preliminary or postliminary
10 to the performance of official duties by the Sec-
11 retary;

12 “(2) provide protection, incidental to the protec-
13 tion provided to the Secretary, to a member of the
14 immediate family of the Secretary who is partici-
15 pating in an activity or event relating to the official
16 duties of the Secretary;

17 “(3) provide continuous protection to the Sec-
18 retary (including during periods not described in
19 paragraph (1)) and to the members of the imme-
20 diate family of the Secretary if there is a unique and
21 articulable threat of physical harm, in accordance
22 with guidelines established by the Secretary; and

23 “(4) provide protection to the Deputy Secretary
24 of Labor or another senior officer representing the
25 Secretary of Labor at a public event if there is a

1 unique and articulable threat of physical harm, in
2 accordance with guidelines established by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 “(b) AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary of Labor may
5 authorize a law enforcement officer or special agent em-
6 ployed under subsection (a), for the purpose of performing
7 the duties authorized under subsection (a), to—

8 “(1) carry firearms;

9 “(2) make arrests without a warrant for any of-
10 fense against the United States committed in the
11 presence of such officer or special agent;

12 “(3) perform protective intelligence work, in-
13 cluding identifying and mitigating potential threats
14 and conducting advance work to review security mat-
15 ters relating to sites and events;

16 “(4) coordinate with local law enforcement
17 agencies; and

18 “(5) initiate criminal and other investigations
19 into potential threats to the security of the Sec-
20 retary, in coordination with the Inspector General of
21 the Department of Labor.

22 “(c) COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES.—A law en-
23 forcement officer or special agent employed under sub-
24 section (a) shall exercise any authority provided under this
25 section in accordance with any—

1 “(1) guidelines issued by the Attorney General;
2 and
3 “(2) guidelines prescribed by the Secretary of
4 Labor.”.

5 (b) This section shall be effective on the date of en-
6 actment of this Act.

7 SEC. 117. The Secretary is authorized to dispose of
8 or divest, by any means the Secretary determines appro-
9 priate, including an agreement or partnership to construct
10 a new Job Corps center, all or a portion of the real prop-
11 erty on which the Treasure Island Job Corps Center is
12 situated. Any sale or other disposition will not be subject
13 to any requirement of any Federal law or regulation relat-
14 ing to the disposition of Federal real property, including
15 but not limited to subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 40
16 of the United States Code and subchapter V of chapter
17 119 of title 42 of the United States Code. The net pro-
18 ceeds of such a sale shall be transferred to the Secretary,
19 which shall be available until expended to carry out the
20 Job Corps Program.

21 This title may be cited as the “Department of Labor
22 Appropriations Act, 2019”.

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1 TITLE II
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES
4 HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
5 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

6 For carrying out titles II and III of the Public Health
7 Service Act (referred to in this Act as the “PHS Act”) *with respect to primary health care and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act of 1988, \$1,626,522,000: Provided,*
8 *That no more than \$1,000,000 shall be available until expended for carrying out the provisions of section 224(o) of the PHS Act: Provided further,* That no more than
9 *\$114,893,000 shall be available until expended for carrying out subsections (g) through (n) and (q) of section 224 of the PHS Act, and for expenses incurred by the*
10 *Department of Health and Human Services (referred to in this Act as “HHS”) pertaining to administrative claims made under such law: Provided further,* That of funds provided for the Health Centers program, as defined by section 330 of the PHS Act, by this Act or any other Act
11 *for fiscal year 2019, not less than \$200,000,000 shall be obligated in fiscal year 2019 for improving quality of care or expanded service grants under section 330 of the PHS Act to support and enhance behavioral health, mental*
12 *health, or substance use disorder services.*

1 HEALTH WORKFORCE

2 For carrying out titles III, VII, and VIII of the PHS
3 Act with respect to the health workforce, sections 1128E
4 and 1921 of the Social Security Act, and the Health Care
5 Quality Improvement Act of 1986, \$1,072,695,000, of
6 which \$111,916,000 shall be available to carry out sec-
7 tions 755 and 756 of the PHS Act: *Provided*, That sec-
8 tions 747(c)(2), 751(j)(2), 762(k), and the proportional
9 funding amounts in paragraphs (1) through (4) of section
10 756(f) of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds made avail-
11 able under this heading: *Provided further*, That for any
12 program operating under section 751 of the PHS Act on
13 or before January 1, 2009, the Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services (referred to in this title as the “Sec-
15 retary”) may hereafter waive any of the requirements con-
16 tained in sections 751(d)(2)(A) and 751(d)(2)(B) of such
17 Act for the full project period of a grant under such sec-
18 tion: *Provided further*, That no funds shall be available
19 for section 340G–1 of the PHS Act: *Provided further*,
20 That fees collected for the disclosure of information under
21 section 427(b) of the Health Care Quality Improvement
22 Act of 1986 and sections 1128E(d)(2) and 1921 of the
23 Social Security Act shall be sufficient to recover the full
24 costs of operating the programs authorized by such sec-
25 tions and shall remain available until expended for the Na-

1 tional Practitioner Data Bank: *Provided further*, That
2 funds transferred to this account to carry out section 846
3 and subpart 3 of part D of title III of the PHS Act may
4 be used to make prior year adjustments to awards made
5 under such sections: *Provided further*, That \$105,000,000
6 shall remain available until expended for the purposes of
7 providing primary health services, be used to assign Na-
8 tional Health Service Corps (“NHSC”) members to ex-
9 pand the delivery of substance use disorder treatment
10 services, notwithstanding the assignment priorities and
11 limitations in or under sections 333(a)(1)(D), 333(b), and
12 333A(a)(1)(B)(ii) of the PHS Act, and to make NHSC
13 Loan Repayment Program awards under section 338B of
14 such Act: *Provided further*, That for purposes of the pre-
15 vious proviso, section 331(a)(3)(D) of the PHS Act shall
16 be applied as if the term “primary health services” in-
17 cludes clinical substance use disorder treatment services,
18 including those provided by masters level, licensed sub-
19 stance use disorder treatment counselors.

20 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

21 For carrying out titles III, XI, XII, and XIX of the
22 PHS Act with respect to maternal and child health, title
23 V of the Social Security Act, and section 712 of the Amer-
24 ican Jobs Creation Act of 2004, \$924,789,000, of which
25 \$10,000,000 shall be available for carrying out section

1 330M of the PHS Act: *Provided*, That notwithstanding
2 sections 502(a)(1) and 502(b)(1) of the Social Security
3 Act, not more than \$109,593,000 shall be available for
4 carrying out special projects of regional and national sig-
5 nificance pursuant to section 501(a)(2) of such Act and
6 \$10,276,000 shall be available for projects described in
7 subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section 501(a)(3) of
8 such Act.

9 RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

10 For carrying out title XXVI of the PHS Act with
11 respect to the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program,
12 \$2,318,781,000, of which \$1,970,881,000 shall remain
13 available to the Secretary through September 30, 2021,
14 for parts A and B of title XXVI of the PHS Act, and
15 of which not less than \$900,313,000 shall be for State
16 AIDS Drug Assistance Programs under the authority of
17 section 2616 or 311(c) of such Act.

18 HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

19 For carrying out titles III and XII of the PHS Act
20 with respect to health care systems, and the Stem Cell
21 Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, \$113,693,000, of
22 which \$122,000 shall be available until expended for facili-
23 ties renovations at the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease
24 Center.

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1 RURAL HEALTH

2 For carrying out titles III and IV of the PHS Act
3 with respect to rural health, section 427(a) of the Federal
4 Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, and sections
5 711 and 1820 of the Social Security Act, \$318,794,000,
6 of which \$49,609,000 from general revenues, notwith-
7 standing section 1820(j) of the Social Security Act, shall
8 be available for carrying out the Medicare rural hospital
9 flexibility grants program: *Provided*, That of the funds
10 made available under this heading for Medicare rural hos-
11 pital flexibility grants, \$15,942,000 shall be available for
12 the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program
13 for quality improvement and adoption of health informa-
14 tion technology and up to \$1,000,000 shall be to carry
15 out section 1820(g)(6) of the Social Security Act, with
16 funds provided for grants under section 1820(g)(6) avail-
17 able for the purchase and implementation of telehealth
18 services, including pilots and demonstrations on the use
19 of electronic health records to coordinate rural veterans
20 care between rural providers and the Department of Vet-
21 erans Affairs electronic health record system: *Provided*
22 *further*, That notwithstanding section 338J(k) of the PHS
23 Act, \$10,000,000 shall be available for State Offices of
24 Rural Health: *Provided further*, That \$15,000,000 shall
25 remain available through September 30, 2021 to support

1 the Rural Residency Development Program: *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That \$120,000,000 shall be for the Rural Commu-
3 nities Opioids Response Program.

4 FAMILY PLANNING

5 For carrying out the program under title X of the
6 PHS Act to provide for voluntary family planning
7 projects, \$286,479,000: *Provided*, That amounts provided
8 to said projects under such title shall not be expended for
9 abortions, that all pregnancy counseling shall be nondirec-
10 tive, and that such amounts shall not be expended for any
11 activity (including the publication or distribution of lit-
12 erature) that in any way tends to promote public support
13 or opposition to any legislative proposal or candidate for
14 public office.

15 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

16 For program support in the Health Resources and
17 Services Administration, \$155,000,000: *Provided*, That
18 funds made available under this heading may be used to
19 supplement program support funding provided under the
20 headings “Primary Health Care”, “Health Workforce”,
21 “Maternal and Child Health”, “Ryan White HIV/AIDS
22 Program”, “Health Care Systems”, and “Rural Health”.

23 VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM TRUST FUND

24 For payments from the Vaccine Injury Compensation
25 Program Trust Fund (the “Trust Fund”), such sums as

1 may be necessary for claims associated with vaccine-re-
2 lated injury or death with respect to vaccines administered
3 after September 30, 1988, pursuant to subtitle 2 of title
4 XXI of the PHS Act, to remain available until expended:
5 *Provided*, That for necessary administrative expenses, not
6 to exceed \$9,200,000 shall be available from the Trust
7 Fund to the Secretary.

8 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
9 IMMUNIZATION AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES

10 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII, and XXI, and
11 section 2821 of the PHS Act, titles II and IV of the Immi-
12 gration and Nationality Act, and section 501 of the Ref-
13 ugee Education Assistance Act, with respect to immuniza-
14 tion and respiratory diseases, \$474,055,000.

15 HIV/AIDS, VIRAL HEPATITIS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED
16 DISEASES, AND TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION

17 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII, and XXIII of
18 the PHS Act with respect to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis,
19 sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis prevention,
20 \$1,132,278,000.

21 EMERGING AND ZOOONOTIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES

22 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII, and section
23 2821 of the PHS Act, titles II and IV of the Immigration
24 and Nationality Act, and section 501 of the Refugee Edu-

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1 cation Assistance Act, with respect to emerging and
2 zoonotic infectious diseases, \$565,572,000.

3 CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH

4 PROMOTION

5 For carrying out titles II, III, XI, XV, XVII, and
6 XIX of the PHS Act with respect to chronic disease pre-
7 vention and health promotion, \$911,821,000: *Provided*,
8 That funds appropriated under this account may be avail-
9 able for making grants under section 1509 of the PHS
10 Act for not less than 21 States, tribes, or tribal organiza-
11 tions: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available
12 under this heading, \$15,000,000 shall be available to con-
13 tinue and expand community specific extension and out-
14 reach programs to combat obesity in counties with the
15 highest levels of obesity: *Provided further*, That the pro-
16 portional funding requirements under section 1503(a) of
17 the PHS Act shall not apply to funds made available
18 under this heading.

19 BIRTH DEFECTS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,

20 DISABILITIES AND HEALTH

21 For carrying out titles II, III, XI, and XVII of the
22 PHS Act with respect to birth defects, developmental dis-
23 abilities, disabilities and health, \$153,560,000.

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

2 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
3 Act with respect to health statistics, surveillance, health
4 informatics, and workforce development, \$492,397,000.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

6 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
7 Act with respect to environmental health, \$188,750,000.

8 INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL

9 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
10 Act with respect to injury prevention and control,
11 \$648,559,000, of which \$475,579,000 shall remain avail-
12 able until September 30, 2020 for an evidence-based
13 opioid drug overdose prevention program.

14 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND
15 HEALTH

16 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
17 Act, sections 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, 301, and 501
18 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, section 13
19 of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response
20 Act, and sections 20, 21, and 22 of the Occupational Safe-
21 ty and Health Act, with respect to occupational safety and
22 health, \$335,300,000.

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1 ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS

2 COMPENSATION PROGRAM

3 For necessary expenses to administer the Energy
4 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
5 Act, \$55,358,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
6 *vided*, That this amount shall be available consistent with
7 the provision regarding administrative expenses in section
8 151(b) of division B, title I of Public Law 106–554.

9 GLOBAL HEALTH

10 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
11 Act with respect to global health, \$488,621,000, of which:
12 (1) \$128,421,000 shall remain available through Sep-
13 tember 30, 2020 for international HIV/AIDS; and (2)
14 \$50,000,000 shall remain available through September
15 30, 2021 for Global Disease Detection and Emergency Re-
16 sponse: *Provided*, That funds may be used for purchase
17 and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign coun-
18 tries.

19 PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

20 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
21 Act with respect to public health preparedness and re-
22 sponse, and for expenses necessary to support activities
23 related to countering potential biological, nuclear, radio-
24 logical, and chemical threats to civilian populations,
25 \$1,470,000,000, of which \$610,000,000 shall remain

1 available until expended for the Strategic National Stock-
2 pile: *Provided*, That in the event the Director of the Cen-
3 ters for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in
4 this title as “CDC”) activates the Emergency Operations
5 Center, the Director of the CDC may detail CDC staff
6 without reimbursement for up to 90 days to support the
7 work of the CDC Emergency Operations Center, so long
8 as the Director provides a notice to the Committees on
9 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
10 Senate within 15 days of the use of this authority and
11 a full report within 30 days after use of this authority
12 which includes the number of staff and funding level bro-
13 ken down by the originating center and number of days
14 detailed: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under
15 this heading may be used to support a contract for the
16 operation and maintenance of an aircraft in direct support
17 of activities throughout CDC to ensure the agency is pre-
18 pared to address public health preparedness emergencies.

19 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 For acquisition of real property, equipment, construc-
22 tion, demolition, and renovation of facilities, \$30,000,000,
23 which shall remain available until September 30, 2023:
24 *Provided*, That funds previously set-aside by CDC for re-
25 pair and upgrade of the Lake Lynn Experimental Mine

1 and Laboratory shall be used to acquire a replacement
2 mine safety research facility: *Provided further*, That in ad-
3 dition, the prior year unobligated balance of any amounts
4 assigned to former employees in accounts of CDC made
5 available for Individual Learning Accounts shall be cred-
6 ited to and merged with the amounts made available under
7 this heading to support the replacement of the mine safety
8 research facility.

9 CDC-WIDE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

10 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII and XIX, and
11 section 2821 of the PHS Act and for cross-cutting activi-
12 ties and program support for activities funded in other
13 appropriations included in this Act for the Centers for
14 Disease Control and Prevention, \$113,570,000: *Provided*,
15 That paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (b) of sec-
16 tion 2821 of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds appro-
17 priated under this heading and in all other accounts of
18 the CDC: *Provided further*, That employees of CDC or the
19 Public Health Service, both civilian and commissioned of-
20 ficers, detailed to States, municipalities, or other organiza-
21 tions under authority of section 214 of the PHS Act, or
22 in overseas assignments, shall be treated as non-Federal
23 employees for reporting purposes only and shall not be in-
24 cluded within any personnel ceiling applicable to the Agen-
25 cy, Service, or HHS during the period of detail or assign-

1 ment: *Provided further*, That CDC may use up to \$10,000
2 from amounts appropriated to CDC in this Act for official
3 reception and representation expenses when specifically
4 approved by the Director of CDC: *Provided further*, That
5 in addition, such sums as may be derived from authorized
6 user fees, which shall be credited to the appropriation
7 charged with the cost thereof: *Provided further*, That with
8 respect to the previous proviso, authorized user fees from
9 the Vessel Sanitation Program and the Respirator Certifi-
10 cation Program shall be available through September 30,
11 2020.

12 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

13 NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

14 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
15 Act with respect to cancer, \$5,747,125,000, of which up
16 to \$30,000,000 may be used for facilities repairs and im-
17 provements at the National Cancer Institute—Frederick
18 Federally Funded Research and Development Center in
19 Frederick, Maryland.

20 NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

21 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
22 Act with respect to cardiovascular, lung, and blood dis-
23 eases, and blood and blood products, \$3,490,171,000.

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1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL AND CRANIOFACIAL
2 RESEARCH

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to dental and craniofacial diseases,
5 \$462,024,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND
7 KIDNEY DISEASES

8 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
9 Act with respect to diabetes and digestive and kidney dis-
10 ease, \$2,030,892,000.

11 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS
12 AND STROKE

13 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
14 Act with respect to neurological disorders and stroke,
15 \$2,218,080,000: *Provided*, That \$250,000,000 shall be for
16 research related to opioid addiction, development of opioid
17 alternatives, pain management, and addiction treatment:
18 *Provided further*, That each for-profit recipient of funds
19 provided in the previous proviso shall be subject to a
20 matching requirement of funds or documented in-kind
21 contributions of not less than 50 percent of the total funds
22 awarded to such entity.

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1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS
2 DISEASES

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to allergy and infectious diseases,
5 \$5,506,190,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

7 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
8 Act with respect to general medical sciences,
9 \$2,874,292,000, of which \$1,018,321,000 shall be from
10 funds available under section 241 of the PHS Act: *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That not less than \$361,763,000 is provided for
12 the Institutional Development Awards program.

13 EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
14 CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

15 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
16 Act with respect to child health and human development,
17 \$1,507,251,000.

18 NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

19 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
20 Act with respect to eye diseases and visual disorders,
21 \$796,955,000.

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1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
2 SCIENCES

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to environmental health sciences,
5 \$775,115,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

7 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
8 Act with respect to aging, \$3,084,809,000.

9 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND
10 MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES

11 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
12 Act with respect to arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin
13 diseases, \$605,383,000.

14 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER
15 COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

16 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
17 Act with respect to deafness and other communication dis-
18 orders, \$474,653,000.

19 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH

20 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
21 Act with respect to nursing research, \$163,076,000.

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1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND
2 ALCOHOLISM

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to alcohol abuse and alcoholism,
5 \$525,867,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

7 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
8 Act with respect to drug abuse, \$1,420,591,000: *Provided*,
9 That \$250,000,000 shall be for research related to opioid
10 addiction, development of opioid alternatives, pain man-
11 agement, and addiction treatment: *Provided further*, That
12 each for-profit recipient of funds provided in the previous
13 proviso shall be subject to a matching requirement of
14 funds or documented in-kind contributions of not less than
15 50 percent of the total funds awarded to such entity.

16 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

17 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
18 Act with respect to mental health, \$1,813,750,000.

19 NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE

20 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
21 Act with respect to human genome research,
22 \$575,882,000.

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOMEDICAL IMAGING AND
2 BIOENGINEERING

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to biomedical imaging and bioengineering
5 research, \$389,672,000.

6 NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND
7 INTEGRATIVE HEALTH

8 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
9 Act with respect to complementary and integrative health,
10 \$146,550,000.

11 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON MINORITY HEALTH AND
12 HEALTH DISPARITIES

13 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
14 Act with respect to minority health and health disparities
15 research, \$314,845,000.

16 JOHN E. FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

17 For carrying out the activities of the John E. Fogarty
18 International Center (described in subpart 2 of part E of
19 title IV of the PHS Act), \$78,150,000.

20 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

21 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
22 Act with respect to health information communications,
23 \$442,230,000: *Provided*, That of the amounts available for
24 improvement of information systems, \$4,000,000 shall be
25 available until September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That

1 in fiscal year 2019, the National Library of Medicine may
2 enter into personal services contracts for the provision of
3 services in facilities owned, operated, or constructed under
4 the jurisdiction of the National Institutes of Health (re-
5 ferred to in this title as “NIH”).

6 NATIONAL CENTER FOR ADVANCING TRANSLATIONAL
7 SCIENCES

8 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
9 Act with respect to translational sciences, \$806,787,000:
10 *Provided*, That up to \$80,000,000 shall be available to im-
11 plement section 480 of the PHS Act, relating to the Cures
12 Acceleration Network: *Provided further*, That at least
13 \$560,031,000 is provided to the Clinical and Translational
14 Sciences Awards program.

15 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

16 For carrying out the responsibilities of the Office of
17 the Director, NIH, \$1,910,060,000: *Provided*, That fund-
18 ing shall be available for the purchase of not to exceed
19 29 passenger motor vehicles for replacement only: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That all funds credited to the NIH Manage-
21 ment Fund shall remain available for one fiscal year after
22 the fiscal year in which they are deposited: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That \$606,885,000 shall be available for the Com-
24 mon Fund established under section 402A(c)(1) of the
25 PHS Act: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided,

1 \$10,000 shall be for official reception and representation
2 expenses when specifically approved by the Director of the
3 NIH: *Provided further*, That the Office of AIDS Research
4 within the Office of the Director of the NIH may spend
5 up to \$8,000,000 to make grants for construction or ren-
6 ovation of facilities as provided for in section
7 2354(a)(5)(B) of the PHS Act: *Provided further*, That
8 \$50,000,000 shall be used to carry out section 404I of
9 the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 283K), relating to biomedical and
10 behavioral research facilities.

11 In addition to other funds appropriated for the Com-
12 mon Fund established under section 402A(c) of the PHS
13 Act, \$12,600,000 is appropriated to the Common Fund
14 from the 10-year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund de-
15 scribed in section 9008 of title 26, United States Code,
16 for the purpose of carrying out section 402(b)(7)(B)(ii)
17 of the PHS Act (relating to pediatric research), as author-
18 ized in the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act.

19 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

20 For the study of, construction of, demolition of, ren-
21 ovation of, and acquisition of equipment for, facilities of
22 or used by NIH, including the acquisition of real property,
23 \$200,000,000, to remain available through September 30,
24 2023.

1 NIH INNOVATION ACCOUNT, CURES ACT

2 For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes de-
3 scribed in section 1001(b)(4) of the 21st Century Cures
4 Act, in addition to amounts available for such purposes
5 in the appropriations provided to the NIH in this Act,
6 \$711,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That such amounts are appropriated pursuant to
8 section 1001(b)(3) of such Act, are to be derived from
9 amounts transferred under section 1001(b)(2)(A) of such
10 Act, and may be transferred by the Director of the Na-
11 tional Institutes of Health to other accounts of the Na-
12 tional Institutes of Health solely for the purposes provided
13 in such Act: *Provided further*, That upon a determination
14 by the Director that funds transferred pursuant to the
15 previous proviso are not necessary for the purposes pro-
16 vided, such amounts may be transferred back to the Ac-
17 count: *Provided further*, That the transfer authority pro-
18 vided under this heading is in addition to any other trans-
19 fer authority provided by law.

20 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

21 ADMINISTRATION

22 MENTAL HEALTH

23 For carrying out titles III, V, and XIX of the PHS
24 Act with respect to mental health, and the Protection and
25 Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act,

1 \$1,532,972,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
2 520A(f)(2) of the PHS Act, no funds appropriated for car-
3 rying out section 520A shall be available for carrying out
4 section 1971 of the PHS Act: *Provided further*, That in
5 addition to amounts provided herein, \$21,039,000 shall be
6 available under section 241 of the PHS Act to carry out
7 subpart I of part B of title XIX of the PHS Act to fund
8 section 1920(b) technical assistance, national data, data
9 collection and evaluation activities, and further that the
10 total available under this Act for section 1920(b) activities
11 shall not exceed 5 percent of the amounts appropriated
12 for subpart I of part B of title XIX: *Provided further*, That
13 up to 10 percent of the amounts made available to carry
14 out the Children's Mental Health Services program may
15 be used to carry out demonstration grants or contracts
16 for early interventions with persons not more than 25
17 years of age at clinical high risk of developing a first epi-
18 sode of psychosis: *Provided further*, That section
19 520E(b)(2) of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds ap-
20 propriated in this Act for fiscal year 2019: *Provided fur-*
21 *ther*, That States shall expend at least 10 percent of the
22 amount each receives for carrying out section 1911 of the
23 PHS Act to support evidence-based programs that address
24 the needs of individuals with early serious mental illness,
25 including psychotic disorders, regardless of the age of the

1 individual at onset: *Provided further*, That \$150,000,000
2 shall be available until September 30, 2021 for grants to
3 communities and community organizations who meet cri-
4 teria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
5 pursuant to section 223(a) of Public Law 113–93: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That none of the funds provided for section
7 1911 of the PHS Act shall be subject to section 241 of
8 such Act: *Provided further*, That of the funds made avail-
9 able under this heading, \$15,000,000 shall be to carry out
10 section 224 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of
11 2014 (Public Law 113–93; 42 U.S.C. 290aa 22 note).

12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

13 For carrying out titles III and V of the PHS Act
14 with respect to substance abuse treatment and title XIX
15 of such Act with respect to substance abuse treatment and
16 prevention, \$3,730,806,000: *Provided*, That
17 \$1,500,000,000 shall be for State Opioid Response Grants
18 for carrying out activities pertaining to opioids undertaken
19 by the State agency responsible for administering the sub-
20 stance abuse prevention and treatment block grant under
21 subpart II of part B of title XIX of the PHS Act (42
22 U.S.C. 300x–21 et seq.): *Provided further*, That of such
23 amount \$50,000,000 shall be made available to Indian
24 Tribes or tribal organizations: *Provided further*, That 15
25 percent of the remaining amount shall be for the States

1 with the highest mortality rate related to opioid use dis-
2 orders: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided for
3 State Opioid Response Grants not more than 2 percent
4 shall be available for Federal administrative expenses,
5 training, technical assistance, and evaluation: *Provided*
6 *further*, That of the amount not reserved by the previous
7 three provisos, the Secretary shall make allocations to
8 States, territories, and the District of Columbia according
9 to a formula using national survey results that the Sec-
10 retary determines are the most objective and reliable
11 measure of drug use and drug-related deaths: *Provided*
12 *further*, That the Secretary shall submit the formula meth-
13 odology to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
14 of Representatives and the Senate not less than 15 days
15 prior to publishing a Funding Opportunity Announce-
16 ment: *Provided further*, That prevention and treatment ac-
17 tivities funded through such grants may include education,
18 treatment (including the provision of medication), behav-
19 ioral health services for individuals in treatment programs,
20 referral to treatment services, recovery support, and med-
21 ical screening associated with such treatment: *Provided*
22 *further*, That each State, as well as the District of Colum-
23 bia, shall receive not less than \$4,000,000: *Provided fur-*
24 *ther*, That in addition to amounts provided herein, the fol-
25 lowing amounts shall be available under section 241 of the

1 PHS Act: (1) \$79,200,000 to carry out subpart II of part
2 B of title XIX of the PHS Act to fund section 1935(b)
3 technical assistance, national data, data collection and
4 evaluation activities, and further that the total available
5 under this Act for section 1935(b) activities shall not ex-
6 ceed 5 percent of the amounts appropriated for subpart
7 II of part B of title XIX; and (2) \$2,000,000 to evaluate
8 substance abuse treatment programs: *Provided further,*
9 That none of the funds provided for section 1921 of the
10 PHS Act or State Opioid Response Grants shall be subject
11 to section 241 of such Act.

12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

13 For carrying out titles III and V of the PHS Act
14 with respect to substance abuse prevention, \$200,219,000.

15 HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

16 For program support and cross-cutting activities that
17 supplement activities funded under the headings “Mental
18 Health”, “Substance Abuse Treatment”, and “Substance
19 Abuse Prevention” in carrying out titles III, V, and XIX
20 of the PHS Act and the Protection and Advocacy for Indi-
21 viduals with Mental Illness Act in the Substance Abuse
22 and Mental Health Services Administration,
23 \$128,830,000: *Provided,* That in addition to amounts pro-
24 vided herein, \$31,428,000 shall be available under section
25 241 of the PHS Act to supplement funds available to

1 carry out national surveys on drug abuse and mental
2 health, to collect and analyze program data, and to con-
3 duct public awareness and technical assistance activities:
4 *Provided further*, That, in addition, fees may be collected
5 for the costs of publications, data, data tabulations, and
6 data analysis completed under title V of the PHS Act and
7 provided to a public or private entity upon request, which
8 shall be credited to this appropriation and shall remain
9 available until expended for such purposes: *Provided fur-*
10 *ther*, That amounts made available in this Act for carrying
11 out section 501(m) of the PHS Act shall remain available
12 through September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That funds
13 made available under this heading may be used to supple-
14 ment program support funding provided under the head-
15 ings “Mental Health”, “Substance Abuse Treatment”,
16 and “Substance Abuse Prevention”.

17 AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

18 HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

19 For carrying out titles III and IX of the PHS Act,
20 part A of title XI of the Social Security Act, and section
21 1013 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement,
22 and Modernization Act of 2003, \$334,000,000: *Provided*,
23 That section 947(c) of the PHS Act shall not apply in
24 fiscal year 2019: *Provided further*, That in addition,
25 amounts received from Freedom of Information Act fees,

1 reimbursable and interagency agreements, and the sale of
2 data shall be credited to this appropriation and shall re-
3 main available until September 30, 2020.

4 CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
5 GRANTS TO STATES FOR MEDICAID

6 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
7 XI and XIX of the Social Security Act, \$276,236,212,000,
8 to remain available until expended.

9 For making, after May 31, 2019, payments to States
10 under title XIX or in the case of section 1928 on behalf
11 of States under title XIX of the Social Security Act for
12 the last quarter of fiscal year 2019 for unanticipated costs
13 incurred for the current fiscal year, such sums as may be
14 necessary.

15 For making payments to States or in the case of sec-
16 tion 1928 on behalf of States under title XIX of the Social
17 Security Act for the first quarter of fiscal year 2020,
18 \$137,931,797,000, to remain available until expended.

19 Payment under such title XIX may be made for any
20 quarter with respect to a State plan or plan amendment
21 in effect during such quarter, if submitted in or prior to
22 such quarter and approved in that or any subsequent
23 quarter.

1 PAYMENTS TO THE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUNDS

2 For payment to the Federal Hospital Insurance
3 Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical In-
4 surance Trust Fund, as provided under sections 217(g),
5 1844, and 1860D-16 of the Social Security Act, sections
6 103(e) and 111(d) of the Social Security Amendments of
7 1965, section 278(d)(3) of Public Law 97-248, and for
8 administrative expenses incurred pursuant to section
9 201(g) of the Social Security Act, \$378,343,800,000.

10 In addition, for making matching payments under
11 section 1844 and benefit payments under section 1860D-
12 16 of the Social Security Act that were not anticipated
13 in budget estimates, such sums as may be necessary.

14 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

15 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
16 XI, XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act, titles
17 XIII and XXVII of the PHS Act, the Clinical Laboratory
18 Improvement Amendments of 1988, and other responsibil-
19 ities of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,
20 not to exceed \$3,669,744,000, to be transferred from the
21 Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal
22 Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, as author-
23 ized by section 201(g) of the Social Security Act; together
24 with all funds collected in accordance with section 353 of
25 the PHS Act and section 1857(e)(2) of the Social Security

1 Act, funds retained by the Secretary pursuant to section
2 1893(h) of the Social Security Act, and such sums as may
3 be collected from authorized user fees and the sale of data,
4 which shall be credited to this account and remain avail-
5 able until expended: *Provided*, That all funds derived in
6 accordance with 31 U.S.C. 9701 from organizations estab-
7 lished under title XIII of the PHS Act shall be credited
8 to and available for carrying out the purposes of this ap-
9 propriation: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is di-
10 rected to collect fees in fiscal year 2019 from Medicare
11 Advantage organizations pursuant to section 1857(e)(2)
12 of the Social Security Act and from eligible organizations
13 with risk-sharing contracts under section 1876 of that Act
14 pursuant to section 1876(k)(4)(D) of that Act.

15 HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE CONTROL ACCOUNT

16 In addition to amounts otherwise available for pro-
17 gram integrity and program management, \$765,000,000,
18 to remain available through September 30, 2020, to be
19 transferred from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
20 Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance
21 Trust Fund, as authorized by section 201(g) of the Social
22 Security Act, of which \$600,464,000 shall be for the Cen-
23 ters for Medicare and Medicaid Services Program integrity
24 activities, of which \$86,664,000 shall be for the Depart-
25 ment of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector

1 General to carry out fraud and abuse activities authorized
2 by section 1817(k)(3) of such Act, and of which
3 \$77,872,000 shall be for the Department of Justice to
4 carry out fraud and abuse activities authorized by section
5 1817(k)(3) of such Act: *Provided*, That the report re-
6 quired by section 1817(k)(5) of the Social Security Act
7 for fiscal year 2019 shall include measures of the oper-
8 ational efficiency and impact on fraud, waste, and abuse
9 in the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs for the
10 funds provided by this appropriation: *Provided further*,
11 That of the amount provided under this heading,
12 \$311,000,000 is provided to meet the terms of section
13 251(b)(2)(C)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
14 Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, and
15 \$454,000,000 is additional new budget authority specified
16 for purposes of section 251(b)(2)(C) of such Act: *Provided*
17 *further*, That the Secretary shall provide not less than
18 \$17,621,000 for the Senior Medicare Patrol program to
19 combat health care fraud and abuse from the funds pro-
20 vided to this account.

21 ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

22 PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR CHILD SUPPORT

23 ENFORCEMENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

24 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
25 I, IV–D, X, XI, XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act

1 and the Act of July 5, 1960, \$2,922,247,000, to remain
2 available until expended; and for such purposes for the
3 first quarter of fiscal year 2020, \$1,400,000,000, to re-
4 main available until expended.

5 For carrying out, after May 31 of the current fiscal
6 year, except as otherwise provided, titles I, IV–D, X, XI,
7 XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act and the Act of
8 July 5, 1960, for the last 3 months of the current fiscal
9 year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the current fiscal
10 year, such sums as may be necessary.

11 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

12 For making payments under subsections (b) and (d)
13 of section 2602 of the Low Income Home Energy Assist-
14 ance Act of 1981, \$3,690,304,000: *Provided*, That all but
15 \$716,000,000 of this amount shall be allocated as though
16 the total appropriation for such payments for fiscal year
17 2019 was less than \$1,975,000,000: *Provided further*,
18 That notwithstanding section 2609A(a), of the amounts
19 appropriated under section 2602(b), not more than
20 \$2,988,000 of such amounts may be reserved by the Sec-
21 retary for technical assistance, training, and monitoring
22 of program activities for compliance with internal controls,
23 policies and procedures and may, in addition to the au-
24 thorities provided in section 2609A(a)(1), use such funds

1 through contracts with private entities that do not qualify
2 as nonprofit organizations.

3 REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE
4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For necessary expenses for refugee and entrant as-
6 sistance activities authorized by section 414 of the Immi-
7 gration and Nationality Act and section 501 of the Ref-
8 ugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, and for carrying
9 out section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002,
10 section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims
11 Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, the Trafficking
12 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (“TVPA”), and the Tor-
13 ture Victims Relief Act of 1998, \$1,905,201,000, of which
14 \$1,864,446,000 shall remain available through September
15 30, 2021 for carrying out such sections 414, 501, 462,
16 and 235: *Provided*, That amounts available under this
17 heading to carry out the TVPA shall also be available for
18 research and evaluation with respect to activities under
19 such Act: *Provided further*, That the limitation in section
20 205 of this Act regarding transfers increasing any appro-
21 priation shall apply to transfers to appropriations under
22 this heading by substituting “15 percent” for “3 percent”.

1 under such subparagraph for a State to carry out State
2 programs pursuant to title XX–A of such Act shall be 10
3 percent.

4 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

5 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, the
6 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the Head Start Act,
7 the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Child Abuse Preven-
8 tion and Treatment Act, sections 303 and 313 of the
9 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Native
10 American Programs Act of 1974, title II of the Child
11 Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform
12 Act of 1978 (adoption opportunities), part B–1 of title IV
13 and sections 429, 473A, 477(i), 1110, 1114A, and 1115
14 of the Social Security Act, and the Community Services
15 Block Grant Act (“CSBG Act”); and for necessary admin-
16 istrative expenses to carry out titles I, IV, V, X, XI, XIV,
17 XVI, and XX–A of the Social Security Act, the Act of
18 July 5, 1960, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
19 Act of 1981, the Child Care and Development Block Grant
20 Act of 1990, the Assets for Independence Act, title IV of
21 the Immigration and Nationality Act, and section 501 of
22 the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980,
23 \$12,288,225,000, of which \$75,000,000, to remain avail-
24 able through September 30, 2020, shall be for grants to
25 States for adoption and legal guardianship incentive pay-

1 ments, as defined by section 473A of the Social Security
2 Act and may be made for adoptions and legal
3 guardianships completed before September 30, 2019: *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That \$10,113,095,000, of which \$132,000,000
5 shall be available through March 31, 2020, shall be for
6 making payments under the Head Start Act, of which:

7 (1) \$215,000,000 shall be available for a cost
8 of living adjustment notwithstanding section
9 640(a)(3)(A) of such Act, and with respect to any
10 continuing appropriations act, funding available for
11 a cost of living adjustment shall not be construed as
12 an authority or condition under this Act;

13 (2) \$16,000,000 shall be available to supple-
14 ment funding otherwise available for research, eval-
15 uation, and Federal administrative costs;

16 (3) \$25,000,000 shall be available for allocation
17 by the Secretary to supplement activities described
18 in paragraphs (7)(B) and (9) of section 641(c) of
19 the Head Start Act under the Designation Renewal
20 System, established under the authority of sections
21 641(c)(7), 645A(b)(12), and 645A(d) of such Act,
22 and such funds shall not be included in the calcula-
23 tion of “base grant” in subsequent fiscal years, as
24 such term is used in section 640(a)(7)(A) of such
25 Act; and

1 (4) \$35,000,000 of the amount available
2 through March 31, 2020 shall be available for award
3 by the Secretary to grantees that apply for supple-
4 mental funding to increase their hours of program
5 operations and for training and technical assistance
6 for such activities (of which up to one percent may
7 be reserved for research and evaluation in addition
8 to amounts described in paragraph (2)):

9 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the sixth proviso
10 under this heading in division H of Public Law 115–141,
11 any amount issued through a grant for the purposes de-
12 scribed in the following proviso shall be included in any
13 calculation of “base grant”, as such term is used in section
14 640(a)(7)(A) of the Head Start Act, that affects the allo-
15 cation of funds appropriated in this Act: *Provided further*,
16 That the previous proviso applies to funds granted for
17 Early Head Start programs as described in section 645A
18 of the Head Start Act, for conversion of Head Start serv-
19 ices to Early Head Start services as described in section
20 645(a)(5)(A) of such Act, and for discretionary grants for
21 high quality infant and toddler care through Early Head
22 Start-Child Care Partnerships, to entities defined as eligi-
23 ble under section 645A(d) of such Act: *Provided further*,
24 That the Secretary may reduce the reservation of funds
25 under section 640(a)(2)(C) of such Act in lieu of reducing

1 the reservation of funds under sections 640(a)(2)(B),
2 640(a)(2)(D), and 640(a)(2)(E) of such Act: *Provided fur-*
3 *ther*, That \$250,000,000 shall be available until December
4 31, 2019 for carrying out sections 9212 and 9213 of the
5 Every Student Succeeds Act: *Provided further*, That up
6 to 3 percent of the funds in the preceding proviso shall
7 be available for technical assistance and evaluation related
8 to grants awarded under such section 9212: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That \$752,883,000 shall be for making payments
10 under the CSBG Act: *Provided further*, That \$28,233,000
11 shall be for sections 680 and 678E(b)(2) of the CSBG
12 Act, of which not less than \$19,883,000 shall be for sec-
13 tion 680(a)(2) and not less than \$8,000,000 shall be for
14 section 680(a)(3)(B) of such Act: *Provided further*, That,
15 notwithstanding section 675C(a)(3) of such Act, to the ex-
16 tent Community Services Block Grant funds are distrib-
17 uted as grant funds by a State to an eligible entity as
18 provided under such Act, and have not been expended by
19 such entity, they shall remain with such entity for carry-
20 over into the next fiscal year for expenditure by such enti-
21 ty consistent with program purposes: *Provided further*,
22 That the Secretary shall establish procedures regarding
23 the disposition of intangible assets and program income
24 that permit such assets acquired with, and program in-
25 come derived from, grant funds authorized under section

1 680 of the CSBG Act to become the sole property of such
2 grantees after a period of not more than 12 years after
3 the end of the grant period for any activity consistent with
4 section 680(a)(2)(A) of the CSBG Act: *Provided further,*
5 That intangible assets in the form of loans, equity invest-
6 ments and other debt instruments, and program income
7 may be used by grantees for any eligible purpose con-
8 sistent with section 680(a)(2)(A) of the CSBG Act: *Pro-*
9 *vided further,* That these procedures shall apply to such
10 grant funds made available after November 29, 1999: *Pro-*
11 *vided further,* That funds appropriated for section
12 680(a)(2) of the CSBG Act shall be available for financing
13 construction and rehabilitation and loans or investments
14 in private business enterprises owned by community devel-
15 opment corporations: *Provided further,* That
16 \$165,000,000 shall be for carrying out section 303(a) of
17 the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, of which
18 \$5,000,000 shall be allocated notwithstanding section
19 303(a)(2) of such Act for carrying out section 309 of such
20 Act: *Provided further,* That the percentages specified in
21 section 112(a)(2) of the Child Abuse Prevention and
22 Treatment Act shall not apply to funds appropriated
23 under this heading: *Provided further* That \$1,864,000
24 shall be for a human services case management system
25 for federally declared disasters, to include a comprehensive

1 national case management contract and Federal costs of
2 administering the system: *Provided further*, That up to
3 \$2,000,000 shall be for improving the Public Assistance
4 Reporting Information System, including grants to States
5 to support data collection for a study of the system's effec-
6 tiveness.

7 PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

8 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, sec-
9 tion 436 of the Social Security Act, \$345,000,000 and,
10 for carrying out, except as otherwise provided, section 437
11 of such Act, \$99,765,000: *Provided*, That of the funds
12 available to carry out section 437, \$59,765,000 shall be
13 allocated consistent with subsections (b) through (d) of
14 such section: *Provided further*, That of the funds available
15 to carry out section 437, to assist in meeting the require-
16 ments described in section 471(e)(4)(C), \$20,000,000
17 shall be for grants to each State, territory, and Indian
18 tribe operating title IV-E plans for developing, enhancing,
19 or evaluating kinship navigator programs, as described in
20 section 427(a)(1) of such Act, and \$20,000,000, in addi-
21 tion to funds otherwise appropriated in section 436 for
22 such purposes, shall be for competitive grants to regional
23 partnerships as described in section 437(f) and for devel-
24 oping enhancing, or evaluating family-focused residential
25 treatment programs: *Provided further*, That section

1 437(b)(1) shall be applied to amounts in the previous pro-
2 viso by substituting “5 percent” for “3.3 percent”, and
3 notwithstanding section 436(b)(1), such reserved amounts
4 may be used for identifying, establishing, and dissemi-
5 nating practices to meet the criteria specified in section
6 471(e)(4)(C): *Provided further*, That the reservation in
7 section 437(b)(2) and the limitations in section 437(d)
8 shall not apply to funds specified in the second proviso:
9 *Provided further*, That the minimum grant award for kin-
10 ship navigator programs in the case of States and terri-
11 tories shall be \$200,000, and, in the case of tribes, shall
12 be \$25,000.

13 PAYMENTS FOR FOSTER CARE AND PERMANENCY

14 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, title
15 IV–E of the Social Security Act, \$6,035,000,000.

16 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, title
17 IV–E of the Social Security Act, for the first quarter of
18 fiscal year 2020, \$2,800,000,000.

19 For carrying out, after May 31 of the current fiscal
20 year, except as otherwise provided, section 474 of title IV–
21 E of the Social Security Act, for the last 3 months of the
22 current fiscal year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the
23 current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

1 ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
2 AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
5 vided, the Older Americans Act of 1965 (“OAA”), titles
6 III and XXIX of the PHS Act, sections 1252 and 1253
7 of the PHS Act, section 119 of the Medicare Improve-
8 ments for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, title XX-
9 B of the Social Security Act, the Developmental Disabil-
10 ities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, parts 2 and 5 of
11 subtitle D of title II of the Help America Vote Act of
12 2002, the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, titles II and
13 VII (and section 14 with respect to such titles) of the Re-
14 habilitation Act of 1973, and for Department-wide coordi-
15 nation of policy and program activities that assist individ-
16 uals with disabilities, \$2,100,400,000, together with
17 \$49,115,000 to be transferred from the Federal Hospital
18 Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary
19 Medical Insurance Trust Fund to carry out section 4360
20 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That amounts appropriated under this heading may
22 be used for grants to States under section 361 of the OAA
23 only for disease prevention and health promotion pro-
24 grams and activities which have been demonstrated
25 through rigorous evaluation to be evidence-based and ef-

1 fective: *Provided further*, That of amounts made available
2 under this heading to carry out sections 311, 331, and
3 336 of the OAA, up to one percent of such amounts shall
4 be available for developing and implementing evidence-
5 based practices for enhancing senior nutrition: *Provided*
6 *further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of this
7 Act, funds made available under this heading to carry out
8 section 311 of the OAA may be transferred to the Sec-
9 retary of Agriculture in accordance with such section: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That \$2,000,000 shall be for competitive
11 grants to support alternative financing programs that pro-
12 vide for the purchase of assistive technology devices, such
13 as a low-interest loan fund; an interest buy-down program;
14 a revolving loan fund; a loan guarantee; or an insurance
15 program: *Provided further*, That applicants shall provide
16 an assurance that, and information describing the manner
17 in which, the alternative financing program will expand
18 and emphasize consumer choice and control: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That State agencies and community-based disability
20 organizations that are directed by and operated for indi-
21 viduals with disabilities shall be eligible to compete: *Pro-*
22 *vided further*, That none of the funds made available under
23 this heading may be used by an eligible system (as defined
24 in section 102 of the Protection and Advocacy for Individ-
25 uals with Mental Illness Act (42 U.S.C. 10802)) to con-

1 tinue to pursue any legal action in a Federal or State
2 court on behalf of an individual or group of individuals
3 with a developmental disability (as defined in section
4 102(8)(A) of the Developmental Disabilities and Assist-
5 ance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (20 U.S.C.
6 15002(8)(A)) that is attributable to a mental impairment
7 (or a combination of mental and physical impairments),
8 that has as the requested remedy the closure of State op-
9 erated intermediate care facilities for people with intellec-
10 tual or developmental disabilities, unless reasonable public
11 notice of the action has been provided to such individuals
12 (or, in the case of mental incapacitation, the legal guard-
13 ians who have been specifically awarded authority by the
14 courts to make healthcare and residential decisions on be-
15 half of such individuals) who are affected by such action,
16 within 90 days of instituting such legal action, which in-
17 forms such individuals (or such legal guardians) of their
18 legal rights and how to exercise such rights consistent with
19 current Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: *Provided further,*
20 That the limitations in the immediately preceding proviso
21 shall not apply in the case of an individual who is neither
22 competent to consent nor has a legal guardian, nor shall
23 the proviso apply in the case of individuals who are a ward
24 of the State or subject to public guardianship.

1 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

2 GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

3 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided, for
4 general departmental management, including hire of six
5 passenger motor vehicles, and for carrying out titles III,
6 XVII, XXI, and section 229 of the PHS Act, the United
7 States-Mexico Border Health Commission Act, and re-
8 search studies under section 1110 of the Social Security
9 Act, \$480,629,000, together with \$64,828,000 from the
10 amounts available under section 241 of the PHS Act to
11 carry out national health or human services research and
12 evaluation activities: *Provided*, That of this amount,
13 \$53,900,000 shall be for minority AIDS prevention and
14 treatment activities: *Provided further*, That of the funds
15 made available under this heading, \$101,000,000 shall be
16 for making competitive contracts and grants to public and
17 private entities to fund medically accurate and age appro-
18 priate programs that reduce teen pregnancy and for the
19 Federal costs associated with administering and evalu-
20 ating such contracts and grants, of which not more than
21 10 percent of the available funds shall be for training and
22 technical assistance, evaluation, outreach, and additional
23 program support activities, and of the remaining amount
24 75 percent shall be for replicating programs that have
25 been proven effective through rigorous evaluation to re-

1 duce teenage pregnancy, behavioral risk factors underlying
2 teenage pregnancy, or other associated risk factors, and
3 25 percent shall be available for research and demonstra-
4 tion grants to develop, replicate, refine, and test additional
5 models and innovative strategies for preventing teenage
6 pregnancy: *Provided further*, That of the amounts pro-
7 vided under this heading from amounts available under
8 section 241 of the PHS Act, \$6,800,000 shall be available
9 to carry out evaluations (including longitudinal evalua-
10 tions) of teenage pregnancy prevention approaches: *Pro-*
11 *vided further*, That of the funds made available under this
12 heading, \$35,000,000 shall be for making competitive
13 grants which exclusively implement education in sexual
14 risk avoidance (defined as voluntarily refraining from non-
15 marital sexual activity): *Provided further*, That funding for
16 such competitive grants for sexual risk avoidance shall use
17 medically accurate information referenced to peer-re-
18 viewed publications by educational, scientific, govern-
19 mental, or health organizations; implement an evidence-
20 based approach integrating research findings with prac-
21 tical implementation that aligns with the needs and de-
22 sired outcomes for the intended audience; and teach the
23 benefits associated with self-regulation, success sequene-
24 ing for poverty prevention, healthy relationships, goal set-
25 ting, and resisting sexual coercion, dating violence, and

1 other youth risk behaviors such as underage drinking or
2 illicit drug use without normalizing teen sexual activity:
3 *Provided further*, That no more than 10 percent of the
4 funding for such competitive grants for sexual risk avoid-
5 ance shall be available for technical assistance and admin-
6 istrative costs of such programs: *Provided further*, That
7 funds provided in this Act for embryo adoption activities
8 may be used to provide to individuals adopting embryos,
9 through grants and other mechanisms, medical and ad-
10 ministrative services deemed necessary for such adoptions:
11 *Provided further*, That such services shall be provided con-
12 sistent with 42 CFR 59.5(a)(4).

13 OFFICE OF MEDICARE HEARINGS AND APPEALS

14 For expenses necessary for the Office of Medicare
15 Hearings and Appeals, \$182,381,000 shall remain avail-
16 able until September 30, 2020, to be transferred in appro-
17 priate part from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
18 Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance
19 Trust Fund.

20 OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH
21 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

22 For expenses necessary for the Office of the National
23 Coordinator for Health Information Technology, including
24 grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for the de-

1 velopment and advancement of interoperable health infor-
2 mation technology, \$60,367,000.

3 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
5 General, including the hire of passenger motor vehicles for
6 investigations, in carrying out the provisions of the Inspec-
7 tor General Act of 1978, \$80,000,000: *Provided*, That of
8 such amount, necessary sums shall be available for pro-
9 viding protective services to the Secretary and inves-
10 tigating non-payment of child support cases for which non-
11 payment is a Federal offense under 18 U.S.C. 228.

12 OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

13 For expenses necessary for the Office for Civil
14 Rights, \$38,798,000.

15 RETIREMENT PAY AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR

16 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

17 For retirement pay and medical benefits of Public
18 Health Service Commissioned Officers as authorized by
19 law, for payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family
20 Protection Plan and Survivor Benefit Plan, and for med-
21 ical care of dependents and retired personnel under the
22 Dependents' Medical Care Act, such amounts as may be
23 required during the current fiscal year.

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY

2 FUND

3 For expenses necessary to support activities related
4 to countering potential biological, nuclear, radiological,
5 chemical, and cybersecurity threats to civilian populations,
6 and for other public health emergencies, \$1,026,458,000,
7 of which \$561,700,000 shall remain available through
8 September 30, 2020, for expenses necessary to support
9 advanced research and development pursuant to section
10 319L of the PHS Act and other administrative expenses
11 of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development
12 Authority: *Provided*, That funds provided under this head-
13 ing for the purpose of acquisition of security counter-
14 measures shall be in addition to any other funds available
15 for such purpose: *Provided further*, That products pur-
16 chased with funds provided under this heading may, at
17 the discretion of the Secretary, be deposited in the Stra-
18 tegic National Stockpile pursuant to section 319F-2 of
19 the PHS Act: *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 of the
20 amounts made available to support emergency operations
21 shall remain available through September 30, 2021.

22 For expenses necessary for procuring security coun-
23 termeasures (as defined in section 319F-2(c)(1)(B) of the
24 PHS Act), \$735,000,000, to remain available until ex-
25 pended.

1 For an additional amount for expenses necessary to
2 prepare for or respond to an influenza pandemic,
3 \$285,000,000; of which \$250,000,000 shall be available
4 until expended, for activities including the development
5 and purchase of vaccine, antivirals, necessary medical sup-
6 plies, diagnostics, and other surveillance tools: *Provided*,
7 That notwithstanding section 496(b) of the PHS Act,
8 funds may be used for the construction or renovation of
9 privately owned facilities for the production of pandemic
10 influenza vaccines and other biologics, if the Secretary
11 finds such construction or renovation necessary to secure
12 sufficient supplies of such vaccines or biologics.

13 GENERAL PROVISIONS

14 SEC. 201. Funds appropriated in this title shall be
15 available for not to exceed \$50,000 for official reception
16 and representation expenses when specifically approved by
17 the Secretary.

18 SEC. 202. None of the funds appropriated in this title
19 shall be used to pay the salary of an individual, through
20 a grant or other extramural mechanism, at a rate in excess
21 of Executive Level II.

22 SEC. 203. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
23 may be expended pursuant to section 241 of the PHS Act,
24 except for funds specifically provided for in this Act, or
25 for other taps and assessments made by any office located

1 in HHS, prior to the preparation and submission of a re-
2 port by the Secretary to the Committees on Appropria-
3 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate de-
4 tailing the planned uses of such funds.

5 SEC. 204. Notwithstanding section 241(a) of the
6 PHS Act, such portion as the Secretary shall determine,
7 but not more than 2.6 percent, of any amounts appro-
8 priated for programs authorized under such Act shall be
9 made available for the evaluation (directly, or by grants
10 or contracts) and the implementation and effectiveness of
11 programs funded in this title.

12 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 205. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-
14 tionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
15 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) which are appro-
16 priated for the current fiscal year for HHS in this Act
17 may be transferred between appropriations, but no such
18 appropriation shall be increased by more than 3 percent
19 by any such transfer: *Provided*, That the transfer author-
20 ity granted by this section shall not be used to create any
21 new program or to fund any project or activity for which
22 no funds are provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That
23 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days
25 in advance of any transfer.

1 SEC. 206. In lieu of the timeframe specified in section
2 338E(c)(2) of the PHS Act, terminations described in
3 such section may occur up to 60 days after the execution
4 of a contract awarded in fiscal year 2019 under section
5 338B of such Act.

6 SEC. 207. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
7 may be made available to any entity under title X of the
8 PHS Act unless the applicant for the award certifies to
9 the Secretary that it encourages family participation in
10 the decision of minors to seek family planning services and
11 that it provides counseling to minors on how to resist at-
12 tempts to coerce minors into engaging in sexual activities.

13 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, no provider of services under title X of the PHS Act
15 shall be exempt from any State law requiring notification
16 or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual
17 abuse, rape, or incest.

18 SEC. 209. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
19 (including funds appropriated to any trust fund) may be
20 used to carry out the Medicare Advantage program if the
21 Secretary denies participation in such program to an oth-
22 erwise eligible entity (including a Provider Sponsored Or-
23 ganization) because the entity informs the Secretary that
24 it will not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or provide
25 referrals for abortions: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall

1 make appropriate prospective adjustments to the capita-
2 tion payment to such an entity (based on an actuarially
3 sound estimate of the expected costs of providing the serv-
4 ice to such entity's enrollees): *Provided further*, That noth-
5 ing in this section shall be construed to change the Medi-
6 care program's coverage for such services and a Medicare
7 Advantage organization described in this section shall be
8 responsible for informing enrollees where to obtain infor-
9 mation about all Medicare covered services.

10 SEC. 210. None of the funds made available in this
11 title may be used, in whole or in part, to advocate or pro-
12 mote gun control.

13 SEC. 211. The Secretary shall make available through
14 assignment not more than 60 employees of the Public
15 Health Service to assist in child survival activities and to
16 work in AIDS programs through and with funds provided
17 by the Agency for International Development, the United
18 Nations International Children's Emergency Fund or the
19 World Health Organization.

20 SEC. 212. In order for HHS to carry out inter-
21 national health activities, including HIV/AIDS and other
22 infectious disease, chronic and environmental disease, and
23 other health activities abroad during fiscal year 2019:

24 (1) The Secretary may exercise authority equiv-
25 alent to that available to the Secretary of State in

1 section 2(c) of the State Department Basic Authori-
2 ties Act of 1956. The Secretary shall consult with
3 the Secretary of State and relevant Chief of Mission
4 to ensure that the authority provided in this section
5 is exercised in a manner consistent with section 207
6 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 and other appli-
7 cable statutes administered by the Department of
8 State.

9 (2) The Secretary is authorized to provide such
10 funds by advance or reimbursement to the Secretary
11 of State as may be necessary to pay the costs of ac-
12 quisition, lease, alteration, renovation, and manage-
13 ment of facilities outside of the United States for
14 the use of HHS. The Department of State shall co-
15 operate fully with the Secretary to ensure that HHS
16 has secure, safe, functional facilities that comply
17 with applicable regulation governing location, set-
18 back, and other facilities requirements and serve the
19 purposes established by this Act. The Secretary is
20 authorized, in consultation with the Secretary of
21 State, through grant or cooperative agreement, to
22 make available to public or nonprofit private institu-
23 tions or agencies in participating foreign countries,
24 funds to acquire, lease, alter, or renovate facilities in
25 those countries as necessary to conduct programs of

1 assistance for international health activities, includ-
2 ing activities relating to HIV/AIDS and other infec-
3 tious diseases, chronic and environmental diseases,
4 and other health activities abroad.

5 (3) The Secretary is authorized to provide to
6 personnel appointed or assigned by the Secretary to
7 serve abroad, allowances and benefits similar to
8 those provided under chapter 9 of title I of the For-
9 eign Service Act of 1980, and 22 U.S.C. 4081
10 through 4086 and subject to such regulations pre-
11 scribed by the Secretary. The Secretary is further
12 authorized to provide locality-based comparability
13 payments (stated as a percentage) up to the amount
14 of the locality-based comparability payment (stated
15 as a percentage) that would be payable to such per-
16 sonnel under section 5304 of title 5, United States
17 Code if such personnel's official duty station were in
18 the District of Columbia. Leaves of absence for per-
19 sonnel under this subsection shall be on the same
20 basis as that provided under subchapter I of chapter
21 63 of title 5, United States Code, or section 903 of
22 the Foreign Service Act of 1980, to individuals serv-
23 ing in the Foreign Service.

1 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 213. The Director of the NIH, jointly with the
3 Director of the Office of AIDS Research, may transfer up
4 to 3 percent among institutes and centers from the total
5 amounts identified by these two Directors as funding for
6 research pertaining to the human immunodeficiency virus:
7 *Provided*, That the Committees on Appropriations of the
8 House of Representatives and the Senate are notified at
9 least 15 days in advance of any transfer.

10 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 214. Of the amounts made available in this Act
12 for NIH, the amount for research related to the human
13 immunodeficiency virus, as jointly determined by the Di-
14 rector of NIH and the Director of the Office of AIDS Re-
15 search, shall be made available to the “Office of AIDS
16 Research” account. The Director of the Office of AIDS
17 Research shall transfer from such account amounts nec-
18 essary to carry out section 2353(d)(3) of the PHS Act.

19 SEC. 215. (a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any
20 other provision of law, the Director of NIH (“Director”)
21 may use funds authorized under section 402(b)(12) of the
22 PHS Act to enter into transactions (other than contracts,
23 cooperative agreements, or grants) to carry out research
24 identified pursuant to or research and activities described
25 in such section 402(b)(12).

1 (b) PEER REVIEW.—In entering into transactions
2 under subsection (a), the Director may utilize such peer
3 review procedures (including consultation with appropriate
4 scientific experts) as the Director determines to be appro-
5 priate to obtain assessments of scientific and technical
6 merit. Such procedures shall apply to such transactions
7 in lieu of the peer review and advisory council review pro-
8 cedures that would otherwise be required under sections
9 301(a)(3), 405(b)(1)(B), 405(b)(2), 406(a)(3)(A), 492,
10 and 494 of the PHS Act.

11 SEC. 216. Not to exceed \$45,000,000 of funds appro-
12 priated by this Act to the institutes and centers of the
13 National Institutes of Health may be used for alteration,
14 repair, or improvement of facilities, as necessary for the
15 proper and efficient conduct of the activities authorized
16 herein, at not to exceed \$3,500,000 per project.

17 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 217. Of the amounts made available for NIH,
19 1 percent of the amount made available for National Re-
20 search Service Awards (“NRSA”) shall be made available
21 to the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
22 Administration to make NRSA awards for research in pri-
23 mary medical care to individuals affiliated with entities
24 who have received grants or contracts under sections 736,
25 739, or 747 of the PHS Act, and 1 percent of the amount

1 made available for NRSA shall be made available to the
2 Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Qual-
3 ity to make NRSA awards for health service research.

4 SEC. 218. (a) The Biomedical Advanced Research
5 and Development Authority (“BARDA”) may enter into
6 a contract, for more than one but no more than 10 pro-
7 gram years, for purchase of research services or of security
8 countermeasures, as that term is defined in section 319F-
9 2(c)(1)(B) of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6b(c)(1)(B)),
10 if—

11 (1) funds are available and obligated—

12 (A) for the full period of the contract or
13 for the first fiscal year in which the contract is
14 in effect; and

15 (B) for the estimated costs associated with
16 a necessary termination of the contract; and

17 (2) the Secretary determines that a multi-year
18 contract will serve the best interests of the Federal
19 Government by encouraging full and open competi-
20 tion or promoting economy in administration, per-
21 formance, and operation of BARDA’s programs.

22 (b) A contract entered into under this section—

23 (1) shall include a termination clause as de-
24 scribed by subsection (c) of section 3903 of title 41,
25 United States Code; and

1 (2) shall be subject to the congressional notice
2 requirement stated in subsection (d) of such section.

3 SEC. 219. (a) The Secretary shall publish in the fiscal
4 year 2020 budget justification and on Departmental Web
5 sites information concerning the employment of full-time
6 equivalent Federal employees or contractors for the pur-
7 poses of implementing, administering, enforcing, or other-
8 wise carrying out the provisions of the ACA, and the
9 amendments made by that Act, in the proposed fiscal year
10 and each fiscal year since the enactment of the ACA.

11 (b) With respect to employees or contractors sup-
12 ported by all funds appropriated for purposes of carrying
13 out the ACA (and the amendments made by that Act),
14 the Secretary shall include, at a minimum, the following
15 information:

16 (1) For each such fiscal year, the section of
17 such Act under which such funds were appropriated,
18 a statement indicating the program, project, or ac-
19 tivity receiving such funds, the Federal operating di-
20 vision or office that administers such program, and
21 the amount of funding received in discretionary or
22 mandatory appropriations.

23 (2) For each such fiscal year, the number of
24 full-time equivalent employees or contracted employ-

1 ees assigned to each authorized and funded provision
2 detailed in accordance with paragraph (1).

3 (c) In carrying out this section, the Secretary may
4 exclude from the report employees or contractors who—

5 (1) are supported through appropriations en-
6 acted in laws other than the ACA and work on pro-
7 grams that existed prior to the passage of the ACA;

8 (2) spend less than 50 percent of their time on
9 activities funded by or newly authorized in the ACA;
10 or

11 (3) work on contracts for which FTE reporting
12 is not a requirement of their contract, such as fixed-
13 price contracts.

14 SEC. 220. The Secretary shall publish, as part of the
15 fiscal year 2020 budget of the President submitted under
16 section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, informa-
17 tion that details the uses of all funds used by the Centers
18 for Medicare and Medicaid Services specifically for Health
19 Insurance Exchanges for each fiscal year since the enact-
20 ment of the ACA and the proposed uses for such funds
21 for fiscal year 2020. Such information shall include, for
22 each such fiscal year, the amount of funds used for each
23 activity specified under the heading “Health Insurance
24 Exchange Transparency” in the report accompanying this
25 Act.

1 SEC. 221. (a) The Secretary shall provide to the
2 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
3 atives and the Senate:

4 (1) Detailed monthly enrollment figures from
5 the Exchanges established under the Patient Protec-
6 tion and Affordable Care Act of 2010 pertaining to
7 enrollments during the open enrollment period; and

8 (2) Notification of any new or competitive grant
9 awards, including supplements, authorized under
10 section 330 of the Public Health Service Act.

11 (b) The Committees on Appropriations of the House
12 and Senate must be notified at least 2 business days in
13 advance of any public release of enrollment information
14 or the award of such grants.

15 SEC. 222. None of the funds made available by this
16 Act from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund or
17 the Federal Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Fund,
18 or transferred from other accounts funded by this Act to
19 the “Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services—Pro-
20 gram Management” account, may be used for payments
21 under section 1342(b)(1) of Public Law 111–148 (relating
22 to risk corridors).

23 SEC. 223. The Secretary shall include in the fiscal
24 year 2020 budget justification an analysis of how section

1 2713 of the PHS Act will impact eligibility for discre-
2 tionary HHS programs.

3 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 224. (a) Within 45 days of enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary shall transfer funds appropriated under
6 section 4002 of the ACA to the accounts specified, in the
7 amounts specified, and for the activities specified under
8 the heading “Prevention and Public Health Fund” in the
9 report accompanying this Act.

10 (b) Notwithstanding section 4002(c) of the ACA, the
11 Secretary may not further transfer these amounts.

12 (c) Funds transferred for activities authorized under
13 section 2821 of the PHS Act shall be made available with-
14 out reference to section 2821(b) of such Act.

15 SEC. 225. Effective during the period beginning on
16 November 1, 2015 and ending January 1, 2021, any pro-
17 vision of law that refers (including through cross-reference
18 to another provision of law) to the current recommenda-
19 tions of the United States Preventive Services Task Force
20 with respect to breast cancer screening, mammography,
21 and prevention shall be administered by the Secretary in-
22 volved as if—

23 (1) such reference to such current recommenda-
24 tions were a reference to the recommendations of
25 such Task Force with respect to breast cancer

1 screening, mammography, and prevention last issued
2 before 2009; and

3 (2) such recommendations last issued before
4 2009 applied to any screening mammography modal-
5 ity under section 1861(jj) of the Social Security Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jj)).

7 SEC. 226. In making Federal financial assistance, the
8 provisions relating to indirect costs in part 75 of title 45,
9 Code of Federal Regulations, including with respect to the
10 approval of deviations from negotiated rates, shall con-
11 tinue to apply to the National Institutes of Health to the
12 same extent and in the same manner as such provisions
13 were applied in the third quarter of fiscal year 2017. None
14 of the funds appropriated in this or prior Acts or otherwise
15 made available to the Department of Health and Human
16 Services or to any department or agency may be used to
17 develop or implement a modified approach to such provi-
18 sions, or to intentionally or substantially expand the fiscal
19 effect of the approval of such deviations from negotiated
20 rates beyond the proportional effect of such approvals in
21 such quarter.

22 SEC. 227. In addition to the amounts otherwise avail-
23 able for “Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,
24 Program Management”, the Secretary of Health and
25 Human Services may transfer up to \$305,000,000 to such

1 account from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund
2 and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust
3 Fund to support program management activity related to
4 the Medicare Program: *Provided*, That except for the fore-
5 going purpose, such funds may not be used to support any
6 provision of Public Law 111-148 or Public Law 111-152
7 (or any amendment made by either such Public Law) or
8 to supplant any other amounts within such account.

9 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 SEC. 228. The NIH Director may transfer funds spe-
11 cifically appropriated for opioid addiction, opioid alter-
12 natives, pain management, and addiction treatment to
13 other Institutes and Centers of the NIH to be used for
14 the same purpose 15 days after notifying the Committees
15 on Appropriations: *Provided*, That the transfer authority
16 provided in the previous proviso is in addition to any other
17 transfer authority provided by law.

18 SEC. 229. None of the funds made available by this
19 Act to carry out the Child Care and Development Block
20 Grant Act of 1990 may be provided to any child care pro-
21 vider if a list of providers (as mentioned in part 98 of
22 title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, applicable to
23 the Department of Health and Human Services, Adminis-
24 tration of Children and Families, and in the final rule pub-
25 lished in the Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 190, on Sept.

1 30, 2016) indicates that a serious injury or death occurred
2 at the provider due to a substantiated health or safety vio-
3 lation.

4 (RESCISSION)

5 SEC. 230. Of the unobligated balances available in
6 the “Nonrecurring Expenses Fund” established in section
7 223 of division G of Public Law 110–161, \$350,000,000
8 are hereby rescinded.

9 SEC. 231. Not later than the 15th day of each month,
10 the Department of Health and Human Services shall pro-
11 vide the Committees on Appropriations of the House of
12 Representatives and Senate a report on staffing described
13 in the report accompanying this Act.

14 SEC. 232. Funds appropriated in this Act that are
15 available for salaries and expenses of employees of the De-
16 partment of Health and Human Services shall also be
17 available to pay travel and related expenses of such an
18 employee or of a member of his or her family, when such
19 employee is assigned to duty, in the United States or in
20 a U.S. territory, during a period and in a location that
21 are the subject of a determination of a public health emer-
22 gency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act
23 and such travel is necessary to obtain medical care for
24 an illness, injury, or medical condition that cannot be ade-
25 quately addressed in that location at that time. For pur-

1 poses of this section, the term “U.S. territory” means
2 Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern
3 Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or
4 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

5 This title may be cited as the “Department of Health
6 and Human Services Appropriations Act, 2019”.

1 TITLE III
2 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
3 EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED
4 For carrying out title I and subpart 2 of part B of
5 title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
6 of 1965 (referred to in this Act as “ESEA”) and section
7 418A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (referred to
8 in this Act as “HEA”), \$16,568,790,000, of which
9 \$5,650,990,000 shall become available on July 1, 2019,
10 and shall remain available through September 30, 2020,
11 and of which \$10,841,177,000 shall become available on
12 October 1, 2019, and shall remain available through Sep-
13 tember 30, 2020, for academic year 2019–2020: *Provided*,
14 That \$6,459,401,000 shall be for basic grants under sec-
15 tion 1124 of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That up to
16 \$5,000,000 of these funds shall be available to the Sec-
17 retary of Education (referred to in this title as “Sec-
18 retary”) on October 1, 2018, to obtain annually updated
19 local educational agency-level census poverty data from
20 the Bureau of the Census: *Provided further*, That
21 \$1,362,301,000 shall be for concentration grants under
22 section 1124A of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That
23 \$4,031,550,000 shall be for targeted grants under section
24 1125 of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That
25 \$4,031,550,000 shall be for education finance incentive

1 grants under section 1125A of the ESEA: *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That \$217,000,000 shall be for carrying out subpart
3 2 of part B of title II: *Provided further*, That \$44,623,000
4 shall be for carrying out section 418A of the HEA.

5 IMPACT AID

6 For carrying out programs of financial assistance to
7 federally affected schools authorized by title VII of the
8 ESEA, \$1,439,112,000, of which \$1,294,242,000 shall be
9 for basic support payments under section 7003(b),
10 \$48,316,000 shall be for payments for children with dis-
11 abilities under section 7003(d), \$17,406,000, to remain
12 available for obligation through September 30, 2020, shall
13 be for construction under section 7007(b), \$74,313,000
14 shall be for Federal property payments under section
15 7002, and \$4,835,000, to remain available until expended,
16 shall be for facilities maintenance under section 7008:
17 *Provided*, That for purposes of computing the amount of
18 a payment for an eligible local educational agency under
19 section 7003(a) for school year 2018–2019, children en-
20 rolled in a school of such agency that would otherwise be
21 eligible for payment under section 7003(a)(1)(B) of such
22 Act, but due to the deployment of both parents or legal
23 guardians, or a parent or legal guardian having sole cus-
24 tody of such children, or due to the death of a military
25 parent or legal guardian while on active duty (so long as

1 such children reside on Federal property as described in
2 section 7003(a)(1)(B)), are no longer eligible under such
3 section, shall be considered as eligible students under such
4 section, provided such students remain in average daily
5 attendance at a school in the same local educational agen-
6 cy they attended prior to their change in eligibility status.

7 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

8 For carrying out school improvement activities au-
9 thorized by part B of title I, part A of title II, subpart
10 1 of part A of title IV, part B of title IV, part B of title
11 V, and parts B and C of title VI of the ESEA; the McKin-
12 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; section 203 of the
13 Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002; the Com-
14 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003; and
15 the Civil Rights Act of 1964, \$5,291,967,000, of which
16 \$3,463,402,000 shall become available on July 1, 2019,
17 and remain available through September 30, 2020, and
18 of which \$1,681,441,000 shall become available on Octo-
19 ber 1, 2019, and shall remain available through September
20 30, 2020, for academic year 2019–2020: *Provided*, That
21 \$378,000,000 shall be for part B of title I: *Provided fur-*
22 *ther*, That \$1,211,673,000 shall be for part B of title IV:
23 *Provided further*, That \$36,397,000 shall be for part B
24 of title VI and may be used for construction, renovation,
25 and modernization of any elementary school, secondary

1 school, or structure related to an elementary school or sec-
2 ondary school, run by the Department of Education of the
3 State of Hawaii, that serves a predominantly Native Ha-
4 waiian student body: *Provided further*, That \$35,453,000
5 shall be for part C of title VI and shall be awarded on
6 a competitive basis, and also may be used for construction:
7 *Provided further*, That \$52,000,000 shall be available to
8 carry out section 203 of the Educational Technical Assist-
9 ance Act of 2002 and the Secretary shall make such ar-
10 rangements as determined to be necessary to ensure that
11 the Bureau of Indian Education has access to services pro-
12 vided under this section: *Provided further*, That
13 \$16,699,000 shall be available to carry out the Supple-
14 mental Education Grants program for the Federated
15 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Is-
16 lands: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may reserve
17 up to 5 percent of the amount referred to in the previous
18 proviso to provide technical assistance in the implementa-
19 tion of these grants: *Provided further*, That \$180,840,000
20 shall be for part B of title V: *Provided further*, That
21 \$1,225,000,000 shall be available for grants under sub-
22 part 1 of part A of title IV.

23 INDIAN EDUCATION

24 For expenses necessary to carry out, to the extent
25 not otherwise provided, title VI, part A of the ESEA,

1 \$180,239,000, of which \$67,993,000 shall be for subpart
2 2 of part A of title VI and \$6,865,000 shall be for subpart
3 3 of part A of title VI.

4 INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT

5 For carrying out activities authorized by subparts 1,
6 3 and 4 of part B of title II, and parts C, D, and E and
7 subparts 1 and 4 of part F of title IV of the ESEA,
8 \$1,042,256,000: *Provided*, That \$278,515,000 shall be for
9 subparts 1, 3 and 4 of part B of title II and shall be made
10 available without regard to sections 2201, 2231(b) and
11 2241: *Provided further*, That \$628,741,000 shall be for
12 parts C, D, and E and subpart 4 of part F of title IV,
13 and shall be made available without regard to sections
14 4311, 4409(a), and 4601 of the ESEA: *Provided further*,
15 That section 4303(d)(3)(A)(i) shall not apply to the funds
16 available for part C of title IV: *Provided further*, That of
17 the funds available for part C of title IV, the Secretary
18 shall use \$55,000,000 to carry out section 4304, of which
19 not more than \$10,000,000 shall be available to carry out
20 section 4304(k), \$140,000,000, to remain available
21 through March 31, 2020, to carry out section 4305(b),
22 and not more than \$15,000,000 to carry out the activities
23 in section 4305(a)(3): *Provided further*, That notwith-
24 standing section 4601(b), \$135,000,000 shall be available

1 through December 31, 2019 for subpart 1 of part F of
2 title IV.

3 SAFE SCHOOLS AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

4 For carrying out activities authorized by subparts 2
5 and 3 of part F of title IV of the ESEA, \$190,754,000:
6 *Provided*, That \$95,000,000 shall be available for section
7 4631, of which up to \$5,000,000, to remain available until
8 expended, shall be for the Project School Emergency Re-
9 sponse to Violence (“Project SERV”) program: *Provided*
10 *further*, That \$17,500,000 shall be available for section
11 4625: *Provided further*, That \$78,254,000 shall be avail-
12 able through December 31, 2019, for section 4624.

13 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

14 For carrying out part A of title III of the ESEA,
15 \$737,400,000, which shall become available on July 1,
16 2019, and shall remain available through September 30,
17 2020, except that 6.5 percent of such amount shall be
18 available on October 1, 2018, and shall remain available
19 through September 30, 2020, to carry out activities under
20 section 3111(c)(1)(C).

21 SPECIAL EDUCATION

22 For carrying out the Individuals with Disabilities
23 Education Act (IDEA) and the Special Olympics Sport
24 and Empowerment Act of 2004, \$13,493,684,000, of
25 which \$3,970,585,000 shall become available on July 1,

1 2019, and shall remain available through September 30,
2 2020, and of which \$9,283,383,000 shall become available
3 on October 1, 2019, and shall remain available through
4 September 30, 2020, for academic year 2019–2020: *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That the amount for section 611(b)(2) of the IDEA
6 shall be equal to the lesser of the amount available for
7 that activity during fiscal year 2018, increased by the
8 amount of inflation as specified in section 619(d)(2)(B)
9 of the IDEA, or the percent change in the funds appro-
10 priated under section 611(i) of the IDEA, but not less
11 than the amount for that activity during fiscal year 2018:
12 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall, without regard
13 to section 611(d) of the IDEA, distribute to all other
14 States (as that term is defined in section 611(g)(2)), sub-
15 ject to the third proviso, any amount by which a State’s
16 allocation under section 611, from funds appropriated
17 under this heading, is reduced under section
18 612(a)(18)(B), according to the following: 85 percent on
19 the basis of the States’ relative populations of children
20 aged 3 through 21 who are of the same age as children
21 with disabilities for whom the State ensures the avail-
22 ability of a free appropriate public education under this
23 part, and 15 percent to States on the basis of the States’
24 relative populations of those children who are living in pov-
25 erty: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may not dis-

1 tribute any funds under the previous proviso to any State
2 whose reduction in allocation from funds appropriated
3 under this heading made funds available for such a dis-
4 tribution: *Provided further*, That the States shall allocate
5 such funds distributed under the second proviso to local
6 educational agencies in accordance with section 611(f):
7 *Provided further*, That the amount by which a State's allo-
8 cation under section 611(d) of the IDEA is reduced under
9 section 612(a)(18)(B) and the amounts distributed to
10 States under the previous provisos in fiscal year 2012 or
11 any subsequent year shall not be considered in calculating
12 the awards under section 611(d) for fiscal year 2013 or
13 for any subsequent fiscal years: *Provided further*, That,
14 notwithstanding the provision in section 612(a)(18)(B) re-
15 garding the fiscal year in which a State's allocation under
16 section 611(d) is reduced for failure to comply with the
17 requirement of section 612(a)(18)(A), the Secretary may
18 apply the reduction specified in section 612(a)(18)(B) over
19 a period of consecutive fiscal years, not to exceed five,
20 until the entire reduction is applied: *Provided further*,
21 That the Secretary may, in any fiscal year in which a
22 State's allocation under section 611 is reduced in accord-
23 ance with section 612(a)(18)(B), reduce the amount a
24 State may reserve under section 611(e)(1) by an amount
25 that bears the same relation to the maximum amount de-

1 scribed in that paragraph as the reduction under section
2 612(a)(18)(B) bears to the total allocation the State
3 would have received in that fiscal year under section
4 611(d) in the absence of the reduction: *Provided further*,
5 That the Secretary shall either reduce the allocation of
6 funds under section 611 for any fiscal year following the
7 fiscal year for which the State fails to comply with the
8 requirement of section 612(a)(18)(A) as authorized by
9 section 612(a)(18)(B), or seek to recover funds under sec-
10 tion 452 of the General Education Provisions Act (20
11 U.S.C. 1234a): *Provided further*, That the funds reserved
12 under 611(c) of the IDEA may be used to provide tech-
13 nical assistance to States to improve the capacity of the
14 States to meet the data collection requirements of sections
15 616 and 618 and to administer and carry out other serv-
16 ices and activities to improve data collection, coordination,
17 quality, and use under parts B and C of the IDEA: *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That the Secretary may use funds made
19 available for the State Personnel Development Grants pro-
20 gram under part D, subpart 1 of IDEA to evaluate pro-
21 gram performance under such subpart.

22 REHABILITATION SERVICES

23 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
24 vided, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Helen Keller
25 National Center Act, \$3,656,189,000, of which

1 \$3,521,990,000 shall be for grants for vocational rehabili-
2 tation services under title I of the Rehabilitation Act: *Pro-*
3 *vided*, That the Secretary may use amounts provided in
4 this Act that remain available subsequent to the reallocot-
5 ment of funds to States pursuant to section 110(b) of the
6 Rehabilitation Act for innovative activities aimed at im-
7 proving the outcomes of individuals with disabilities as de-
8 fined in section 7(20)(B) of the Rehabilitation Act, includ-
9 ing activities aimed at improving the education and post-
10 school outcomes of children receiving Supplemental Secu-
11 rity Income (“SSI”) and their families that may result
12 in long-term improvement in the SSI child recipient’s eco-
13 nomic status and self-sufficiency: *Provided further*, That
14 States may award subgrants for a portion of the funds
15 to other public and private, nonprofit entities: *Provided*
16 *further*, That any funds made available subsequent to real-
17 lotment for innovative activities aimed at improving the
18 outcomes of individuals with disabilities shall remain avail-
19 able until September 30, 2020.

20 SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH
21 DISABILITIES

22 AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

23 For carrying out the Act to promote the Education
24 of the Blind of March 3, 1879, \$30,431,000.

1 NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

2 For the National Technical Institute for the Deaf
3 under titles I and II of the Education of the Deaf Act
4 of 1986, \$76,500,000: *Provided*, That from the total
5 amount available, the Institute may at its discretion use
6 funds for the endowment program as authorized under
7 section 207 of such Act.

8 GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

9 For the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School,
10 the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and the partial
11 support of Gallaudet University under titles I and II of
12 the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986, \$133,000,000:
13 *Provided*, That from the total amount available, the Uni-
14 versity may at its discretion use funds for the endowment
15 program as authorized under section 207 of such Act.

16 CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION

17 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
18 vided, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-
19 cation Act of 2006 and the Adult Education and Family
20 Literacy Act (“AEFLA”), \$1,855,686,000, of which
21 \$1,064,686,000 shall become available on July 1, 2019,
22 and shall remain available through September 30, 2020,
23 and of which \$791,000,000 shall become available on Oc-
24 tober 1, 2019, and shall remain available through Sep-
25 tember 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of the amounts made

1 available for AEFLA, \$13,712,000 shall be for national
2 leadership activities under section 242.

3 STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

4 For carrying out subparts 1, 3, and 10 of part A,
5 and part C of title IV of the HEA, \$24,445,352,000,
6 which shall remain available through September 30, 2020.

7 The maximum Pell Grant for which a student shall
8 be eligible during award year 2019–2020 shall be \$5,135.

9 STUDENT AID ADMINISTRATION

10 For Federal administrative expenses to carry out part
11 D of title I, and subparts 1, 3, 9, and 10 of part A, and
12 parts B, C, D, and E of title IV of the HEA, and subpart
13 1 of part A of title VII of the Public Health Service Act,
14 \$1,678,943,000, to remain available through September
15 30, 2020: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall allocate new
16 student loan borrower accounts to eligible student loan
17 servicers on the basis of their performance compared to
18 all loan servicers utilizing established common metrics,
19 and on the basis of the capacity of each servicer to process
20 new and existing accounts: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
21 retary shall allow student loan borrowers who are consoli-
22 dating Federal student loans to select from any student
23 loan servicer to service their new consolidated student loan
24 under the current student loan servicing contracts: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That in order to promote accountability and

1 high-quality service to borrowers, the Secretary shall not
2 award funding for any contract solicitation for a new Fed-
3 eral student loan servicing environment, including the so-
4 licitation for the FSA Next Generation Processing and
5 Servicing Environment as amended by the Department of
6 Education on February 20, 2018, unless such an environ-
7 ment provides for the participation of multiple student
8 loan servicers that contract directly with the Department
9 of Education to manage a unique portfolio of borrower ac-
10 counts and the full life-cycle of loans from disbursement
11 to pay-off with certain limited exceptions, and allocates
12 student loan borrower accounts to eligible student loan
13 servicers based on performance: *Provided further*, That
14 such servicers described in the previous proviso shall be
15 evaluated based on their ability to meet contract require-
16 ments, future performance on the contracts, and history
17 of compliance with applicable consumer protections laws:
18 *Provided further*, That to the extent Federal Student Aid
19 (FSA) permits student loan servicing subcontracting, FSA
20 shall hold such subcontractors accountable for meeting the
21 requirements of the contract: *Provided further*, That FSA
22 shall create a fee structure with contractors that provides
23 more support to borrowers at risk of being distressed.

1 HIGHER EDUCATION

2 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
3 vided, titles II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII of the HEA, the
4 Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961,
5 and section 117 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-
6 nical Education Act of 2006, \$2,260,551,000: *Provided*,
7 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds
8 made available in this Act to carry out title VI of the HEA
9 and section 102(b)(6) of the Mutual Educational and Cul-
10 tural Exchange Act of 1961 may be used to support visits
11 and study in foreign countries by individuals who are par-
12 ticipating in advanced foreign language training and inter-
13 national studies in areas that are vital to United States
14 national security and who plan to apply their language
15 skills and knowledge of these countries in the fields of gov-
16 ernment, the professions, or international development:
17 *Provided further*, That of the funds referred to in the pre-
18 ceding proviso up to 1 percent may be used for program
19 evaluation, national outreach, and information dissemina-
20 tion activities: *Provided further*, That up to 1.5 percent
21 of the funds made available under chapter 2 of subpart
22 2 of part A of title IV of the HEA may be used for evalua-
23 tion.

1 HOWARD UNIVERSITY

2 For partial support of Howard University,
3 \$236,518,000, of which not less than \$3,405,000 shall be
4 for a matching endowment grant pursuant to the Howard
5 University Endowment Act and shall remain available
6 until expended.

7 COLLEGE HOUSING AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES LOANS
8 PROGRAM

9 For Federal administrative expenses to carry out ac-
10 tivities related to existing facility loans pursuant to section
11 121 of the HEA, \$435,000.

12 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
13 CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM ACCOUNT

14 For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$20,150,000, as au-
15 thorized pursuant to part D of title III of the HEA, which
16 shall remain available through September 30, 2020: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying
18 such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Con-
19 gressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That
20 these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal,
21 any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed
22 \$580,000,000: *Provided further*, That these funds may be
23 used to support loans to public and private Historically
24 Black Colleges and Universities without regard to the limi-
25 tations within section 344(a) of the HEA.

1 In addition, \$10,000,000 shall be made available to
2 provide for the deferment of loans made under part D of
3 title III of the HEA to eligible institutions that are private
4 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, which apply
5 for the deferment of such a loan and demonstrate financial
6 need for such deferment by having a score of 2.6 or less
7 on the Department of Education's financial responsibility
8 test: *Provided*, That during the period of deferment of
9 such a loan, interest on the loan will not accrue or be cap-
10 italized, and the period of deferment shall be for at least
11 a period of 3-fiscal years and not more than 6-fiscal years:
12 *Provided further*, That when determining priority for such
13 institutions to receive such a deferment, the Secretary
14 shall give priority to institutions that operated in a finan-
15 cial deficit for at least one of the previous 5 years accord-
16 ing to audits provided to the Department, or were sanc-
17 tioned for financial related reasons by the agency or asso-
18 ciation that accredited such institutions: *Provided further*,
19 That the Secretary shall create and execute an outreach
20 plan to work with States and the Capital Financing Advi-
21 sory Board to improve outreach to States and help addi-
22 tional public Historically Black Colleges and Universities
23 participate in the program.

24 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
25 the Historically Black College and University Capital Fi-

1 nancing Program entered into pursuant to part D of title
2 III of the HEA, \$334,000.

3 INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

4 For carrying out activities authorized by the Edu-
5 cation Sciences Reform Act of 2002, the National Assess-
6 ment of Educational Progress Authorization Act, section
7 208 of the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002,
8 and section 664 of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-
9 cation Act, \$615,462,000, which shall remain available
10 through September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That funds avail-
11 able to carry out section 208 of the Educational Technical
12 Assistance Act may be used to link Statewide elementary
13 and secondary data systems with early childhood, postsec-
14 ondary, and workforce data systems, or to further develop
15 such systems: *Provided further*, That up to \$6,000,000 of
16 the funds available to carry out section 208 of the Edu-
17 cational Technical Assistance Act may be used for awards
18 to public or private organizations or agencies to support
19 activities to improve data coordination, quality, and use
20 at the local, State, and national levels.

21 DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

22 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

23 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
24 vided, the Department of Education Organization Act, in-
25 cluding rental of conference rooms in the District of Co-

1 lumbia and hire of three passenger motor vehicles,
2 \$430,000,000: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other
3 provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act
4 or provided by previous Appropriations Acts to the De-
5 partment of Education available for obligation or expendi-
6 ture in the current fiscal year may be used for any activity
7 relating to implementing a reorganization that decentral-
8 izes, reduces the staffing level, or alters the responsibil-
9 ities, structure, authority, or functionality of the Budget
10 Service of the Department of Education, relative to the
11 organization and operation of the Budget Service as in
12 effect on January 1, 2018.

13 OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

14 For expenses necessary for the Office for Civil
15 Rights, as authorized by section 203 of the Department
16 of Education Organization Act, \$125,000,000.

17 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

18 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
19 General, as authorized by section 212 of the Department
20 of Education Organization Act, \$61,143,000.

21 GENERAL PROVISIONS

22 SEC. 301. No funds appropriated in this Act may be
23 used to prevent the implementation of programs of vol-
24 untary prayer and meditation in the public schools.

1 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 302. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-
3 tionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
4 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) which are appro-
5 priated for the Department of Education in this Act may
6 be transferred between appropriations, but no such appro-
7 priation shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any
8 such transfer: *Provided*, That the transfer authority
9 granted by this section shall not be used to create any
10 new program or to fund any project or activity for which
11 no funds are provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That
12 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days
14 in advance of any transfer.

15 SEC. 303. Section 105(f)(1)(B)(ix) of the Compact
16 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
17 1921d(f)(1)(B)(ix)) shall be applied by substituting
18 “2019” for “2009”.

19 SEC. 304. Funds appropriated in this Act and con-
20 solidated for evaluation purposes under section 8601(c) of
21 the ESEA shall be available from July 1, 2019, through
22 September 30, 2020.

23 SEC. 305. (a) An institution of higher education that
24 maintains an endowment fund supported with funds ap-
25 propriated for title III or V of the HEA for fiscal year

1 2019 may use the income from that fund to award schol-
2 arships to students, subject to the limitation in section
3 331(e)(3)(B)(i) of the HEA. The use of such income for
4 such purposes, prior to the enactment of this Act, shall
5 be considered to have been an allowable use of that in-
6 come, subject to that limitation.

7 (b) Subsection (a) shall be in effect until titles III
8 and V of the HEA are reauthorized.

9 SEC. 306. Section 114(f) of the HEA (20 U.S.C.
10 1011c(f)) is amended by striking “2018” and inserting
11 “2019”.

12 SEC. 307. Section 458(a) of the HEA (20 U.S.C.
13 1087h(a)) is amended in paragraph (4) by striking
14 “2018” and inserting “2019”.

15 (RESCISSION)

16 SEC. 308. Of the unobligated balances available
17 under the heading “Student Financial Assistance” for car-
18 rying out subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the HEA,
19 \$600,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

20 SEC. 309. Section 401(b)(7)(A)(iv)(IX) of the Higher
21 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
22 1070a(b)(7)(A)(iv)(IX)) is amended by striking
23 “\$1,409,000,000” and inserting “\$1,370,000,000”.

24 SEC. 310. (a) An institution of higher education may,
25 with explicit written consent of an applicant who has com-

1 pleted a FAFSA under such section 483(a), provide such
2 information collected from the applicant's FAFSA as is
3 necessary to a scholarship granting organization, includ-
4 ing a tribal organization (defined in section 4 of the Indian
5 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25
6 U.S.C. 5304)), or to an organization assisting the appli-
7 cant in applying for and receiving Federal, State, local,
8 or tribal assistance, that is designated by the applicant
9 to assist the applicant in applying for and receiving finan-
10 cial assistance for any component of the applicant's cost
11 of attendance (defined in section 472 of the HEA) at that
12 institution.

13 (b) An organization that receives information pursu-
14 ant to subsection (a) shall not sell or otherwise share such
15 information.

16 (c) This section shall be in effect until title IV of the
17 HEA is reauthorized.

18 SEC. 311. For an additional amount for "Department
19 of Education—Federal Direct Student Loan Program Ac-
20 count", \$350,000,000, to remain available until expended,
21 shall be for the cost, as defined under section 502 of the
22 Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of the Secretary of
23 Education providing loan cancellation in the same manner
24 as under section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of
25 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)), for borrowers of loans made

1 under part D of title IV of such Act who would qualify
2 for loan cancellation under section 455(m) except some,
3 or all, of the 120 required payments under section
4 455(m)(1)(A) do not qualify for purposes of the program
5 because they were monthly payments made in accordance
6 with graduated or extended repayment plans as described
7 under subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 455(d)(1) or
8 the corresponding repayment plan for a consolidation loan
9 made under section 455(g) and that were less than the
10 amount calculated under section 455(d)(1)(A), based on
11 a 10-year repayment period: *Provided*, That the monthly
12 payment made 12 months before the borrower applied for
13 loan cancellation as described in the matter preceding this
14 proviso and the most recent monthly payment made by
15 the borrower at the time of such application were each
16 not less than the monthly amount that would be calculated
17 under, and for which the borrower would otherwise qualify
18 for, clause (i) or (iv) of section 455(m)(1)(A) regarding
19 income-based or income-contingent repayment plans, with
20 exception for a borrower who would have otherwise been
21 eligible under this section but demonstrates an unusual
22 fluctuation of income over the past 5 years: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That the total loan volume, including outstanding
24 principal, fees, capitalized interest, or accrued interest, at
25 application that is eligible for such loan cancellation by

1 such borrowers shall not exceed \$500,000,000: *Provided*
2 *further*, That the Secretary shall develop and make avail-
3 able a simple method for borrowers to apply for loan can-
4 cellation under this section within 60 days of enactment
5 of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall pro-
6 vide loan cancellation under this section to eligible bor-
7 rowers on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on the date
8 of application and subject to both the limitation on total
9 loan volume at application for such loan cancellation speci-
10 fied in the second proviso and the availability of appropria-
11 tions under this section: *Provided further*, That no bor-
12 rower may, for the same service, receive a reduction of
13 loan obligations under both this section and section 428J,
14 428K, 428L, or 460 of such Act.

15 SEC. 312. Of the amounts made available under this
16 title under the heading “Student Aid Administration”,
17 \$2,300,000 shall be used by the Secretary of Education
18 to conduct outreach to borrowers of loans made under part
19 D of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 who
20 may intend to qualify for loan cancellation under section
21 455(m) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)), to ensure that
22 borrowers are meeting the terms and conditions of such
23 loan cancellation: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall spe-
24 cifically conduct outreach to assist borrowers who would
25 qualify for loan cancellation under section 455(m) of such

1 Act except that the borrower has made some, or all, of
2 the 120 required payments under a repayment plan that
3 is not described under section 455(m)(A) of such Act, to
4 encourage borrowers to enroll in a qualifying repayment
5 plan: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall also com-
6 municate to all Direct Loan borrowers the full require-
7 ments of section 455(m) of such Act and improve the fil-
8 ing of employment certification by providing improved out-
9 reach and information such as outbound calls, electronic
10 communications, ensuring prominent access to program
11 requirements and benefits on each servicer’s website, and
12 creating an option for all borrowers to complete the entire
13 payment certification process electronically and on a cen-
14 tralized website.

15 This title may be cited as the “Department of Edu-
16 cation Appropriations Act, 2019”.

1 TITLE IV
2 RELATED AGENCIES
3 COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE
4 BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED
5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 For expenses necessary for the Committee for Pur-
7 chase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
8 established under section 8502 of title 41, United States
9 Code, \$8,250,000: *Provided*, That in order to authorize
10 any central nonprofit agency designated pursuant to sec-
11 tion 8503(e) of title 41, United States Code, to perform
12 contract requirements of the Committee as prescribed
13 under section 51-3.2 of title 41, Code of Federal Regula-
14 tions, the Committee shall enter into a written agreement
15 with any such central nonprofit agency: *Provided further*,
16 That such agreement entered into under the preceding
17 proviso shall contain such auditing, oversight, and report-
18 ing provisions as necessary to implement chapter 85 of
19 title 41, United States Code: *Provided further*, That such
20 agreement shall include the elements listed under this
21 heading in the explanatory statement accompanying Pub-
22 lic Law 114-113: *Provided further*, That a fee may not
23 be charged under section 51-3.5 of title 41, Code of Fed-
24 eral Regulations, unless such fee is under the terms of
25 the written agreement between the Committee and any

1 such central nonprofit agency: *Provided further*, That no
2 less than \$1,250,000 shall be available for the Office of
3 Inspector General.

4 CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
5 OPERATING EXPENSES

6 For necessary expenses for the Corporation for Na-
7 tional and Community Service (referred to in this title as
8 “CNCS”) to carry out the Domestic Volunteer Service Act
9 of 1973 (referred to in this title as “1973 Act”) and the
10 National and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred
11 to in this title as “1990 Act”), \$770,629,000, notwith-
12 standing sections 198B(b)(3), 198S(g), 501(a)(4)(C), and
13 501(a)(4)(F) of the 1990 Act: *Provided*, That of the
14 amounts provided under this heading: (1) up to 1 percent
15 of program grant funds may be used to defray the costs
16 of conducting grant application reviews, including the use
17 of outside peer reviewers and electronic management of
18 the grants cycle; (2) \$17,538,000 shall be available to pro-
19 vide assistance to State commissions on national and com-
20 munity service, under section 126(a) of the 1990 Act and
21 notwithstanding section 501(a)(5)(B) of the 1990 Act; (3)
22 \$32,000,000 shall be available to carry out subtitle E of
23 the 1990 Act; and (4) \$5,400,000 shall be available for
24 expenses authorized under section 501(a)(4)(F) of the
25 1990 Act, which, notwithstanding the provisions of section

1 198P shall be awarded by CNCS on a competitive basis:
2 *Provided further*, That for the purposes of carrying out
3 the 1990 Act, satisfying the requirements in section
4 122(c)(1)(D) may include a determination of need by the
5 local community.

6 PAYMENT TO THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST
7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 For payment to the National Service Trust estab-
9 lished under subtitle D of title I of the 1990 Act,
10 \$198,163,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That CNCS may transfer additional funds from the
12 amount provided within “Operating Expenses” allocated
13 to grants under subtitle C of title I of the 1990 Act to
14 the National Service Trust upon determination that such
15 transfer is necessary to support the activities of national
16 service participants and after notice is transmitted to the
17 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
18 atives and the Senate: *Provided further*, That amounts ap-
19 propriated for or transferred to the National Service Trust
20 may be invested under section 145(b) of the 1990 Act
21 without regard to the requirement to apportion funds
22 under 31 U.S.C. 1513(b).

23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For necessary expenses of administration as provided
25 under section 501(a)(5) of the 1990 Act and under section

1 504(a) of the 1973 Act, including payment of salaries, au-
2 thorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rental
3 of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, the em-
4 ployment of experts and consultants authorized under 5
5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,500 for official recep-
6 tion and representation expenses, \$83,737,000.

7 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
9 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
10 \$5,750,000.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

12 SEC. 401. CNCS shall make any significant changes
13 to program requirements, service delivery or policy only
14 through public notice and comment rulemaking. For fiscal
15 year 2019, during any grant selection process, an officer
16 or employee of CNCS shall not knowingly disclose any cov-
17 ered grant selection information regarding such selection,
18 directly or indirectly, to any person other than an officer
19 or employee of CNCS that is authorized by CNCS to re-
20 ceive such information.

21 SEC. 402. AmeriCorps programs receiving grants
22 under the National Service Trust program shall meet an
23 overall minimum share requirement of 24 percent for the
24 first 3 years that they receive AmeriCorps funding, and
25 thereafter shall meet the overall minimum share require-

1 ment as provided in section 2521.60 of title 45, Code of
2 Federal Regulations, without regard to the operating costs
3 match requirement in section 121(e) or the member sup-
4 port Federal share limitations in section 140 of the 1990
5 Act, and subject to partial waiver consistent with section
6 2521.70 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.

7 SEC. 403. Donations made to CNCS under section
8 196 of the 1990 Act for the purposes of financing pro-
9 grams and operations under titles I and II of the 1973
10 Act or subtitle B, C, D, or E of title I of the 1990 Act
11 shall be used to supplement and not supplant current pro-
12 grams and operations.

13 SEC. 404. In addition to the requirements in section
14 146(a) of the 1990 Act, use of an educational award for
15 the purpose described in section 148(a)(4) shall be limited
16 to individuals who are veterans as defined under section
17 101 of the Act.

18 SEC. 405. For the purpose of carrying out section
19 189D of the 1990 Act—

20 (1) entities described in paragraph (a) of such
21 section shall be considered “qualified entities” under
22 section 3 of the National Child Protection Act of
23 1993 (“NCPA”);

1 (2) individuals described in such section shall
2 be considered “volunteers” under section 3 of
3 NCPA; and

4 (3) State Commissions on National and Com-
5 munity Service established pursuant to section 178
6 of the 1990 Act, are authorized to receive criminal
7 history record information, consistent with Public
8 Law 92-544.

9 SEC. 406. Notwithstanding sections 139(b), 146 and
10 147 of the 1990 Act, an individual who successfully com-
11 pletes a term of service of not less than 1,200 hours dur-
12 ing a period of not more than one year may receive a na-
13 tional service education award having a value of 70 per-
14 cent of the value of a national service education award
15 determined under section 147(a) of the Act.

16 CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

17 For payment to the Corporation for Public Broad-
18 casting (“CPB”), as authorized by the Communications
19 Act of 1934, an amount which shall be available within
20 limitations specified by that Act, for the fiscal year 2021,
21 \$445,000,000: *Provided*, That none of the funds made
22 available to CPB by this Act shall be used to pay for re-
23 ceptions, parties, or similar forms of entertainment for
24 Government officials or employees: *Provided further*, That
25 none of the funds made available to CPB by this Act shall

1 be available or used to aid or support any program or ac-
2 tivity from which any person is excluded, or is denied ben-
3 efits, or is discriminated against, on the basis of race,
4 color, national origin, religion, or sex: *Provided further*,
5 That none of the funds made available to CPB by this
6 Act shall be used to apply any political test or qualification
7 in selecting, appointing, promoting, or taking any other
8 personnel action with respect to officers, agents, and em-
9 ployees of CPB: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
10 made available to CPB by this Act shall be used to support
11 the Television Future Fund or any similar purpose.

12 In addition, for the costs associated with replacing
13 and upgrading the public broadcasting interconnection
14 system and other technologies and services that create in-
15 frastructure and efficiencies within the public media sys-
16 tem, \$20,000,000.

17 FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For expenses necessary for the Federal Mediation
20 and Conciliation Service (“Service”) to carry out the func-
21 tions vested in it by the Labor-Management Relations Act,
22 1947, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; for ex-
23 penses necessary for the Labor-Management Cooperation
24 Act of 1978; and for expenses necessary for the Service
25 to carry out the functions vested in it by the Civil Service

1 Reform Act, \$46,650,000, including up to \$900,000 to re-
2 main available through September 30, 2020, for activities
3 authorized by the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of
4 1978: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302,
5 fees charged, up to full-cost recovery, for special training
6 activities and other conflict resolution services and tech-
7 nical assistance, including those provided to foreign gov-
8 ernments and international organizations, and for arbitra-
9 tion services shall be credited to and merged with this ac-
10 count, and shall remain available until expended: *Provided*
11 *further*, That fees for arbitration services shall be available
12 only for education, training, and professional development
13 of the agency workforce: *Provided further*, That the Direc-
14 tor of the Service is authorized to accept and use on behalf
15 of the United States gifts of services and real, personal,
16 or other property in the aid of any projects or functions
17 within the Director's jurisdiction.

18 FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW

19 COMMISSION

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For expenses necessary for the Federal Mine Safety
22 and Health Review Commission, \$17,184,000.

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1 INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

2 OFFICE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES: GRANTS

3 AND ADMINISTRATION

4 For carrying out the Museum and Library Services
5 Act of 1996 and the National Museum of African Amer-
6 ican History and Culture Act, \$242,000,000.

7 MEDICAID AND CHIP PAYMENT AND ACCESS

8 COMMISSION

9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For expenses necessary to carry out section 1900 of
11 the Social Security Act, \$8,480,000.

12 MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For expenses necessary to carry out section 1805 of
15 the Social Security Act, \$12,545,000, to be transferred to
16 this appropriation from the Federal Hospital Insurance
17 Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical In-
18 surance Trust Fund.

19 NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For expenses necessary for the National Council on
22 Disability as authorized by title IV of the Rehabilitation
23 Act of 1973, \$3,250,000.

1 NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For expenses necessary for the National Labor Rela-
4 tions Board to carry out the functions vested in it by the
5 Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, and other laws,
6 \$274,224,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropria-
7 tion shall be available to organize or assist in organizing
8 agricultural laborers or used in connection with investiga-
9 tions, hearings, directives, or orders concerning bargaining
10 units composed of agricultural laborers as referred to in
11 section 2(3) of the Act of July 5, 1935, and as amended
12 by the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, and as de-
13 fined in section 3(f) of the Act of June 25, 1938, and
14 including in said definition employees engaged in the
15 maintenance and operation of ditches, canals, reservoirs,
16 and waterways when maintained or operated on a mutual,
17 nonprofit basis and at least 95 percent of the water stored
18 or supplied thereby is used for farming purposes.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

20 SEC. 407. None of the funds provided by this Act
21 or previous Acts making appropriations for the National
22 Labor Relations Board may be used to issue any new ad-
23 ministrative directive or regulation that would provide em-
24 ployees any means of voting through any electronic means

1 in an election to determine a representative for the pur-
2 poses of collective bargaining.

3 NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions
6 of the Railway Labor Act, including emergency boards ap-
7 pointed by the President, \$13,800,000.

8 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW

9 COMMISSION

10 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11 For expenses necessary for the Occupational Safety
12 and Health Review Commission, \$13,225,000.

13 RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

14 DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

15 For payment to the Dual Benefits Payments Ac-
16 count, authorized under section 15(d) of the Railroad Re-
17 tirement Act of 1974, \$19,000,000, which shall include
18 amounts becoming available in fiscal year 2019 pursuant
19 to section 224(e)(1)(B) of Public Law 98-76; and in addi-
20 tion, an amount, not to exceed 2 percent of the amount
21 provided herein, shall be available proportional to the
22 amount by which the product of recipients and the average
23 benefit received exceeds the amount available for payment
24 of vested dual benefits: *Provided*, That the total amount
25 provided herein shall be credited in 12 approximately

1 equal amounts on the first day of each month in the fiscal
2 year.

3 FEDERAL PAYMENTS TO THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT

4 ACCOUNTS

5 For payment to the accounts established in the
6 Treasury for the payment of benefits under the Railroad
7 Retirement Act for interest earned on unnegotiated
8 checks, \$150,000, to remain available through September
9 30, 2020, which shall be the maximum amount available
10 for payment pursuant to section 417 of Public Law 98–
11 76.

12 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

13 For necessary expenses for the Railroad Retirement
14 Board (“Board”) for administration of the Railroad Re-
15 tirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance
16 Act, \$123,500,000, to be derived in such amounts as de-
17 termined by the Board from the railroad retirement ac-
18 counts and from moneys credited to the railroad unem-
19 ployment insurance administration fund: *Provided*, That
20 notwithstanding section 7(b)(9) of the Railroad Retire-
21 ment Act this limitation may be used to hire attorneys
22 only through the excepted service: *Provided further*, That
23 the previous proviso shall not change the status under
24 Federal employment laws of any attorney hired by the
25 Railroad Retirement Board prior to January 1, 2013: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That \$10,000,000, to remain available until
2 expended, shall be used to supplement, not supplant, exist-
3 ing resources devoted to operations and improvements for
4 the Board's Information Technology Investment Initia-
5 tives.

6 LIMITATION ON THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

7 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
8 General for audit, investigatory and review activities, as
9 authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, not more
10 than \$11,000,000, to be derived from the railroad retire-
11 ment accounts and railroad unemployment insurance ac-
12 count.

13 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

14 PAYMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS

15 For payment to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors
16 Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-
17 ance Trust Fund, as provided under sections 201(m) and
18 1131(b)(2) of the Social Security Act, \$11,000,000.

19 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

20 For carrying out titles XI and XVI of the Social Se-
21 curity Act, section 401 of Public Law 92-603, section 212
22 of Public Law 93-66, as amended, and section 405 of
23 Public Law 95-216, including payment to the Social Secu-
24 rity trust funds for administrative expenses incurred pur-
25 suant to section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act,

1 \$41,390,721,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
2 *vided*, That any portion of the funds provided to a State
3 in the current fiscal year and not obligated by the State
4 during that year shall be returned to the Treasury: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That not more than \$101,000,000 shall be
6 available for research and demonstrations under sections
7 1110, 1115, and 1144 of the Social Security Act, and re-
8 main available through September 30, 2021.

9 For making, after June 15 of the current fiscal year,
10 benefit payments to individuals under title XVI of the So-
11 cial Security Act, for unanticipated costs incurred for the
12 current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

13 For making benefit payments under title XVI of the
14 Social Security Act for the first quarter of fiscal year
15 2020, \$19,700,000,000, to remain available until ex-
16 pended.

17 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses, including the hire of two pas-
19 senger motor vehicles, and not to exceed \$20,000 for offi-
20 cial reception and representation expenses, not more than
21 \$12,816,945,000 may be expended, as authorized by sec-
22 tion 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act, from any one
23 or all of the trust funds referred to in such section: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That not less than \$2,300,000 shall be for the So-
25 cial Security Advisory Board: *Provided further*, That

1 \$85,000,000 shall remain available until expended for in-
2 formation technology modernization, including related
3 hardware and software infrastructure and equipment, and
4 for administrative expenses directly associated with infor-
5 mation technology modernization: *Provided further*, That
6 \$100,000,000 shall remain available through September
7 30, 2020, for activities to address the disability hearings
8 backlog within the Office of Hearings Operations: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That unobligated balances of funds provided
10 under this paragraph at the end of fiscal year 2019 not
11 needed for fiscal year 2019 shall remain available until
12 expended to invest in the Social Security Administration
13 information technology and telecommunications hardware
14 and software infrastructure, including related equipment
15 and non-payroll administrative expenses associated solely
16 with this information technology and telecommunications
17 infrastructure: *Provided further*, That the Commissioner
18 of Social Security shall notify the Committees on Appro-
19 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
20 prior to making unobligated balances available under the
21 authority in the previous proviso: *Provided further*, That
22 reimbursement to the trust funds under this heading for
23 expenditures for official time for employees of the Social
24 Security Administration pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7131, and
25 for facilities or support services for labor organizations

1 pursuant to policies, regulations, or procedures referred
2 to in section 7135(b) of such title shall be made by the
3 Secretary of the Treasury, with interest, from amounts in
4 the general fund not otherwise appropriated, as soon as
5 possible after such expenditures are made.

6 Of the total amount made available under this head-
7 ing, not more than \$1,683,000,000, to remain available
8 through March 31, 2020, is for the costs associated with
9 continuing disability reviews under titles II and XVI of
10 the Social Security Act, including work-related continuing
11 disability reviews to determine whether earnings derived
12 from services demonstrate an individual's ability to engage
13 in substantial gainful activity, for the cost associated with
14 conducting redeterminations of eligibility under title XVI
15 of the Social Security Act, for the cost of co-operative dis-
16 ability investigation units, and for the cost associated with
17 the prosecution of fraud in the programs and operations
18 of the Social Security Administration by Special Assistant
19 United States Attorneys: *Provided*, That, of such amount,
20 \$273,000,000 is provided to meet the terms of section
21 251(b)(2)(B)(ii)(III) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
22 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, and
23 \$1,410,000,000 is additional new budget authority speci-
24 fied for purposes of section 251(b)(2)(B) of such Act: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That the Commissioner shall provide to the

1 Congress (at the conclusion of the fiscal year) a report
2 on the obligation and expenditure of these funds, similar
3 to the reports that were required by section 103(d)(2) of
4 Public Law 104–121 for fiscal years 1996 through 2002.

5 In addition, \$134,000,000 to be derived from admin-
6 istration fees in excess of \$5.00 per supplementary pay-
7 ment collected pursuant to section 1616(d) of the Social
8 Security Act or section 212(b)(3) of Public Law 93–66,
9 which shall remain available until expended. To the extent
10 that the amounts collected pursuant to such sections in
11 fiscal year 2019 exceed \$134,000,000, the amounts shall
12 be available in fiscal year 2020 only to the extent provided
13 in advance in appropriations Acts.

14 In addition, up to \$1,000,000 to be derived from fees
15 collected pursuant to section 303(c) of the Social Security
16 Protection Act, which shall remain available until ex-
17 pended.

18 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
21 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
22 General Act of 1978, \$30,000,000, together with not to
23 exceed \$75,500,000, to be transferred and expended as
24 authorized by section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act

1 from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
2 Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

3 In addition, an amount not to exceed 3 percent of
4 the total provided in this appropriation may be transferred
5 from the “Limitation on Administrative Expenses”, Social
6 Security Administration, to be merged with this account,
7 to be available for the time and purposes for which this
8 account is available: *Provided*, That notice of such trans-
9 fers shall be transmitted promptly to the Committees on
10 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
11 Senate at least 15 days in advance of any transfer.

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1 TITLE V
2 GENERAL PROVISIONS
3 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 501. The Secretaries of Labor, Health and
5 Human Services, and Education are authorized to transfer
6 unexpended balances of prior appropriations to accounts
7 corresponding to current appropriations provided in this
8 Act. Such transferred balances shall be used for the same
9 purpose, and for the same periods of time, for which they
10 were originally appropriated.

11 SEC. 502. No part of any appropriation contained in
12 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
13 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

14 SEC. 503. (a) No part of any appropriation contained
15 in this Act or transferred pursuant to section 4002 of
16 Public Law 111-148 shall be used, other than for normal
17 and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for pub-
18 licity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, dis-
19 tribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication,
20 electronic communication, radio, television, or video pres-
21 entation designed to support or defeat the enactment of
22 legislation before the Congress or any State or local legis-
23 lature or legislative body, except in presentation to the
24 Congress or any State or local legislature itself, or de-
25 signed to support or defeat any proposed or pending regu-

1 lation, administrative action, or order issued by the execu-
2 tive branch of any State or local government, except in
3 presentation to the executive branch of any State or local
4 government itself.

5 (b) No part of any appropriation contained in this
6 Act or transferred pursuant to section 4002 of Public Law
7 111–148 shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of
8 any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such
9 recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the
10 enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, ad-
11 ministrative action, or Executive order proposed or pend-
12 ing before the Congress or any State government, State
13 legislature or local legislature or legislative body, other
14 than for normal and recognized executive-legislative rela-
15 tionships or participation by an agency or officer of a
16 State, local or tribal government in policymaking and ad-
17 ministrative processes within the executive branch of that
18 government.

19 (c) The prohibitions in subsections (a) and (b) shall
20 include any activity to advocate or promote any proposed,
21 pending or future Federal, State or local tax increase, or
22 any proposed, pending, or future requirement or restric-
23 tion on any legal consumer product, including its sale or
24 marketing, including but not limited to the advocacy or
25 promotion of gun control.

1 SEC. 504. The Secretaries of Labor and Education
2 are authorized to make available not to exceed \$28,000
3 and \$20,000, respectively, from funds available for sala-
4 ries and expenses under titles I and III, respectively, for
5 official reception and representation expenses; the Direc-
6 tor of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service is
7 authorized to make available for official reception and rep-
8 resentation expenses not to exceed \$5,000 from the funds
9 available for “Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service,
10 Salaries and Expenses”; and the Chairman of the Na-
11 tional Mediation Board is authorized to make available for
12 official reception and representation expenses not to ex-
13 ceed \$5,000 from funds available for “National Mediation
14 Board, Salaries and Expenses”.

15 SEC. 505. When issuing statements, press releases,
16 requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other docu-
17 ments describing projects or programs funded in whole or
18 in part with Federal money, all grantees receiving Federal
19 funds included in this Act, including but not limited to
20 State and local governments and recipients of Federal re-
21 search grants, shall clearly state—

22 (1) the percentage of the total costs of the pro-
23 gram or project which will be financed with Federal
24 money;

1 (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the
2 project or program; and

3 (3) percentage and dollar amount of the total
4 costs of the project or program that will be financed
5 by non-governmental sources.

6 SEC. 506. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
7 Act, and none of the funds in any trust fund to which
8 funds are appropriated in this Act, shall be expended for
9 any abortion.

10 (b) None of the funds appropriated in this Act, and
11 none of the funds in any trust fund to which funds are
12 appropriated in this Act, shall be expended for health ben-
13 efits coverage that includes coverage of abortion.

14 (c) The term “health benefits coverage” means the
15 package of services covered by a managed care provider
16 or organization pursuant to a contract or other arrange-
17 ment.

18 SEC. 507. (a) The limitations established in the pre-
19 ceding section shall not apply to an abortion—

20 (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of
21 rape or incest; or

22 (2) in the case where a woman suffers from a
23 physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,
24 including a life-endangering physical condition
25 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that

1 would, as certified by a physician, place the woman
2 in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

3 (b) Nothing in the preceding section shall be con-
4 strued as prohibiting the expenditure by a State, locality,
5 entity, or private person of State, local, or private funds
6 (other than a State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid
7 matching funds).

8 (c) Nothing in the preceding section shall be con-
9 strued as restricting the ability of any managed care pro-
10 vider from offering abortion coverage or the ability of a
11 State or locality to contract separately with such a pro-
12 vider for such coverage with State funds (other than a
13 State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid matching
14 funds).

15 (d)(1) None of the funds made available in this Act
16 may be made available to a Federal agency or program,
17 or to a State or local government, if such agency, program,
18 or government subjects any institutional or individual
19 health care entity to discrimination on the basis that the
20 health care entity does not provide, pay for, provide cov-
21 erage of, or refer for abortions.

22 (2) In this subsection, the term "health care entity"
23 includes an individual physician or other health care pro-
24 fessional, a hospital, a provider-sponsored organization, a
25 health maintenance organization, a health insurance plan,

1 or any other kind of health care facility, organization, or
2 plan.

3 SEC. 508. (a) None of the funds made available in
4 this Act may be used for—

5 (1) the creation of a human embryo or embryos
6 for research purposes; or

7 (2) research in which a human embryo or em-
8 bryos are destroyed, discarded, or knowingly sub-
9 jected to risk of injury or death greater than that
10 allowed for research on fetuses in utero under 45
11 CFR 46.204(b) and section 498(b) of the Public
12 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g(b)).

13 (b) For purposes of this section, the term “human
14 embryo or embryos” includes any organism, not protected
15 as a human subject under 45 CFR 46 as of the date of
16 the enactment of this Act, that is derived by fertilization,
17 parthenogenesis, cloning, or any other means from one or
18 more human gametes or human diploid cells.

19 SEC. 509. (a) None of the funds made available in
20 this Act may be used for any activity that promotes the
21 legalization of any drug or other substance included in
22 schedule I of the schedules of controlled substances estab-
23 lished under section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act
24 except for normal and recognized executive-congressional
25 communications.

1 (b) The limitation in subsection (a) shall not apply
2 when there is significant medical evidence of a therapeutic
3 advantage to the use of such drug or other substance or
4 that federally sponsored clinical trials are being conducted
5 to determine therapeutic advantage.

6 SEC. 510. None of the funds made available in this
7 Act may be used to promulgate or adopt any final stand-
8 ard under section 1173(b) of the Social Security Act pro-
9 viding for, or providing for the assignment of, a unique
10 health identifier for an individual (except in an individ-
11 ual's capacity as an employer or a health care provider),
12 until legislation is enacted specifically approving the
13 standard.

14 SEC. 511. None of the funds made available in this
15 Act may be obligated or expended to enter into or renew
16 a contract with an entity if—

17 (1) such entity is otherwise a contractor with
18 the United States and is subject to the requirement
19 in 38 U.S.C. 4212(d) regarding submission of an
20 annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning
21 employment of certain veterans; and

22 (2) such entity has not submitted a report as
23 required by that section for the most recent year for
24 which such requirement was applicable to such enti-
25 ty.

1 SEC. 512. None of the funds made available in this
2 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
3 strumentality of the United States Government, except
4 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
5 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

6 SEC. 513. None of the funds made available by this
7 Act to carry out the Library Services and Technology Act
8 may be made available to any library covered by para-
9 graph (1) of section 224(f) of such Act, as amended by
10 the Children’s Internet Protection Act, unless such library
11 has made the certifications required by paragraph (4) of
12 such section.

13 SEC. 514. (a) None of the funds provided under this
14 Act, or provided under previous appropriations Acts to the
15 agencies funded by this Act that remain available for obli-
16 gation or expenditure in fiscal year 2019, or provided from
17 any accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived
18 by the collection of fees available to the agencies funded
19 by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
20 through a reprogramming of funds that—

- 21 (1) creates new programs;
- 22 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- 23 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means
24 for any project or activity for which funds have been
25 denied or restricted;

1 (4) relocates an office or employees;

2 (5) reorganizes or renames offices;

3 (6) reorganizes programs or activities; or

4 (7) contracts out or privatizes any functions or
5 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

6 unless the Committees on Appropriations of the House of
7 Representatives and the Senate are consulted 15 days in
8 advance of such reprogramming or of an announcement
9 of intent relating to such reprogramming, whichever oc-
10 curs earlier, and are notified in writing 10 days in advance
11 of such reprogramming.

12 (b) None of the funds provided under this Act, or
13 provided under previous appropriations Acts to the agen-
14 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation
15 or expenditure in fiscal year 2019, or provided from any
16 accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived by
17 the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by
18 this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
19 through a reprogramming of funds in excess of \$500,000
20 or 10 percent, whichever is less, that—

21 (1) augments existing programs, projects (in-
22 cluding construction projects), or activities;

23 (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-
24 ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-
25 sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or

1 (3) results from any general savings from a re-
2 duction in personnel which would result in a change
3 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-
4 proved by Congress;

5 unless the Committees on Appropriations of the House of
6 Representatives and the Senate are consulted 15 days in
7 advance of such reprogramming or of an announcement
8 of intent relating to such reprogramming, whichever oc-
9 curs earlier, and are notified in writing 10 days in advance
10 of such reprogramming.

11 SEC. 515. (a) None of the funds made available in
12 this Act may be used to request that a candidate for ap-
13 pointment to a Federal scientific advisory committee dis-
14 close the political affiliation or voting history of the can-
15 didate or the position that the candidate holds with re-
16 spect to political issues not directly related to and nec-
17 essary for the work of the committee involved.

18 (b) None of the funds made available in this Act may
19 be used to disseminate information that is deliberately
20 false or misleading.

21 SEC. 516. Within 45 days of enactment of this Act,
22 each department and related agency funded through this
23 Act shall submit an operating plan that details at the pro-
24 gram, project, and activity level any funding allocations
25 for fiscal year 2019 that are different than those specified

1 in this Act, the accompanying detailed table in the report
2 accompanying this Act or the fiscal year 2019 budget re-
3 quest.

4 SEC. 517. The Secretaries of Labor, Health and
5 Human Services, and Education shall each prepare and
6 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
7 of Representatives and the Senate a report on the number
8 and amount of contracts, grants, and cooperative agree-
9 ments exceeding \$500,000 in value and awarded by the
10 Department on a non-competitive basis during each quar-
11 ter of fiscal year 2019, but not to include grants awarded
12 on a formula basis or directed by law. Such report shall
13 include the name of the contractor or grantee, the amount
14 of funding, the governmental purpose, including a jus-
15 tification for issuing the award on a non-competitive basis.
16 Such report shall be transmitted to the Committees within
17 30 days after the end of the quarter for which the report
18 is submitted.

19 SEC. 518. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
20 shall be expended or obligated by the Commissioner of So-
21 cial Security, for purposes of administering Social Security
22 benefit payments under title II of the Social Security Act,
23 to process any claim for credit for a quarter of coverage
24 based on work performed under a social security account
25 number that is not the claimant's number and the per-

1 formance of such work under such number has formed the
2 basis for a conviction of the claimant of a violation of sec-
3 tion 208(a)(6) or (7) of the Social Security Act.

4 SEC. 519. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
5 may be used by the Commissioner of Social Security or
6 the Social Security Administration to pay the compensa-
7 tion of employees of the Social Security Administration
8 to administer Social Security benefit payments, under any
9 agreement between the United States and Mexico estab-
10 lishing totalization arrangements between the social secu-
11 rity system established by title II of the Social Security
12 Act and the social security system of Mexico, which would
13 not otherwise be payable but for such agreement.

14 SEC. 520. Notwithstanding any other provision of
15 this Act, no funds appropriated in this Act shall be used
16 to purchase sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic
17 injection of any illegal drug: *Provided*, That such limita-
18 tion does not apply to the use of funds for elements of
19 a program other than making such purchases if the rel-
20 evant State or local health department, in consultation
21 with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, de-
22 termines that the State or local jurisdiction, as applicable,
23 is experiencing, or is at risk for, a significant increase in
24 hepatitis infections or an HIV outbreak due to injection

1 drug use, and such program is operating in accordance
2 with State and local law.

3 SEC. 521. (a) None of the funds made available in
4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

7 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
8 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
9 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
10 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

11 SEC. 522. None of the funds made available under
12 this or any other Act, or any prior Appropriations Act,
13 may be provided to the Association of Community Organi-
14 zations for Reform Now (ACORN), or any of its affiliates,
15 subsidiaries, allied organizations, or successors.

16 SEC. 523. For purposes of carrying out Executive
17 Order 13589, Office of Management and Budget Memo-
18 randum M-12-12 dated May 11, 2012, and requirements
19 contained in the annual appropriations bills relating to
20 conference attendance and expenditures:

21 (1) the operating divisions of HHS shall be con-
22 sidered independent agencies; and

23 (2) attendance at and support for scientific con-
24 ferences shall be tabulated separately from and not
25 included in agency totals.

1 SEC. 524. Federal agencies funded under this Act
2 shall clearly state within the text, audio, or video used for
3 advertising or educational purposes, including emails or
4 Internet postings, that the communication is printed, pub-
5 lished, or produced and disseminated at U.S. taxpayer ex-
6 pense. The funds used by a Federal agency to carry out
7 this requirement shall be derived from amounts made
8 available to the agency for advertising or other commu-
9 nications regarding the programs and activities of the
10 agency.

11 SEC. 525. (a) Federal agencies may use Federal dis-
12 cretionary funds that are made available in this Act to
13 carry out up to 10 Performance Partnership Pilots. Such
14 Pilots shall be governed by the provisions of section 526
15 of division H of Public Law 113-76, except that in car-
16 rying out such Pilots section 526 shall be applied by sub-
17 stituting “FISCAL YEAR 2019” for “FISCAL YEAR 2014”
18 in the title of subsection (b) and by substituting “Sep-
19 tember 30, 2023” for “September 30, 2018” each place
20 it appears: *Provided*, That such pilots shall include com-
21 munities that have experienced civil unrest.

22 (b) In addition, Federal agencies may use Federal
23 discretionary funds that are made available in this Act to
24 participate in Performance Partnership Pilots that are
25 being carried out pursuant to the authority provided by

1 section 526 of division H of Public Law 113–76, section
2 524 of division G of Public Law 113–235, section 525 of
3 division H of Public Law 114–113, section 525 of division
4 H of Public Law 115–31, and section 525 of division H
5 of Public Law 115–141.

6 (c) Pilot sites selected under authorities in this Act
7 and prior appropriations Acts may be granted by relevant
8 agencies up to an additional 5 years to operate under such
9 authorities.

10 SEC. 526. Not later than 30 days after the end of
11 each calendar quarter, beginning with the first month of
12 fiscal year 2019, the Departments of Labor, Health and
13 Human Services and Education and the Social Security
14 Administration shall provide the Committees on Appro-
15 priations of the House of Representatives and Senate a
16 report on the status of balances of appropriations: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That for balances that are unobligated and uncom-
18 mitted, committed, and obligated but unexpended, the
19 monthly reports shall separately identify the amounts at-
20 tributable to each source year of appropriation (beginning
21 with fiscal year 2012, or, to the extent feasible, earlier
22 fiscal years) from which balances were derived.

23 (RESCISSION)

24 SEC. 527. Of any available amounts appropriated
25 under section 2104(a)(22) of the Social Security Act (42

1 U.S.C. 1397dd) that are unobligated as of September 25,
2 2019, \$3,345,000,000 are hereby rescinded as of such
3 date.

4 SEC. 528. Of the amounts deposited in the Child En-
5 rollment Contingency Fund for fiscal year 2019 under sec-
6 tion 2104(n)(2) of the Social Security Act and the income
7 derived from investment of those funds pursuant to sec-
8 tion 2104(n)(2)(C) of that Act, \$3,398,000,000 shall not
9 be available for obligation in this fiscal year.

10 This division may be cited as the “Departments of
11 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and
12 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”.

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Subject: FW: NEWS: Defense, Labor-HHS-Education Minibus Conference Report Filed
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FYI - DoD/LHHS conference report filed over in the House.

Some stats for you:

- Enacting five bills this month means that 75% of the government will be funded on schedule.
- Upon enactment of this DoD package, it will be the most spending bills enacted on time since 1997, more than 20 years.
- Last time the following bills were considered by October 1st:
 - Defense: 2008, for FY2009, enacted on Sept. 30, 2008
 - Labor-HHS-Education: 1996, for FY1997, enacted on Sept. 30, 1996

In additional good news, the Energy and Water minibus passed in the House by a large bipartisan vote, today: 377-20.

Work continues on the Interior minibus. Look forward to moving that package as well, soon.

Talk soon! – Jane

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DEFENSE, LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION MINIBUS CONFERENCE REPORT FILED

Package Includes Largest Pay Raise for Troops in Nearly a Decade, Boost in NIH & Opioid Crisis Funds

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate Appropriations Committee today announced that a final conference agreement has been reached on the second of three Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019) minibus appropriations packages. The package, H.R. 6157, includes FY2019 Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies funding bills. The conference report to accompany H.R. 6157 will be made available [online](#). The Senate is expected to vote on the conference report next week.

“The Defense and Labor-HHS bills account for the lion’s share of discretionary spending. Not only will this package boost funding for medical research and the opioid epidemic, but it will increase dollars for America’s military and provide our troops with the largest pay raise in nearly a decade. This is truly historic,” said **Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.)**. “I am pleased that we resolved our remaining differences on this package by following the framework of a restored regular order appropriations process. I want to thank my many colleagues who worked hard to find the proper balance as we completed this significant bill. We are making real progress here. If we continue on this path, I am confident we will get this package to the President’s desk by October 1.”

“The Labor-HHS bill, which was determined through regular order, focuses limited resources on programs aimed at addressing some of the biggest challenges facing our nation,” said **Senator Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Chairman of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee**. “It includes the fourth consecutive funding increase for the National Institutes of Health, which will pave the way for new medical breakthroughs and lower health care costs over the long term. The bill increases funding to combat the opioid epidemic and gives states the flexibility to fund programs that best fit their needs. With nearly seven million job openings nationwide, the bill invests in workforce development programs that will help Americans get the skills and training they need to succeed in a 21st Century economy. Finally, this measure supports students at every stage in their academic careers, whether it’s a child stepping into a classroom for the first time or a first generation college student pursuing a degree. Working together in a bipartisan way, we are on track, for the first time in 22 years, to get the Labor-HHS bill to the president’s desk by the end of the fiscal year. I urge all of our colleagues to join us in getting this bill across the finish line.”

The final conference report provides \$674.4 billion for our Department of Defense, which is an increase of \$19.8 billion above the FY2018 enacted level. The measure provides an outline to ensure our military leaders have the necessary resources to meet current and future threats to U.S. national security. The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies division of the bill provides \$178.1 billion in discretionary funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies to continue investments in critical medical research, opioid abuse prevention and treatment, and education.

Department of Defense

The **Department of Defense** division of the bill includes \$674.4 billion, which is an increase of \$19.8 billion above the FY2018 enacted level. The conference agreement includes \$606.5 billion in base funding and \$67.9 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding. The measure provides an outline to ensure our military leaders have the necessary resources to meet current and future threats to U.S. national security. We must approve defense appropriations legislation to fund for military readiness, procurement, and testing — all of which are required to keep U.S. military forces the best trained, equipped, prepared, and strongest force in the world.

Bill Highlights

Military Personnel: \$143.2 billion in base and OCO funding for military personnel accounts in FY 2019, supporting an active duty end strength of 1,338,100 and a Selected Reserve end strength of 817,700, an increase of 16,400 over FY 2018 levels. It also supports a 2.6 percent pay raise for U.S. servicemembers, the largest in almost a decade.

Readiness: \$243.2 billion in base and OCO funding for operation and maintenance accounts to improve full spectrum warfighter readiness. The recommended funding level makes significant investments in training, maintenance, and modernization to restore near-term warfighting readiness while setting the conditions for future, sustained readiness. The bill also supports increased funding above the President’s request for multiple programs across the military services including: \$302 million for facility sustainment, restoration and modernization; \$48 million for enhanced protective equipment such as helmets and ear protection; \$26 million for training range upgrades; and \$330 million for various Defense-wide programs such as impact aid for schools, innovative readiness training, and multiple initiatives included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. The conference agreement also provides an additional \$750 million to mitigate higher than anticipated fuel costs.

Shipbuilding: \$24.2 billion for Navy shipbuilding, including \$2.3 billion in additional funding not requested by the President for high priority shipbuilding and industrial base programs. In total, the bill funds the construction of 13 new battle force ships: two Virginia class submarines; three DDG-51 destroyers; three Littoral Combat Ships; one Expeditionary Sea Base; one Expeditionary Fast Transport; two TAO Fleet Oilers; and one Towing, Salvage, and Rescue Ship. Additionally, the bill makes important investments to accelerate future shipbuilding priorities such as: \$350 million in advanced procurement for the next LPD amphibious ship; \$350 million in advance procurement for the LHA 9 amphibious ship; \$250 million in advance procurement to purchase an additional DDG-51 in Fiscal Year 2020; and \$225 million for submarine industrial base expansion to increase capacity and create multiple suppliers for critical submarine components.

Aviation programs: \$43.0 billion for the procurement of military aircraft, including \$4.8 billion in funding not requested by the President to address high priority programs across the services, such as: \$1.7 billion for 16 additional F-35 aircraft – 8 F-35A conventional takeoff and landing variants, 2 F-35B short takeoff/vertical landing variants, and 6 F-35C carrier variants; \$640 million for 8 additional Air National Guard C-130J aircraft; \$468 million for 6 additional Navy and Marine Corps V-22 aircraft; \$340 million for 2 additional Navy E-2D aircraft; \$168 million for 6 additional AH-64E Apache aircraft; \$156 million for 8 additional UH-60 Blackhawk Army National Guard helicopters; and \$100 million for the O/A-X Light

Attack Aircraft program.

Missile Defense: \$10.3 billion, for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), including \$1.1 billion in additional funding not requested by the President to support urgent MDA unfunded priorities and emergent threats. The additional funds include \$285 million for U.S. Forces Korea Joint Emergent Operational Need; \$126 million for enhanced discrimination capabilities; \$85 million to support laser scaling for boost phase intercept; \$73 million for missile defense tracking system; and \$46 million for hypersonic missile defense efforts. The conference agreement also fully funds the President's budget request of \$500 million for Israeli Cooperative Programs, the same amount requested by the Government of Israel.

Munitions: \$18.3 billion for Missile and Ammunition programs, including \$380 million in additional funding not requested by the President for high priority munitions programs. The bill supports the Department's efforts to expand industry capacity for munitions programs to meet replenishment goals and increased requirements from the National Defense Strategy. Initiatives include an additional \$125 million to expand JASSM (Air Force and Navy) and LRASM (Navy) maximum production rates and an additional \$57 million for the Army's industrial facilities to increase production capacity.

Defense Health: \$34.4 billion, \$278 million above the request, for the Defense Health Program, which provides medical services for military personnel and their families, continues advancements in medical research, and implements the next generation of electronic health records. This amount includes an additional \$1.5 billion for defense medical research efforts, including \$350 million for the competitively awarded peer-reviewed medical research program and \$299 million to advance DoD medical research priorities.

National Guard and Reserve Equipment: \$1.3 billion for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account to modernize our reserve forces and ensure full interoperability with the active duty force. The bill also includes \$120 million for Army Guard and Reserve HMMWV Ambulances.

Additional FY2019 Initiatives

- **Basic Research Investments:** \$268 million in additional funding not requested by the President, for basic (non-medical) research for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and DoD.

Test and Evaluation Infrastructure: \$326 million in additional funding not requested by the President to increase testing range space and availability and ensure continued independent assessments of weapon system capabilities.

Hypersonics: \$617 million in additional funding not requested by the President to support and accelerate offensive and defensive hypersonics research and prototyping efforts.

Directed Energy: \$184 million in additional funding not requested by the President to further develop directed energy technology and transition these activities to both offensive and defensive capabilities in the future.

Microelectronics: \$397 million in additional funding not requested by the President to ensure access to trusted microelectronics and develop manufacturing processes for next generation chips.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): \$147 million in additional funding not requested by the President to accelerate the pursuit of state of the art, AI systems that can be rapidly adapted to the warfighting mission needs of the Department.

Cyber: \$306 million in additional funding not requested by the President to expand and accelerate cyber research across the DoD.

Space: \$417 million in additional funding not requested by the President to develop enhanced offensive and defensive space capabilities.

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

The **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies** division of the bill provides \$178.1 billion in discretionary funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies to continue investments in critical medical research, opioid abuse prevention and treatment, and education. The bill includes \$39.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), an increase of \$2 billion, and \$3.8 billion to combat the opioid crisis, an increase of \$206 million.

Bill Highlights

- **National Institutes of Health** – \$2 billion increase. Since Republicans took back the Senate starting with the FY2016 appropriations cycle, the Committee has increased funding for the NIH by \$9 billion or more than 30 percent.

- **Opioid Funding** – \$3.8 billion, an increase of \$206 million above FY2018. This level includes \$1.5 billion for the State Opioid Response grant in SAMHSA, replacing \$500 million in sun-setting 21st Century CURES funds, and maintains 15 percent set-aside to the most impacted states and \$50 million for Tribes.

- **Elementary and Secondary Education** – The bill prioritizes formula grants that provide the most flexibility for states and school districts to decide how to best use limited resources to meet the educational needs of students and families. The bill includes a combined \$299 million increase for: Title I Grants to school districts; IDEA/Special Education State grants; Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants; and Impact Aid.

- **College Affordability and Completion** – Includes a \$100 increase, or 1.6 percent, for the maximum Pell grant award, to \$6,195 for the 2018-19 academic year and continues support for Year-Round Pell; increases funding for TRIO and Career and Technical Education; and continues significant increases provided last year for campus-based aid programs, Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and other higher education programs.

- **Apprenticeship Opportunities** – \$160 million, an increase of \$15 million, for training programs utilizing the flexible and effective apprenticeship model.

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LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO FUND GOVERNMENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 8

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today released the following statement regarding his support for a continuing resolution (CR) to avert a government shutdown by funding outstanding FY2019 appropriations bills at current levels:

“Having already funded 75 percent of the government on time with broad bipartisan support, I am disappointed that we could not come to an agreement on the remaining 25 percent. However, I am committed to keeping the government open and will take the next six weeks to continue working toward that end. The President is right that we must secure our borders. I hope that this continuing resolution will provide us the time to work out our differences in a thoughtful manner and reach a bipartisan consensus on important national priorities.”

Filed Wednesday, the new CR would fund federal government operations through February 8, 2019, and would continue the same extensions as the previous CR, which is set to expire at midnight Friday, December 21, 2018. The measure would continue funding for the seven FY2019 appropriations bills not yet enacted, which includes Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; Commerce, Justice,

Science, and Related Agencies; Financial Services and General Government; Homeland Security; Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs; and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies. Following passage in the Senate and the House, the resolution will be sent to the President's desk for his signature.

Temporary extensions included in previous CRs of expiring authorities:

- The National Flood Insurance Program, for the duration of the CR.
- The Violence Against Women Act, for the duration of the CR.
- The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act, for the duration of the CR.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, for the duration of the CR.
- Immigration extensions (EB-5, E-Verify, Conrad 30 program for international medical school graduates, Special Immigrant Religious Workers program, and H2B returning worker authority for DHS), for the duration of the CR.

New temporary extensions of expiring authorities:

- The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Act, for the duration of the CR.
- Two expiring provisions of the Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act, for duration of the CR.
- Medicaid Money-Follows-the-Person and Spousal Impoverishment, through March 31, with offsets.
- Statutory PAYGO scorecard balance debited to following year.

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PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNS FIRST APPROPRIATIONS MINIBUS INTO LAW

Package Provides Essential Funding for Veterans, Nuclear Security, U.S. Capitol Safety

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today applauded the President’s signing of the first Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations minibus ([H.R. 5895](#)) into law. The package, supported by Congress with overwhelming margins, includes funding bills for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Energy and Water Development, and the legislative branch.

“This critical funding will help transition our veterans to the new health care program they deserve and have earned,” **said Chairman Shelby**. “The funding Congress will send to the President next week will continue a historic rebuilding of our nation’s military. I am very pleased to help the President deliver on his commitment to America’s veterans and soldiers by providing robust and timely finding, through an open process and in a bipartisan manner.”

Earlier this month, with a vote of 92 – 5, the Senate [passed](#) the final conference agreement reached on H.R. 5895, the first of three Fiscal Year 2019 minibus appropriations packages. The House passed the conference report shortly after the Senate with a vote of 377 – 20. This minibus [provides](#) \$97.1 billion to take care of our nation’s veterans and fund military construction, \$44.6 billion to support U.S. Department of Energy programs and

critical infrastructure projects administered by the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, and \$4.8 billion to maintain essential operations and security of the U.S. Capitol, Congress, and support agencies.

This week, the Senate [voted](#) 93 – 7 to advance the Fiscal Year 2019 Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), Education final conference report ([H.R. 6157](#)), which also contains a continuing resolution through December 7, 2018, for any appropriations bills not enacted before October 1, 2018. The House is expected to vote on the legislation next week, after which the package will be sent to the President’s desk for his signature. The enactment of the Defense and Labor-HHS-Education minibuss would mark the first time that America’s military will have been funded on time through regular order in a decade.

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FYI on a successful conferees meeting for the first minibus – FY19 Energy/Water, MilCon/VA, and Legislative Branch bills.

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SENATE-HOUSE CONVENE FIRST ENERGY AND WATER CONFERENCE SINCE 2009

Package also Includes Appropriations for Military Construction-Veterans Affairs and Legislative Branch

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a further sign of a return to regular order in the appropriations process, the Senate and House today convened a conference committee on Energy and Water Development appropriations for the first time since 2009. The Energy and Water Development Fiscal Year 2019 funding measure was considered as part of a larger package, H.R. 5895, that also includes Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations for Military Construction-Veterans Affairs and the Legislative Branch, the first of three minibus appropriations bills to pass the Senate. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) expressed optimism that the conference committee would soon complete its work on the package and urged his fellow conferees to adhere to the bipartisan framework that facilitated overwhelming support for the Senate-passed version of the legislation.

“I am pleased that we have been able to make meaningful progress on this package, and I am optimistic that we can complete our work in short order,” said Chairman Shelby. “If we can do this, we will take another important step toward regular order in the appropriations

process. I believe that would benefit us all – both parties and both chambers – because it would reintroduce stability into the process. It would also show the American people that we are here to do our jobs – to conduct their business in a deliberate manner.”

Shelby also stressed the importance of passing the first package in order to move to the appropriations package that includes the Fiscal Year 2019 Defense and Labor-Health & Human Services-Education (Labor-HHS) bills. The Defense and Labor-HHS bills represent the majority of discretionary federal spending, yet neither has been signed into law before the end of the fiscal year in a decade.

“Success here would generate momentum for the critical work that lies ahead. For example, a couple of weeks ago the Senate passed another appropriations package that contained the Defense and Labor-HHS bills. I know that package is of great interest to all of us, and I am sure we share a desire to get it signed into law before the end of the fiscal year.”

The House appointed conferees last night on the Defense-Labor-HHS minibuss package, and the Senate is expected to take commensurate action soon. Shelby’s full statement, as prepared, is below.

“Thank you, Chairman Alexander. I want to begin by commending you for your hard work in guiding this package of appropriations bills through the process.

“I know that you and your House counterpart on the Energy and Water Subcommittee, Chairman Simpson, along with your respective Ranking Members, have been working diligently on that division of this bill, and I want to thank you for your efforts.

“The efforts of the other Subcommittee Chairs and Ranking Members are to be commended as well. You have all done an amazing job making quick work of a very complex task.

“I also want to thank Chairman Frelinghuysen and all the House conferees for working with us in an effort to strike a balance that accommodates Members on both sides of the Capitol and the political spectrum.

“Striking a balance is not easy, but I hope we can all agree it is the right thing to do for the American people.

“I am pleased that we have been able to make meaningful progress on this package, and I am optimistic that we can complete our work in short order.

“If we can do this, we will take another important step toward regular order in the appropriations process. I believe that would benefit us all – both parties and both chambers – because it would reintroduce stability into the process.

“It would also show the American people that we are here to do our jobs – to conduct their business in a deliberate manner.

“Continuing resolutions and omnibus spending bills, on the other hand, have the opposite effect. I believe we can and should avoid that. Instead, success here would generate momentum for the critical work that lies ahead.

“For example, a couple of weeks ago the Senate passed another appropriations package that contained the Defense and Labor-HHS bills. I know that package is of great interest to all of us, and I am sure we share a desire to get it signed into law before the end of the fiscal year.

“But we cannot get there if we do not complete our work here.

“As we work to resolve the remaining differences in this package of bills, I believe we must refrain from including provisions that would prevent us from achieving bipartisan support.

“That approach has been the path to success in the Senate, and I want to thank Vice Chairman Leahy once again for working with me to strike that important balance.

“We are very close to completing our work on these bills. I, for one, am extremely optimistic that we will get there.

“And we will get there as long as we remain focused on the goal of passing as many appropriations bills as possible before the end of the fiscal year. I think that we all share that goal, and I am confident that by working together we can achieve it.

“Again, I want to thank my colleagues for their hard work and determination on this first minibus package. And with that I yield; thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 AT 04:01 PM

Roll Call Votes Scheduled

At approximately 4:10pm the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes in relation to the following in relation to H.R.6157, Minibus Appropriations:

1. Adoption of Paul amendment #3967 (60 vote affirmative threshold)
 2. Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R.6157, Minibus Appropriations
 3. Passage of H.R.6157, Minibus Appropriations, as amended
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FYI – Senate votes to pass the FY19 DoD-LHHS conference report today at noon.

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Vote Alert

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 10:13 AM

Roll Call Votes Scheduled

At 12:00pm the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6157, Minibus Appropriations (DOD, LHHS).
2. Adoption of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6157, Minibus Appropriations (DOD, LHHS).

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Subject: FW: RPC Paper - Appropriations Keep Moving
Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:31:06 PM
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ICYMI – status check on FY19 spending bills. We have three minibuses currently in play. Paper from RPC, below, in case it’s helpful.

- We have the first minibus (Military Construction-Energy&Water-Leg Branch) in conference.
- Second minibus (Interior-Financial Services/General Government-Ag-Transportation) passed by both chambers and ready for conference.
- Where the Senate is on the Defense-Labor/HHS minibus: We have a pathway to completion. Leader filed cloture (means setting up a process to end debate and vote) on the Senate substitute amendment and the bill, last night. As in past minibuses, filing cloture doesn’t block additional amendment votes, including the managers package. Work continues.

Appreciate your continued support and always open to suggestions/advice. Feel free to call me with any questions – (b) (6) .

Talk soon!

From: Wayne, Spencer (RPC)
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To: Wayne, Spencer (RPC) (b) (6) @rpc.senate.gov>
Subject: RPC Paper - Appropriations Keep Moving



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APPROPRIATIONS KEEP MOVING

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- With passage of the Defense and Labor-HHS-Education minibus, the Senate will have passed 9 of 12 spending bills, containing nearly 90 percent of discretionary spending for fiscal year 2019.
- The Labor-HHS-Education bill has not been debated and passed on the Senate floor since 2003, and the Defense bill has not seen initial consideration and passage on the floor since 2009.
- Restoring regular order to the appropriations process is an important step toward reasserting Congress’ oversight of federal spending.

The Senate is on the verge of passing nearly 90 percent of discretionary spending through regular order. Of the 12 bills ordinarily passed by Congress to fund government operations, the Senate will have passed 9 before the end of the current fiscal year. Bills have been brought to the floor, senators have had a chance to amend them, and the full Senate has passed them

with due consideration.

This week the Senate is considering the minibus appropriations bill for the departments of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. It will be the first time in 15 years – since 2003 – that the Senate has passed the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill on the Senate floor. The Senate has also not had initial floor debate and passage of the Defense bill since 2009.

Senate Has Debated 90 Percent of Discretionary Spending

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Senate Schedule -- Monday, September 17, 2018
Date: Monday, September 17, 2018 2:57:27 PM

FYI on Senate schedule this week, below. We will proceed to the DOD-LHHS conference report, tonight, and file cloture (start the process to end debate on the bill). Conference reports have expedited procedures to skip the initial motion to proceed votes.

The conference report also includes continuing appropriations through December 7 for the parts of the government that will not be covered under regular appropriations beginning on October 1. This CR is a safety net given the calendar – it does not block the other remaining bills from being enacted prior to October 1st. Approps continue their progress on the Interior minibus.

The Senate is expected to complete action on the conference report this week. As mentioned, some stats on the approps process for FY2019:

- Enacting five bills this month means that 75% of the government will be funded on schedule.
- Upon enactment of this DoD package, it will be the most spending bills enacted on time since FY1997 (1996), more than 20 years. This will be the first time that the Defense Department itself will not operate under a continuing resolution, stop-gap funding, in a decade.
- Last time the following bills were considered by October 1st:
 - o Defense: [2008, for FY2009](#), enacted on Sept. 30, 2008
 - o Labor-HHS-Education: [1996, for FY1997](#), enacted on Sept. 30, 1996

From: Majority Whip (b) (6) @cornyn.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 12:53 PM
Subject: Monday, September 17, 2018

Whip Notice

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 12:52 PM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 2:00pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R.6, the Opioids bill, with the debate time on H.R.6 and S.2554, Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act running concurrently.

At 5:30pm, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Adoption of Lee amendment #4011 to S.2554
2. Passage of S.2554, as amended, if amended
3. Passage of H.R.6, as amended

Look Ahead:

Nominations, Appropriations, and Water Infrastructure.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Thursday, August 23, 2018
Date: Thursday, August 23, 2018 9:32:04 AM

Morning! Today's schedule. There is a 10:30 AM cloture vote on the Senate substitute – this starts the process to reach final passage on the Senate FY19 Defense/LHHS bill. Other wrapup and schedule items below.

From: Majority Whip (b) (6) @cornyn.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 9:20 AM
Subject: Thursday, August 23, 2018

Whip Notice

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 AT 09:19 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 9:30am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #994, Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Under the regular order, at 10:30am, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Shelby amendment #3695.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Cal. #994 - Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.
2. Cal. #910 - Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.
3. Cal. #911 - Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2008.
4. Cal. #783 - Joseph H. Hunt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.
5. Cal. #720 - Isabel Marie Keenan Patelunas, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.
6. Cal. #633 - Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.
7. Cal. #635 - R. Stan Baker, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.
8. Cal. #636 - Charles Barnes Goodwin, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.
9. Cal. #674 - Barry W. Ashe, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
10. Cal. #676 - James R. Sweeney II, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

11. Cal. #692 - Susan Paradise Baxter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
12. Cal. #693 - Marilyn Jean Horan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
13. Cal. #731 - William F. Jung, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
14. Cal. #779 - Dominic W. Lanza, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.
15. Cal. #782 - Charles J. Williams, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.
16. Cal. #838 - Robert R. Summerhays, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.
17. Cal. #893 - Alan D. Albright, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Look Ahead:

Nominations, Appropriations, and Water Infrastructure.

Wednesday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes.

UC Items:

S.2946—Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act of 2018

S.1142—Bennett Johnston Waterway with a Murkowski amendment

S.899—Veterans Providing Health Care

H.R.2147—Veterans Treatment Court

S.266—Anwar Sadat Congressional Gold Medal

S.Res.615—Aretha Franklin

S.1322—American Fisheries Advisory Committee with a Sullivan amendment

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Tuesday, August 21, 2018
Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:14:16 AM

FYI on two amendments up at 12:10, today.

1. Nelson #3773: Comptroller Gen. report on implementation of Mil. Health System Genesis electronic health records
2. Kennedy #3703: Increase funding for National Suicide Prevention Hotline

From: Majority Whip (b) (6) @cornyn.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:09 AM
Subject: Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Whip Notice

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 AT 09:08 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R.6157, Minibus Appropriations.

At 12:10pm, the Senate will vote in relation to the following amendments in relation to H.R.6157, Minibus Appropriations:

1. Nelson #3773
2. Kennedy #3703

Following disposition of the Kennedy amendment #3703, the Senate will recess until 2:15pm to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

Look Ahead:

Nominations, Appropriations, and Water Infrastructure.

Monday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Adoption of Menendez amendment #3705 in relation to H.R.6157, Minibus Appropriations.
(Adopted, 85-0)

Adoption of Fischer amendment #3706 in relation to H.R.6157, Minibus Appropriations.
(Adopted, 85-0)

Executive Session:

AIR FORCE

Cal. #1033 - Maj. Gen. Christopher P. Weggeman to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #1034 - Lt. Gen. John M. Murray to be General

AIR FORCE

Cal. #1035 - Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller to be General

Cal. #1036 - Brig. Gen. Steven A. Schaick to be Major General

Cal. #1037 - Col. Ronald M. Harvell to be Brigadier General

Cal. #1038 - Col. Charles L. Knowles to be Brigadier General

UC Items:

There were no UC items.

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From: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: UPDATED: Conferees Reach Final Agreement, First Appropriations Minibus Filed
Date: Monday, September 10, 2018 4:58:00 PM
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Congrats to Teams Shelby, Alexander, Boozman and Daines, as well as Senate Approps for posting the first conference report! This package covers Energy and Water, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Legislative Branch. This is the culmination of a long process with two goals in mind:

- Passing as many of this year's spending bills through regular order; and
- Enacting Defense on time by October 1st this year.

The committee and the Senate GOP conference have secured achievements in appropriations that have not been seen for two to three decades:

- The committee moved all twelve bills at the fastest pace since 1988;
- The Senate moved at its fastest pace in considering the most appropriations bills on the floor since 2000.

The Energy and Water conference report is the last stage in moving these bills to the President's desk.

Links to the Energy and Water Conference Report and Joint Explanatory Statement below:

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Conference%20Report%20to%20accompany%20H.R.%205895.pdf>

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Joint%20Explanatory%20Statement%20H.R.%205895.pdf>

From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations)
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To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: UPDATED: Conferees Reach Final Agreement, First Appropriations Minibus Filed

Updated link: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/conferees-reach-final-agreement-first-appropriations-minibus-filed>

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CONFEREES REACH FINAL AGREEMENT, FIRST APPROPRIATIONS MINIBUS FILED

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate Appropriations Committee today announced that a final conference agreement has been reached on the first of three Fiscal Year 2019 minibus appropriations packages. The first package, H.R. 5895, includes appropriations bills for Energy and Water Development, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Legislative Branch. The conference report to accompany H.R. 5895 is available [online](#). Senate and House votes on the conference report are expected this week. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) released the following statement on the agreement:

“Striking a balance between both chambers and parties is never easy, but I am pleased to say we have accomplished that in this conference report. I strongly urge my colleagues in the Senate to support final passage this week so we can get this bill to the President’s desk and move to the next minibuses in the queue. The American people expect us to get our work done. If we continue to work together in a bipartisan manner we can successfully fund nearly 90 percent of the federal government on time through regular order – something Congress has not been able to do in many years. I want to thank Senator Alexander, Vice Chairman Leahy, Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey for their hard work in bringing this conference committee to a successful close, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to accomplish the considerable work that lies ahead.”

The final conference report provides \$97.1 billion to take care of our nation’s veterans and fund military construction, \$44.6 billion to support U.S. Department of Energy programs and critical infrastructure projects administered by the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, and \$4.8 billion to maintain essential operations and security of the U.S. Capitol, Congress and support agencies.

Energy and Water Development

The **Energy and Water Development** division of the bill provides \$44.6 billion to support U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) programs and critical infrastructure projects administered by the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. The measure provides resources to strengthen the U.S. nuclear deterrence posture, ensure nuclear stockpile readiness and safety, and prepare for existing and future nuclear threats. The measure also provides record level funding for the DOE Office of Science and programs that spur greater innovation in energy research, high-performance computing, and next-generation technologies. In addition, the bill includes the funding necessary to improve and maintain flood control projects and ensure the viability of national and regional ports and waterways.

“Boy Scouts shouldn’t get a merit badge for telling the truth, and senators shouldn’t get an award for passing an appropriations bill: that’s what we are supposed to do. But, it is worth noting that for the first time in nearly 10 years these appropriations bills are on time, and they are also within the budget. They will help to keep our country first in science, technology, supercomputing, and will build the ports and waterways that create jobs,” said **Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.)**, Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

Bill Highlights:

- **Nuclear Weapons:** Provides \$11.1 billion, an increase of \$458 million above FY 2018, for Weapons Activities within the National Nuclear Security Administration, including full funding of life extension programs for nuclear weapons at \$1.92 billion.
- **Navy Nuclear Propulsion:** Provides \$1.79 billion to fund the Navy’s nuclear propulsion program, an increase of \$169 million above FY 2018.
- **Office of Nuclear Energy:** Includes \$1.3 billion for the Office of Nuclear Energy, including \$100 million for next generation reactors and \$112 million for Advanced Reactor work.
- **Science:** Provides \$6.58 billion for the Department of Energy, which is the largest single provider of funding for basic research of the physical sciences in the country. A significant portion of the new funding goes toward new or upgraded infrastructure at the national laboratories and associated facilities.
- **Energy Research & Development:** Provides \$740 million for Fossil Energy Research and Development.
- **Army Corps of Engineers:** Provides \$6.84 billion to fund the Army Corps of Engineers’ Civil Works program. These funds support \$1.54 billion from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, exceeding targets from the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 for the fifth year. The bill also continues the prohibition on the Corps of Engineers from requiring Clean Water Act permits for exempt agriculture activities.

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

The **Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (VA)** division of the bill provides \$97.1 billion to support veterans' health care and benefits, medical and prosthetic research, the National Cemetery Administration, information technology, and the VA Inspector General. Congress is committed to ensuring that veterans receive the health care they have earned and deserve under the VA MISSION Act. To that end, the bill provides \$1.25 billion more than requested for the VA Medical Services and Medical Community Care accounts. These funds will support the VA's traditional community care programs as well as the transition to the new and improved program. The bill also funds construction of national defense facilities, family housing, and military hospitals and schools.

“This bill is the result of a bipartisan commitment to return to regular order,” said **Senator John Boozman (R-Ark.)**, chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee. “The critical investments included in this package fund construction of national defense facilities and family housing for our Armed Forces in addition to upholding our promises to our veterans by supporting their health care and benefits. I appreciate Chairman Shelby's leadership which has provided all members a voice in determining how taxpayer dollars are spent.”

Bill Highlights:

- **VA MISSION Act:** Congress is committed to ensuring that veterans receive the health care they have earned and deserve under the VA MISSION Act. To that end, the bill provides \$1.25 billion more than requested for the VA Medical Services and Medical Community Care accounts. These funds will support the VA's traditional community care programs as well as the transition to the new and improved program.
- **Military Construction:** The bill provides \$10.3 billion – \$241 million above the FY 2018 level – to facilitate maximum readiness and warfighting capability by funding 167 construction projects on military bases within the United States and around the globe.
- **Electronic Health Records:** The bill provides \$1.1 billion for the Veterans Electronic Health Record system and management to improve the efficiency and quality of veterans' health care.

Legislative Branch

The **Legislative Branch** division of the bill continues the pay freeze for members of Congress, and provides \$4.8 billion to maintain essential operations and security of the U.S. Capitol, Congress and support agencies. The bill also includes directives for the U.S. Capitol Police to address security issues for Members at events off of the Capitol complex.

“This is great news. As Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch, I fought to include language to increase transparency and access for U.S. Senate campaign finances, and after today's announcement, we're one step closer. This bill also makes an important investment in the Capitol complex and in the agencies that support our branch of government. I look forward to getting this through the House, the Senate, and on to the president's desk for signature,” said **Senator Steve Daines (R-Mont.)**, chairman of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee.

Bill Highlights:

- **Member Pay Freeze:** The bill continues the prohibition on a cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) for Members of Congress, which has been in place since 2009.

- **Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Transparency:** Specific funding is included for increased transparency at CBO, as well as report language asking for increased transparency and responsiveness from the agency.
- **Member Security:** \$1 million is included for the Capitol Police specifically to expand protections of Members at off-campus events. More than one year after Members of Congress were targeted during a baseball practice, it is imperative we are ensuring the safety of members and continuity of government.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Vote Results (Cloture)
Date: Thursday, August 23, 2018 11:43:38 AM

FYI, next vote barring consent – adoption of the substitute. TBD on timing.

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 11:20 AM
Subject: Vote Results (Cloture)

Vote Result

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 AT 11:19 AM

Shelby Amendment #3695, as amended, to the minibus appropriations bill (H.R. 6157)

Invoked, 90-6:

Cloture on Shelby Amendment #3695, as amended, to H.R. 6157, the minibus appropriations bill.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

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Subject: FW: Womack Statement on House Democrats' Failed Caps Bill
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 4:58:47 PM

FYI – House pulled their caps bill from the floor, today, due to increasing demands for more spending from their progressive wing.

They did deem topline 302(a) at \$1.295 trillion which is far above FY19 and prioritizes non-defense spending over defense.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hres293ih/pdf/BILLS-116hres293ih.pdf>

From: House Budget Committee Republicans <Press@budgetgop.housecommunications.gov>
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Ranking Member Womack Statement on House Democrats' Failed Caps Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Budget Committee Ranking Member Steve Womack (R-AR) issued the following statement after House Democrats made the decision not to move forward with legislation that would raise discretionary spending caps:

*“House Democrats’ [disarray continues](#). Amid intraparty divisions, not only were they [unable to reach a consensus](#) on a budget – punting on one of our most [basic responsibilities](#) in Congress – **they were unable to gain enough support to pass their backup plan**. After negotiating a caps deal with themselves and [narrowly approving](#) it*

*through our Committee, House Democrats had to throw in the towel on a bill that addresses only a small part of the budget. **The result is another embarrassing failure to govern.***

“Congress has a legal and moral obligation to address our \$22 trillion debt and soaring deficits. The only document that can do that is a budget. I urge the Majority to go back to the table and produce a budget that will guide spending and revenue decisions and put the nation back on a fiscally sustainable path.”

To learn more about H.R. 2021, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

To read Ranking Member Womack’s Statement on H.R. 2021 at the House Rules Committee, click [HERE](#).

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Subject: Joint Select Committee Budget Process Reform/Co-Chairs Mark posted
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 1:09:20 PM

Just FYI:

The co-chair's mark has been posted online. The text is available here -

<https://budgetappropriationsprocessreform.house.gov/news/press-releases/joint-select-committee-report-legislative-text>

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Senate Passes DOD-LHHS bills, 93-7
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 1:16:47 PM

Many congrats to Chairmen Shelby and Blunt.

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 1:07 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Adoption)

Vote Result

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 01:07 PM

Conference Report Accompanying the DoD/HHS minibus appropriations bill (H.R. 6157)

Adopted, 93-7:

The conference report accompanying H.R. 6157, the DoD/Labor-HHS minibus appropriations bill.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

Alexander Charow, Floor Monitor
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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Text of DoD LHHS conference report
Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018 8:42:17 PM

Conference report to accompany Department of Defense [\[PDF\]](#)
H.R. 6157 Appropriations Act, 2019 (H.
Rept. 115-952) (as filed September
13, 2018)

:: Joint Explanatory [\[PDF\]](#)
Statement

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: McConnell on Border Crisis: It is Long Past Time for Action
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:17:38 AM
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FYI

We'll also have a press round-up on border supp from our comms center out shortly.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:13 AM
Subject: McConnell on Border Crisis: It is Long Past Time for Action



For Immediate Release, Wednesday, June 5, 2019
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McConnell on Border Crisis: It is Long Past Time for Action

'As long as Democrats continue to drag their feet on this crisis – as long as they keep slow-walking funding that everyone from President Trump to the New York Times sees is necessary – then my colleagues across the aisle will continue to own the consequences. It's on them. So I hope my Democratic colleagues will allow this legislation to move forward soon. No more poison-pill policy riders. No more political posturing.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border and the urgent need for border security:

"Now, in addition to nominations, there are a number of other important items the Congress ought to be able to tackle in the next several weeks. As I've mentioned several times, we need continued negotiations between the Senate, the House, and the White House toward a bipartisan government funding agreement to set up the appropriations process. We'll also need to complete a *National Defense Authorization Act* to address critical national security challenges, rebuild our military's readiness, and modernize our armed forces to address the growing challenges posed by great power competitors like Russia and China.

"And the headlines remain filled with the unacceptable, unsustainable security crisis and humanitarian crisis on our southern border. By now I'm confident that every member of Congress has heard the breathtaking numbers. We've all heard the chaos analyzed a thousand different ways. What we haven't seen is any appetite on the Democratic side for actually getting an outcome. We haven't seen Democrats put aside their reflexive opposition to anything the president requests and face the facts. So allow me to repeat some of those facts yet again. I hope they will sink in soon.

"One week ago this morning, border agents encountered the largest group of people attempting an illegal crossing that they have ever seen. They apprehended more than 1,000 individuals. The largest group ever. For consecutive months now the men and women who guard our border have apprehended more than 100,000 people. That is each month. We are talking about numbers not

seen for more than a decade. And as we all know, in particular, the amount of families and children are consistently record-breaking as well.

“The officials whom we trust to protect our borders – not to mention feed, clothe, and house these individuals – have been crying out for months that their agencies are stretched to the breaking point. One processing center that was designed to hold 125 individuals has had to hold 900. The Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement has predicted the program for unaccompanied children may exhaust all its funding this month and need to reduce operations.

“Here is one newspaper reporting on testimony from the head of the Border Patrol: ‘*The flood of migrants has overwhelmed Border Patrol stations and other federal facilities, forcing immigration agents to release migrants directly into U.S. border communities with only the hope that they’ll appear for their immigration court hearings.*’ So this funding crisis is directly weakening our border security and national security. It is directly worsening the conditions for these men, women, and children. And the authorities are pleading for our help.

“I dare say there have not been many occasions, when the editorial board of the *New York Times* has chosen to side with the Trump Administration. But this crisis is so bad, and the next step is so obvious, that it has united President Trump, Republicans here in Congress, and the *New York Times* editorial page. Here was the title of their editorial, about a month ago: ‘*Congress, Give Trump His Border Money.*’

“They described, quote, ‘*a humanitarian crisis of overcrowding, disease and chaos... As resources are strained and the system buckles, the misery grows.*’ They published that editorial while we were finalizing the disaster funding legislation. There was no reason why the funds to alleviate the humanitarian crisis at the border should not have been included. And yet my friend the Democratic Leader came to the floor multiple times late last month to call the issue of border funding, quote, ‘*extraneous.*’

“Well, let me be clear, addressing the security crisis and humanitarian crisis is not ‘*extraneous.*’ It is essential. Migrants are experiencing overcrowded and under-equipped facilities. Our law enforcement and humanitarian professionals are crying out for help. Look — I understand that my Democratic colleagues find it extremely difficult to put partisanship aside and work with the president the American people elected. I think the whole country sees very clearly that Democrats in Congress seem to prefer picking fights with this president to actually getting much done. But their partisan spite must not prolong this misery any longer.

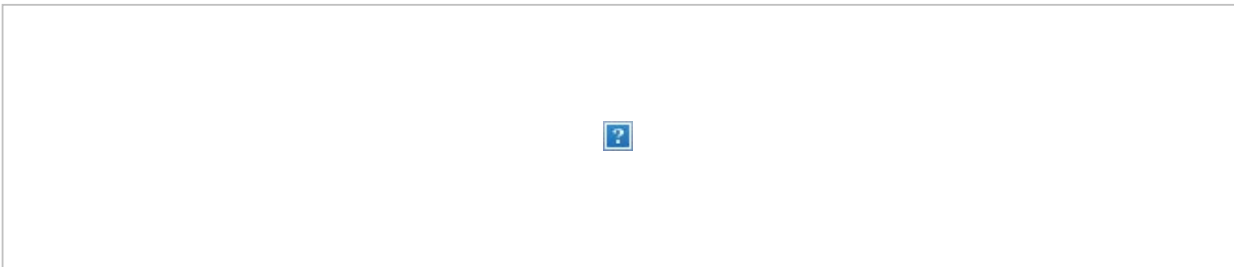
“As long as Democrats continue to drag their feet on this crisis – as long as they keep slow-walking funding that everyone from President Trump to the *New York Times* sees is necessary – then my colleagues across the aisle will continue to own the consequences. It’s on them. So I hope my Democratic colleagues will allow this legislation to move forward soon. No more poison-pill policy riders. No more political posturing. It’s long past time for action.”

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Time To Negotiate On Border Security

With An Agreement To Reopen The Government, It's Time For Democrats To Keep Their Word, Come To The Table, And Negotiate Seriously On Border Security

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "Going forward, I hope Democrats will stay true to the commitment they have stated constantly over the past weeks – that once government was re-opened, they would be perfectly willing to negotiate in good faith on full-year government funding that would include a significant investment in urgently needed border security measures, including physical barriers. After all, the only way that federal workers are going to have stability and certainty beyond the next three weeks, the only way our border is going to have real security, is if Democrats will stop playing partisan games and get serious about negotiating with the president on a long-term compromise. The days ahead will tell us whether my Democratic colleagues are actually serious about securing our nation; whether they actually mean what they say." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 1/25/2019](#))

'Democrats Are Happy To Discuss Border Security Under Regular Order With The Government Open'

HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI (D-CA): "Right now, there is a path: Open up government. Let's have this discussion on where we can agree on the best ways to protect our borders, to secure our borders ..." ([Speaker Pelosi, Press Conference, 1/10/2019](#))

- SPEAKER PELOSI: "Democrats were hopeful that the President was finally willing to re-open government and proceed with a much-needed discussion to protect the border." ([Speaker Pelosi, Press Release, 1/19/2019](#))

HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP JIM CLYBURN (D-SC): "We ought to open the government up.... Get people back to work. And then let's sit around the table and see where the common ground is." ("Fox News Sunday," 1/20/2019)

SEN. CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): "Democrats are happy to discuss border security under regular order with the government open. We support stronger border security.... [T]here is no reason we can't negotiate and figure it out." ([Sen. Schumer, Congressional Record, S. 543, 1/24/2019](#))

SEN. BEN CARDIN (D-MD): "Let's open government, let's have 3 weeks, and let's all be committed to deal with border security in the manner in which this institution in the past has been able to deal with tough issues." ([Sen. Cardin, Congressional Record, S. 567, 1/24/2019](#))

SEN. TIM KAINE (D-VA): "I will state complete willingness to negotiate with this President and my colleagues over border security." ([Sen. Kaine, Congressional Record, S. 547, 1/24/2019](#))

SEN. MARK WARNER (D-VA): "Let's consider the President's proposal.... This Senator will commit to good-faith negotiations. This Senator will commit to supporting increased border security beyond what we just voted on in the so-called Democratic proposal." ([Sen. Warner, Congressional Record, S. 561, 1/24/2019](#))

SEN. CHRIS COONS (D-DE): "[W]e are intent on making a good-faith effort to reopen the government for 3 weeks, to promptly support good-faith negotiations, to address the President's priorities, to discuss what effective, modern investment in border security ..." ([Sen. Coons, Congressional Record, S. 561, 1/24/2019](#))

SEN. KYRSTEN SINEMA (D-AZ): "Recently, the President asked the Congress to consider appropriations for border security. I stand in support of working together across the aisle with my colleagues in the Senate to answer that request. Arizona needs enhanced funding for border security ..." ([Sen. Sinema, Congressional Record, S. 561, 1/24/2019](#))

SEN. ANGUS KING (I-ME): "I want to be very clear. I am very supportive of border security and of increasing border security. There also may be cases in which there may be parts of the border at which some kind of barrier makes sense and is cost-effective ... Take the problem of the shutdown away. Then we can have a discussion and a debate and find a solution through a process ..." ([Sen. King, Congressional Record, S. 563, 1/24/2019](#))

SEN. MAGGIE HASSAN (D-NH): "I join with my colleagues in being here this afternoon to simply say that we need to open the government and that I am committed, as all of us are, to negotiate in good faith going forward to find a solution on border security." ([Sen. Hassan, Congressional Record, S. 566, 1/24/2019](#))

Congressional Democrats: 'Physical Barriers Are Part Of The Solution,' 'Certainly, You Need Barriers'

SEN. DICK DURBIN (D-IL): "Yes, will we end up with more fences and barriers at the end of the day? We've done it for two straight years. We're likely to do it again." (CNN's "Newsroom," 1/17/2019)

SEN. JOE MANCHIN (D-WV): "I voted to fund President Trump's wall. Check the vote." (["Manchin Touts Support For Trump Border Wall In New Ad," The Hill, 6/14/2018](#))

SEN. MARK WARNER (D-VA): "I know we're going to have to add additional border security.... We've got about 700 miles of existing fencing. Where folks say we need additional barrier protections, I'm all for it." (Fox News' "Your World w/ Neil Cavuto," 1/23/2019)

SEN. ANGUS KING (I-ME): "Everybody is for border security. The question is, let's do it in a rational, economic, sensible way. There are places where wall makes sense ..." ([CNN's "New Day," 1/07/2019](#))

SEN. CHRIS COONS (D-DE): "I personally don't think that a border wall is in and of itself immoral." (Fox News Sunday," 1/13/2019)

SEN. TOM CARPER (D-DE): "I am a huge advocate of border security. I think fencing makes sense in a lot of places. We have hundreds of miles of fencing, and in a lot of places, fences alongside roads make sense." ([Sen. Carper, Congressional Record, S. 194, 1/15/2019](#))

SEN. BEN CARDIN (D-MD): "Certainly, you need barriers. And we support barriers." (CNN's "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer," 1/04/2019)

SEN. JEFF MERKLEY (D-OR): "Some fencing is useful. Some barriers are useful." (CNN's "New Day," 1/07/2019)

FOX NEWS' NEIL CAVUTO: "Would you yourself be open for wall funding?"

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER STENY HOYER (D-MD): "Look, I think physical barriers are part of the solution."

CAVUTO: "You don't share Nancy Pelosi's view that a wall is immoral?"

REP. HOYER: "Look, I think it depends upon what a wall is used for whether it's moral or immoral. If it's protecting people, it's moral, if it's imprisoning people, it may well be immoral. But that's not the issue. The issue is we want border security. We want to make sure that people who come into the United States of America are authorized to do so and we know that they've come in. We don't want contraband. We don't want drugs coming in. We don't want dangerous people coming into the country. So we're for border security and I think we can get there.

(Fox News' "Your World w/ Neil Cavuto," 1/22/2019)

REP. COLLIN PETERSON (D-MN), House Agriculture Committee Chairman: "Give Trump the money... I'd give him the whole thing...and put strings on it so you make sure he puts the wall where it needs to be. Why are we fighting over this? We're going to build that wall anyway, at some time." (["Peterson Says Democrats Should 'Give Trump The Money' For Border Wall," KFGO, 1/22/2019](#))

REP. ADAM SMITH (D-WA), House Armed Services Committee Chairman: "The wall is not in itself a bad idea, it's just – it's been done." ([ABC News, 1/06/2019](#))

REP. CHERI BUSTOS (D-IL), DCCC Chair: "If we have a partial wall, if we have fencing, if we have technology used to keep our borders safe, all of that is fine ..." (["DCCC Chair Signals Support For 'Partial Wall' Funding: 'There's Got To Be Some Give And Take,'" The Washington Times, 1/04/2019](#))

REP. ANTHONY BRINDISI (D-NY): "Some element of a physical barrier, better technology, more border agents are all things I support." (["CNY Reps. Katko and Brindisi Share Common Goals: End the Shutdown, Strengthen Southern Border," WAER, 1/11/2019](#))

REP. ELISSA SLOTKIN (D-MI): "[A]m I willing to talk about more fencing and more drones and technology and radar and border agents? Absolutely." ([The New York Times, 1/19/2019](#))

FOX NEWS' KRISTIN FISHER: "You were saying that you would support some funding for some kind of physical barrier at the border, is that right?"

REP. KATIE HILL (D-CA): "Yeah.... We know that there's already fencing and other physical barriers across the border in many different places, but there are gaps, and we need to find ways of filling those gaps, repairing the fencing.... For many of us there's not really doubt that some kind of physical barrier is necessary." ([Fox News, 1/12/2019](#))

"Rep. Bill Foster (D-Ill.) stood up in the closed-door meeting Wednesday to urge fellow Democrats to consider trading some amount of wall funding for legal protections for the thousands of immigrants brought the country as children ..." (["Freshman Dems Feeling The Heat As Shutdown Drags On," Politico, 1/09/2019](#))

"'I'm not going to rule anything out, I really am not,' [Rep. Colin] Allred [D-TX] responded when asked if he would support some border wall funding in exchange for Democratic immigration priorities." (["Freshman Dems Feeling The Heat As Shutdown Drags On," Politico, 1/09/2019](#))

REP. JOHN GARAMENDI (D-CA): "And there are numerous things that need to be done to enhance border security. Certainly, fences and walls are a piece of it ..." (CNN, 12/13/2018)

REP. ABIGAIL SPANBERGER (D-VA): "If I am getting comments and contact from my constituents expressing concern that the Democrats are not prioritizing security, then I think we can do better." (["Freshman Dems Feeling The Heat As Shutdown Drags On," Politico, 1/09/2019](#))

"A group of centrist House Democrats ... led by Rep. Elaine Luria of Virginia, is asking the [Speaker Pelosi] to offer Trump a vote on his border wall sometime in February if he signs a bill reopening the federal government, according to a draft copy of the letter obtained by POLITICO.... Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer have vowed not to negotiate on Trump's border wall with Mexico until the president reopens the government ..." (["Centrist Dems Urge Pelosi To Break Shutdown Stalemate," Politico, 1/22/2019](#))

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Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 12:39:13 PM

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Vote Result

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018 AT 12:32 PM

Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the vehicle for the FAA reauthorization (H.R. 302)

Agreed to, 93-6:

Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 302, the vehicle for the FAA reauthorization.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

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From: [Raab, Scott \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
Subject: S 3139
Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 5:38:26 PM

Derek – I should have flagged this for you all earlier in case Banking did not, but the Senate cleared this on the hotline this evening.

[http://www.lis.gov/cgi-lis/query/z?c115:S.3139:](http://www.lis.gov/cgi-lis/query/z?c115:S.3139)

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Comparisons to a CR
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FYI: Where the conference report lands compared to a CR on some top key priorities:

- o Wall: A CR on wall would have given us \$500 M for new construction. This year's deal in contrast provides \$1.375 B, all new money for the wall. This will fund approximately 55 new miles – double the amount of new miles provided in FY18 and nearly three times as much as would have been available under a CR.
- o Detention beds: On detention beds, the baseline funding in the proposal is a 13% increase over the FY18 funding level, and when the \$750M transfer/reprogramming authority is included, it is a 44% increase above the FY 18 funding level.
- o On Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund (TFF): A straight CR would result in a rescissions of the TFF of \$1.66 B. Some additional context, below, from Senate Appropriations:

“In FY18, the FSGG bill rescinded \$702 million and the Homeland bill rescinded \$364 million from the TFF. **A CR without the cancellation of the rescissions (language requested by OMB) would be \$1.66 billion.**”

The OMB Anomaly transmission requests: “Rescissions: All FY 2018 recurring rescissions/cancellations currently carried forward as part of the short-term CR will not be retained.”

Additionally, the President's rescissions package proposed a TFF rescission of \$53 million. This package was transmitted after the Homeland bill passed out of Committee and included a \$120 million rescission from the TFF.”

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Subject: Feb 8 CR passes Senate
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I hope you didn't blink. We just voice voted the stopgap bill that will run until February 8, 2019.

Over to the House.



{21:59:34 NSP} (MR. McCONNELL) { NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT }

MR. McCONNELL: I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE PENDING MOTION TO REFER BE WITHDRAWN, AMENDMENT NUMBERED 4164 BE WITHDRAWN, AND THE SENATE VOTE ON THE MOTION TO CONCUR WITH FURTHER AMENDMENT WITH NO INTERVENING ACTION OR DEBATE.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: WITHOUT OBJECTION. THE QUESTION IS ON THE MOTION TO CONCUR. WITH FURTHER AMENDMENTS. ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NO. THE AYES APPEAR TO HAVE IT.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW 1 of 2 Senate schedule this week: RPC Floorcast attached
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 10:49:43 AM
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Morning! We're all back. Look forward to closing out the year. FYI on this week's schedule. Feel free to call/email if you have questions, need anything.

Talk soon, Jane (b) (6)

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Today the Senate will convene at 3:00 p.m. and resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

At 4:00 p.m., Senator-elect Rick Scott will be sworn in.

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Whip Notice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019 AT 09:31 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act. The Senate will then recess from 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

Please note, Senator Schumer announced his intention to move to proceed to S.J.Res.2 during today's session of the Senate. Offices will be notified as votes are scheduled.

Please also note, the Leader has entered a new motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S.1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act. Not invoked (50-43)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.17 – NDSU Bison Football

Rule XIV:

H.R.266 – Interior Appropriations

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Senate Appropriations will mark up the border supplemental next week. FYI on the Leader's morning remarks today, below.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:03 AM
Subject: The Border Crisis is Unacceptable and Unustainable



The Border Crisis is Unacceptable and Unustainable

'Partisan theater in the House doesn't improve the conditions in border shelters. Melodramatic hearings and presidential harassment don't secure the border. The Resistance' doesn't pay the bills. This spectacle of opposition for opposition's sake, even on such an obvious non-partisan priority, has been more than embarrassing. It's completely irresponsible... We're going to act in the Senate. And we're going to move forward to provide the funding necessary to try to solve this humanitarian crisis.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

"The Trump Administration's new agreement with Mexico marks an important breakthrough in the ongoing border crisis. It kept harmful tariffs from going into effect and cemented new steps to make certain that immigration enforcement and the rule of law are priorities on both sides of the border. But, of course, the Mexican government was not the only outstanding party with an unmet responsibility to address this crisis. Here in Congress, we have been waiting for six weeks -- six weeks -- now for our Democratic colleagues to get serious about the administration's urgent request for more resources for border security and humanitarian efforts.

"This week's progress with our Mexican neighbors throws Democrats' refusal to act into even starker relief. My colleagues and I have come to the floor day after day, week after week, detailing all the evidence that our southern border is in a state of crisis. The inflow of would-be illegal immigrants is unprecedented. Our facilities and our efforts to house and care for the individuals we detain are stretched to the breaking point.

"In short, the men and women stationed on our southern border are running on fumes. They've been charged with a task that circumstances have made incredibly difficult, and they are begging for more funding to keep up. As I noted yesterday, the most recent data show that apprehensions last month reached a thirteen-year high. Higher numbers in every category: More individuals, more family units, and more unaccompanied children. Arriving at border facilities that are already over capacity.

“The Border Patrol is teetering on the brink. They’re nearing the point where they’ll be unable to perform even the most basic humanitarian and security functions for lack of resources. And this is even with funds being diverted away from other important priorities at the Department of Homeland Security on a contingency basis.

“Let me say that again, one more time. The Department of Homeland Security has had to pull money and people off of other critical missions just to try and meet the overwhelming surge of human traffic at the border. This is the department that includes the Transportation Security Administration, the Secret Service, and the U.S. Coast Guard. And Congress’s inaction has backed them into this corner. The officials who are responsible for protecting the homeland and safeguarding these individuals could not have been clearer in their pleading to Congress. They could not have been clearer.

“The acting Homeland Security Secretary has told us already that, quote, ‘*Given the scale of what we are facing, we will exhaust our resources before the end of this fiscal year.*’ The acting director of Immigrations and Custom Enforcement has said, quote, ‘*We are begging.*’ Begging. ‘*We are asking Congress to please help us.*’ By any honest reckoning, this constitutes a crisis. And that’s why Americans across the entire political spectrum agree that Democrats in Congress need to put aside their allergy to finding any inch of common ground with President Trump and finally agree to get something done.

“Because, we know exactly what the hold up has been here. The *New York Times* reported in late May exactly why this money didn’t make it into the disaster funding package, despite Republican efforts. Quote: ‘*Democrats balked at allocating billions of dollars more toward border security.*’ Democrats balked at the *New York Times*. Around the same time, one House Democrat admitted as much. He told reporters, ‘*In my opinion, we do have to come up with some money. But we’ve got to convince our more progressive friends...*’

“Well, I’m sorry that a security and humanitarian crisis is not convincing enough to the far left. I’m sorry that two separate *New York Times* editorials haven’t made an impact on House Democrats either. So here you have it. The *New York Times* editorial page, May 5th – incredibly enough: ‘*Congress, Give Trump His Border Money.*’ That’s the *New York Times* saying give Trump the border money. They didn’t listen. So several weeks later, on May 23rd, as I quoted: ‘*Democrats balked at allocating billions of dollars more toward border security.*’

“So June 9th, a couple days ago, the *New York Times*: ‘*When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?*’ So here you have a situation -- you’ve got the Donald Trump Administration and the *New York Times* on the same side. And House Democrats don’t want to take this up. Goodness. I’m having a hard time remembering the last time the *New York Times* editorial page was on the same side as the Trump Administration or Republicans in Congress.

“Not a common sight. But here we are. All of us agree the border crisis is unacceptable and unsustainable. But still, House Democrats will not act. Yesterday, even my colleague the Democratic Leader admitted where this extended delay is coming from. He told reporters, ‘*The House wasn’t for it, but we were.*’ Yeah, I guess that was true. But in any event, that’s where we are now. The House Democrats are the problem.

“So, if they’re serious about wanting to resolve this, I hope they can get a grip on their far-left colleagues in a hurry. So, here’s what we’re going to do. Chairman Shelby has announced the Appropriations Committee will vote on a \$4.5 billion package a week from tomorrow. More than \$3 billion in humanitarian funds to do things like expand shelter facilities and increase dedicated care for unaccompanied children. And another billion dollars to prop up critical security missions.

“I’m grateful for Chairman Shelby’s interest in this, his leadership and the work of Senator Capito and Senator Blunt. I cannot urge my Democratic friends strongly enough to finally – what does it take to convince them? -- get serious and find their way to ‘yes.’ House Democrats may want to

come down to the left of the *New York Times* editorial page. There's not much space over there. The rest of the country thinks this is just crazy. Because it is.

"Partisan theater in the House doesn't improve the conditions in border shelters. Melodramatic hearings and presidential harassment don't secure the border. 'The Resistance' doesn't pay the bills. This spectacle of opposition for opposition's sake, even on such an obvious non-partisan priority, has been more than embarrassing. It's completely irresponsible. It needs to end soon. In the coming days, it will. We're going to act in the Senate. And we're going to move forward to provide the funding necessary to try to solve this humanitarian crisis."

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Subject: FW 1 of 2: Urgent Need to Address Crisis at Our Southern Border
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FYI on morning remarks.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <(b) (6)> @mccconnell.senate.gov
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 11:41 AM
Subject: Urgent Need to Address Crisis at Our Southern Border



Urgent Need to Address Crisis at Our Southern Border

Senate Republicans will not be deterred. The crisis at the border hasn't gone anywhere and neither has our resolve to address it. Next week, the Senate will move forward. The Appropriations Committee will vote again. And I hope Democrats in the House of Representatives will finally, finally realize that "The Resistance" doesn't pay the bills. No more automatic, knee-jerk opposition to absolutely everything the administration asks for. It is way past time for action.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border: "All this week, I've been calling attention to the fact that Democrats in the House have spent six weeks ignoring the urgent need for more funding for the crisis on our southern border. I have recited one quotation after another from the administration leaders who are responsible for securing our nation and caring for individuals while they're detained. They're pleading with Congress to act.

"We are at a full-blown emergency... the system is broken," That's the acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection. "We are running out of money. We are functionally out of space;" That one's from the Secretary of Health and Human Services. I've also run down the underlying statistics. The flood of people attempting to cross the U.S.-Mexico border has continued at historic levels. Our border agents are overwhelmed. Our facilities are filled beyond capacity — in some cases, with more than seven times more men, women, and children than their intended capacity. Seven times more than their intended capacity.

"This is a full-fledged crisis and everybody knows it. The status quo cannot hold. Already, the Department of Homeland Security is having to move people and money away from other important efforts to triage more help toward the border. The administration has been saying this is a crisis. The officials on the ground have been saying this is a crisis. My Republican colleagues and I have been saying this is a crisis.

“And lest anyone think this is some partisan exercise, the *New York Times* editorial board has been saying it’s a crisis. Two editorials over the last several weeks: ‘*Congress, Give Trump His Border Money.*’ And ‘*When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?*’ Those are headlines in the *New York Times* – not frequently allied with this administration. Everyone seems to understand this – except Democrats over in the House.

“It’s not like our House colleagues are too busy working on pragmatic, bipartisan legislation with any shot at becoming law. No, here’s what they’re up to: One House committee spent yesterday holding a hearing on pathways to single-payer health insurance. In other words, barking up the tree of ‘Medicare for None,’ their big proposal to take away every American’s private health insurance, take away Medicare as we know it, and force everyone into a new, untested, one-size-fits-all government system. That’s what they’re up to over there. That’s the score. They have no time for the border crisis, but plenty of time for socialist daydreams.

“Even my colleague the Democratic Leader has admitted the Democrat-controlled House is the problem here. We’ve even heard it from House Democrats themselves. One told reporters that his progressive colleagues weren’t convinced the emergency funding was necessary. So it seems ‘The Resistance’ has convinced Washington D.C. Democrats that they need to come down to the left of the *New York Times* editorial page. There’s not much space to the left of the *New York Times* editorial page.

“But Senate Republicans will not be deterred. The crisis at the border hasn’t gone anywhere and neither has our resolve to address it. Next week, the Senate will move forward. The Appropriations Committee will vote again. And I hope Democrats in the House of Representatives will finally, finally realize that ‘The Resistance’ doesn’t pay the bills. No more political posturing. No more automatic, knee-jerk opposition to absolutely everything the administration asks for. It is way past time for action.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Vote Result

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019 AT 03:59 PM

Cloture on Schumer Amendment #6 in relation to the vehicle for the End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act (H.R. 268)

Not invoked, 52-44:

Cloture on Schumer Amendment #6 in relation to H.R. 268, the vehicle for the End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW 2 of 2: 'The Senate Won't Be the Same Without John McCain'
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Senator John S. McCain will lie in state in the [U.S. Capitol](#) starting with a ceremony at **11:00 am** on **Friday, August 31, 2018**.

Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the public is invited to pay their respects to Senator McCain in the U.S. Capitol on Friday from **2:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. Entrance will be through the Capitol Visitors Center.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's statement from this morning is below.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell)
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 4:50 PM
Subject: 'The Senate Won't Be the Same Without John McCain'



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'The Senate Won't Be the Same Without John McCain'

'America will miss her devoted son. Her stalwart champion. Her elder statesman. I will miss one of the very finest gentlemen with whom I've had the honor to serve. But we will not forget him. I consider it our privilege to return some small share of the love that John poured out for this country.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks today on the Senate floor regarding the passing of his dear friend and colleague, U.S. Senator John S. McCain (R-AZ):

"On Saturday evening, a great loss echoed through our country. Six decades of patriotic service came to an end. We've suspected for some time that we'd bid farewell to our colleague, the senior Senator from Arizona, John McCain. John took full advantage of the months since his diagnosis. His hard work continued. But happy reminiscing, fond farewells, final reflections, and time with family actually came to the fore.

"I was privileged to spend a small share of that time with John. We sat on his back porch in Sedona, under the desert sky, replaying old times. John did things his way these last months. For his colleagues here, the time confirmed a sad but obvious truth: The Senate won't be the same without John McCain. I think it's fair to say the passion that John brought to his work was unsurpassed in this body. In more than thirty years as a Senator, he never failed to marshal a razor-sharp wit, a big heart, and of course a fiery spirit. When John saw an issue the same way you did, you knew you'd just found your most stalwart ally. You'd thank your lucky stars.

"Because when you found yourself on the other side of that table, as I think all of us learned, you were in for a different kind of unforgettable experience. Either way, serving alongside John was never a dull affair. I found myself on both sides of that table over the years. John and I stood shoulder to shoulder on some of the most important issues to each of us. And we also disagreed entirely on huge subjects that helped define each of our careers.

"John treated every day, every issue, with the intensity and seriousness that the legislative process deserves. He would fight like mad to bring the country closer to his vision of the common good. But when the day's disputes were over, that very same man was one of our most powerful reminders that so much more unites us than divides us. That we should be able to differ completely on policy and stay united in love of country.

"As John himself once put it: 'We have nothing to fear from each other. We are arguing over the means to better secure our freedom, and support the general welfare. But it should remain an argument among friends who share an unshaken belief in our great cause, and in the goodness of each other.' John and I sure had those fights. And we sure had that friendship. I'm just glad we never found ourselves in opposite dugouts. You see, John and I spent years as neighbors in the Russell Building. Often, when softball season rolled around, our offices would take the field together as one, united 'McTeam.'

"Now, as a seriously wounded war hero and a childhood polio survivor, I have to say, John and I didn't exactly have the makings of an elite double-play duo. I took the mound once or twice, but I admit, we mostly offered moral support. Moral support. Really, that's what John McCain gave this body -- and this country -- for so long. His memory will continue to give it. Because while John proudly served with us as the Senator for Arizona. He was America's hero all along.

"Just this month, Congress finalized a major bill for our all-volunteer armed forces that we named after John. This might seem like a small detail. But really, it was a fitting capstone for a career so thoroughly defined by service in, and then service for, the ranks of those who wear our nation's uniform. Generations of McCains have served with distinction in our great Navy. As John described his Scottish heritage in one memoir: 'The McCains [were] bred to fight.' And fight they have.

"One by one, McCains have entered the Academy's gates in Annapolis. One by one, they marched past a centuries-old battle flag bearing the phrase: 'Don't give up the ship.' But while honorable service was in his DNA, John's story was never simple. At Annapolis, as he'd come to explain with some relish, his major distinctives were mostly the weakness of his grades and the length of his disciplinary record. The first miracle in John's military career was the fact that he somehow made it through school.

"But he prevailed. And bigger tests soon came. He stared death in the face aboard the U.S.S. Forrestal. And again, when he was shot down and dragged, battered and broken, into the hands of our nation's enemies. Five and half hellish years in captivity. Merciless beatings, for the uniform he'd worn and the values he would not renounce. That stubborn, rebellious streak went from a stumbling block to a saving grace. Stubborn virtue sustained John. He declined early release, in solidarity with his brothers. He never gave up the ship.

"We all know this story. But while John didn't shy from sharing his experiences, he insisted he was no superhero, no saint. He measured his life in simpler terms. When asked after his diagnosis last

year how he'd like to be remembered, here's what he said: 'He served his country. And not always right, made a lot of mistakes, made a lot of errors. But served his country. And I hope, could add, honorably.' He'll certainly get that wish.

"For many, the service and sacrifice that John rendered overseas would have been more than enough. More than a lifetime already. But somehow, John McCain was convinced that he still owed his country more. In 1983, he arrived in Congress. John knew exactly what it meant to swear to 'support and defend the Constitution of the United States.' When he was sworn in here in the Senate four years later, he was no stranger to pledging to protect that Constitution from 'enemies, foreign and domestic.' The following years brought legislative accomplishments, to be sure. But while John's constituents were lucky to have him as their Senator from Arizona, John also remembered that our titles say United States Senator.

"He worked across the aisle on the Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, whose work helped heal the wounds of war and normalize relations with Vietnam. He led congressional delegations and overseas travel that were famously as grueling as they were educational. John was seemingly immune to jet lag. And he was never more excited than when he had an opportunity to share American values abroad. And of course, he was singularly devoted to the men and women of our armed forces. From countless visits with deployed units in Iraq and Afghanistan to his committee meetings right here in this body, John honored their sacrifices in a way that only he could. He never forgot that -- notwithstanding the grandeur of our military might and technological prowess -- our Armed Services are made up of people. Of our constituents. Of volunteers. Of the brave.

"John's favorite novel was Ernest Hemingway's *For Whom The Bell Tolls*. I suspect we'll hear it quoted quite a bit in the days ahead. The lead character is an American expat named Robert Jordan who risks everything in the Spanish Civil War. He's a little bit brash. Maybe a little hot-headed. In fact, he's a dynamite specialist whose specialty, literally, is blowing things up. And he goes down fighting, right down to the book's final pages. I'm sure some of us can imagine why John might identify with this guy. I recently rediscovered something John wrote a few years ago about this book. He noted that his favorite literary hero wasn't some contrived caricature of a hero from central casting. The book is full of complexities. The character has to face all the messiness of life and war. His idealism is challenged.

"But he realizes: The imperfections of this world don't mean the concept of sacrifice is outdated. They don't make love of cause or country into something quaint or naive. They only make patriotism, service, and hope that much more noble and necessary. It takes one kind of heroism to undergo unimaginable pain and suffering as a P.O.W., but persist in loyalty. It takes another kind of heroism to sustain that passion for decades more. To withstand the slings and arrows of politics, the compromises, the disappointments, the defeats. And yet still consider it a joy and an honor to serve. Few have either kind of heroism. John McCain had both.

"Fortunately, all that intensity came paired with a world-class sense of humor. As we all know, John hated to lose. The line he used after his presidential campaigns still makes me laugh. Someone would ask how he was coping with defeat, and John would say, 'Actually, I'm sleeping like a baby. You know -- I sleep for two hours, wake up, and cry!'

"Seriously -- it's hard to describe this larger-than-life figure without lapsing into what sound like cliches. We've all heard our whole lives about the importance of patriotism and self-sacrifice. But we cannot take that culture of commitment for granted. Because, just like our nation's security and our American liberty, the very notion that some causes really are greater than ourselves only survives because servicemembers and statesmen like John McCain will fight and even die to defend it.

"The bond between John and his country was so deep. But of course, other bonds ran deeper still. While John's colleagues grieve our own loss, we also send our love and support to those who know him even better: Those who called this man their husband, their son, their father and grandfather. We stand with John's loving wife Cindy. We stand with Doug, Andy, Sidney, Meghan, Jack, Jimmy,

and Bridget. We stand with his mother, Roberta. And with all John's devoted friends and loyal staff. Thank you for lending him to us longer than we had a right. Thank you for supporting him while he supported us.

"So John McCain has fought his last battles and cast his final votes. But the nation he loved is still not done with him yet. This week will be dedicated to remembering him. On Friday, he will lie in state here in the Capitol, like other American heroes before him. As the days turn to weeks, I know we're all eager to come together and collaborate on ways we can continue to honor his memory. Generation after generation of Americans will hear about the cocky pilot who barely scraped through Annapolis, but then defended our nation in the skies. Witnessed to our highest values even through terrible torture. Captured the country's imagination through national campaigns that spotlighted many of our highest values. And became so integral to the United States Senate, where our nation airs and advances its great debates.

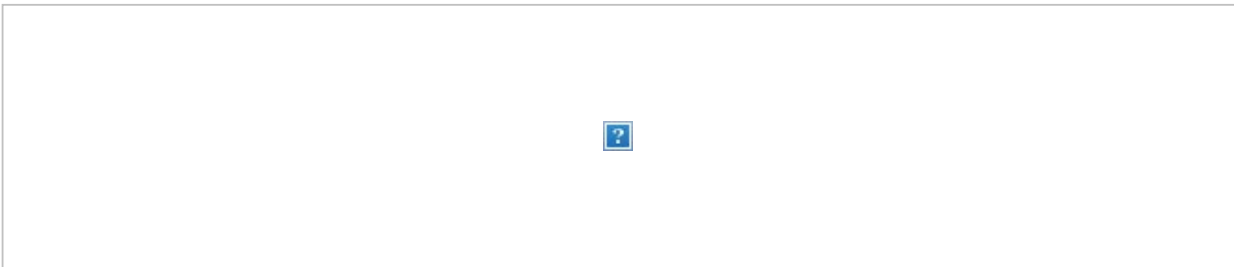
"America will miss her devoted son. Her stalwart champion. Her elder statesman. I will miss one of the very finest gentlemen with whom I've had the honor to serve. But we will not forget him. I consider it our privilege to return some small share of the love that John poured out for this country. It is our honor as Americans to say to the late, great John Sidney McCain III what we pray he has already heard from his Creator: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' Well done. You fought the good fight. You finished the race. You kept the faith. You never gave up the ship."

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Border Crisis: 'We Are Running Out Of Money'

HHS Secretary Azar: '[B]y Early July, We May Be Out Of Funding ... 'Congress Must Act And Give Us The Funding We Need. This Is Not About Politics. It Is Purely A Humanitarian Issue Of Caring For These Kids.'

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "The agencies are overwhelmed. The facilities are overwhelmed. It is a true humanitarian crisis, totally unsustainable for these individuals whom our national security and rule of law dictate that we need to detain.... The professionals whom our nation has entrusted to keep America safe and to care for these people have been begging for more resources for six weeks. Their calls have solidified a national consensus that spans the entire political spectrum.... But Democrats chose to come down to the left of The New York Times editorial board – that's pretty hard to do -- and decided to deny the White House this border money." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 6/11/2019](#))

'Congress Has Got To Pass A Supplemental Appropriation ... For Humanitarian Relief, So That We Can Keep Our Operations Going'

"In response to the influx, the Trump administration has urged lawmakers to approve a \$4.5 billion supplemental funding request that would cover housing for unaccompanied minors and detention for single adults, among other expenses." (["Border Arrests Rose To Nearly 133K In May As Surge Continues," Politico, 6/05/2019](#))

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ALEX AZAR: "[W]e're facing a humanitarian crisis at our border.... We are running out of money. We are functionally out of space. And we're working with Congress. Congress has got to pass a supplemental appropriation that President Trump has asked for for humanitarian relief, so that we can keep our operations going, so we can add beds for these kids. Because we don't have any say over whether these kids come across the border. We've just got to take care of them." (Fox News' "The Daily

Briefing w/ Dana Perino," 6/06/2019)

- **SECRETARY AZAR:** "[B]y early July, we may be out of funding. That's why we've had to pull back on alternative services just as a legal requirement. If we do not have money to carry forward the rest of the year, we have to pull back ... to only those services for life and safety because we have to get beds. We have to take care of kids. Because once we run out of money in several weeks, our employees will not get paid. Our grantees will not get paid. They will be operating on IOU's.... This is a desperate crisis. These kids have to be taken care of. Congress must act and give us the funding we need. This is not about politics. It is purely a humanitarian issue of caring for these kids." (Fox News' "The Daily Briefing w/ Dana Perino," 6/06/2019)

New York Times Editorial Board: 'Congress, Give Trump His Border Money'

THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD: "President Trump is right: There is a crisis at the southern border.... [A]s record numbers of Central American families flee violence and poverty in their homelands, they are overwhelming United States border systems, fueling a humanitarian crisis of overcrowding, disease and chaos.... Something needs to be done. Soon. Unfortunately, political gamesmanship once again threatens to hold up desperately needed resources." ([Editorial, "Congress, Give Trump His Border Money," The New York Times, 5/05/2019](#))

- **"Funding for vital services is not expected to last through the fiscal year, [acting OMB Director Russell] Vought said [in a letter to Congress]. Most urgently, the program that deals with unaccompanied minors is expected to run dry next month, requiring resources to be diverted from other programs and leading to a further deterioration in conditions.... Nearly three-quarters of the funds, \$3.3 billion, would be earmarked for humanitarian needs, with much of it flowing to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, the agency responsible for unaccompanied minors."** ([Editorial, "Congress, Give Trump His Border Money," The New York Times, 5/05/2019](#))

'It Is Time For Congress To Stop Dithering And Pass Emergency Funding To Deal With This Nightmare'

THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD: "In short, it is time for Congress to stop dithering and pass emergency funding to deal with this nightmare. It has been more than a month since the administration sent Congress a request for \$4.5 billion in additional border assistance. A large portion of the money, \$3.3 billion, was earmarked for humanitarian aid — which most lawmakers agree is sorely needed. But a relatively modest piece of the request aimed at shoring up border security operations, roughly a quarter of the total, has tied negotiators in knots." ([Editorial, "When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?," The New York Times, 6/09/2019](#))

- "[L]ast week, officials said that the Office of Refugee Resettlement, the agency assigned to care for unaccompanied migrant children, would begin cutting services 'not directly necessary for the protection of life and safety.' ... [T]he financial reality is that the agency is overwhelmed. So far this fiscal year, it has taken charge of nearly 41,000 unaccompanied children — a 57 percent increase over last year. The entire program could run out of funding by the end of June." ([Editorial, "When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?," The New York Times, 6/09/2019](#))
- "[T]here should be no ambivalence about the urgency of addressing the humanitarian needs. While lawmakers wring their hands and drag their feet, tens of thousands of migrant children are suffering. Congress needs to get serious about dealing with that suffering." ([Editorial, "When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?," The New York Times, 6/09/2019](#))

'Democrats Balked At Allocating Billions Of Dollars More Toward Border Security' In The Recent Disaster Relief Legislation

"Democrats balked at allocating billions of dollars more toward border security ..." ([Senate Passes Long-Deferred Disaster Relief Package.](#) *The New York Times*, 5/23/2019)

- THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD: "The broader problem is that many Democrats ... are loath to hand over one more penny for anything to do with immigration. Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus have been particularly adamant, insisting that their leadership take a hard line in negotiations." ([Editorial, "When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?,"](#) *The New York Times*, 6/09/2019)

SEN. McCONNELL: "There was no reason why the funds to alleviate the humanitarian crisis at the border should not have been included. And yet my friend the Democratic Leader came to the floor multiple times late last month to call the issue of border funding, quote, 'extraneous.'" ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks.](#) 6/05/2019)

- SEN. CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): "Why do we have to load up the disaster bill with extraneous provisions, especially those that might bring conflict? We must be very careful not to allow this and other extraneous provisions to get on the bill that have opposition from Members.... The President sent over a proposal on the border, and we have sent back a counter proposal with many of the things--but not all--that he included. Some are objectionable. That is extraneous, but we might be able to come to an agreement on that." ([Sen. Schumer, Congressional Record.](#) S.2953, 5/20/2019)

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McConnell Announces Andrew Ferguson to Serve as Chief Counsel

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced today that Andrew Ferguson, currently the Chief Counsel for Nominations and the Constitution for the Senate Judiciary Committee, will join his leadership office as Chief Counsel.

"I am thrilled that someone as talented and well-respected as Andrew will be joining our team in this critical capacity," McConnell said. "Andrew has clerked at the highest levels of the federal judiciary, thrived in private practice, and has served Chairmen Grassley and Graham with distinction as a senior counsel for the Judiciary Committee."

"The last two and a half years have been a time of historic progress for the Senate in defending the Constitution and confirming brilliant judicial nominees who understand the proper role of judges in our constitutional republic," McConnell continued. "Andrew has played a big part in that success. I'm glad I will have him on board as we keep up this crucial work."

Ferguson is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Virginia School of Law. His experience includes clerkships on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and on the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Clarence Thomas. He also spent years in private practice in private practice as a trial and appellate litigator. Immediately prior to his current Judiciary Committee position as Chairman Graham's Chief Counsel for Nominations and the Constitution, he served as Senior Special Counsel to then-Chairman Grassley during the confirmation process for Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Ferguson will start in Leader McConnell's leadership office on July 11. He will advise Leader McConnell on legal matters including judicial nominations, immigration, and other key issues.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW 2 of 2: NEWS: Shelby Selected as Senate Appropriations Chair for 116th Congress
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Subject: NEWS: Shelby Selected as Senate Appropriations Chair for 116th Congress

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 9, 2019

CONTACT:
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SHELBY SELECTED AS SENATE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR FOR 116TH CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today received the approval of his Republican colleagues to serve as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the 116th Congress. The Senate Republican Conference met this afternoon to ratify committee chairmen for the new Congress and approved Shelby’s selection by members of the Senate Appropriations Committee to lead the committee for his first full two-year term as chairman. The Senate is expected to formally affirm Senate committee chairmen and rosters in an organizational resolution.

“I am honored that my colleagues have continued to place their trust in me to lead the Senate Appropriations Committee,” **said Chairman Shelby**. “Members on both sides worked together last Congress to produce real results on a level not achieved in many years. Despite the challenges we now face, I am hopeful that we can reproduce this bipartisan cooperation in the current Congress. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Vice Chairman Leahy and all committee members to produce bills that fund our national priorities.”

Shelby is now working with his colleagues to designate Appropriations subcommittees. In order of committee seniority, Republican Senators on the committee are

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Roy Blunt of Missouri, Jerry Moran of Kansas, John Hoeven of North Dakota, John Boozman of Arkansas, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, John Kennedy of Louisiana, Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi, Steve Daines of Montana, Marco Rubio of Florida, and James Lankford of Oklahoma.

Previously, Shelby served as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee during a portion of the 115th Congress, following Senator Thad Cochran's resignation in March 2018. He also served as vice chairman for the 113th Congress.

Under Shelby's leadership during the 115th Congress, the Senate Appropriations Committee completed work on all 12 Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations bills before the July 4th recess, marking the most punctual timeframe in which the committee has completed its regular appropriations bills since 1988. Additionally, five of those appropriations bills were signed into law before the end of the fiscal year and 75 percent (74.9) of the government was funded on schedule, which signals the most spending bills enacted on time since Fiscal Year 1997 – more than two decades ago.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW 2 of 2: Scalise: WHIP FLOOR UPDATE
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FYI on House schedule this week, below. The Leader's continued position on these rifle-shot messaging votes in the House:

"We all know what is necessary to move past the funding impasse: A negotiated solution that can pass the House, earn sixty votes in the Senate, and which invests enough in border security to earn the President's signature.

As I've stated clearly, the Senate will not waste floor time on show votes, messaging votes, or any other proposals which fail to check those boxes. And **the Democratic Leader** has said that he shares that opinion. He said, quote, "*the President must publicly support and say he will sign an agreement before it gets a vote in either chamber.*"

Please do reach out if you have any questions. Guidance/advice always appreciated. X4-2492

From: Nalls, Dennis <(b) (6) [@mail.house.gov](#)>
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Cc: Wolf (Minkler), Annie <(b) (6) [@mail.house.gov](#)>
Subject: Scalise: WHIP FLOOR UPDATE



Good Tuesday morning. Last night, in the midst of Alabama getting blown out, Lil Wayne reminded us all of his 2008 hit "[Phone Home](#)"

The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. today for morning hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Following One Minute Speeches, the House will stand in recess until 4:00 p.m. when we will reconvene and debate our six scheduled suspensions, which can be found [here](#).

At **approximately 6:30 p.m.**, we will have our first and only vote series of the day on suspensions.

Walk off the floor: 7:15 p.m.

The Balance of the Week:

Wednesday, January 9th and the Balance of the Week:

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House is scheduled to meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. On Friday, the House is scheduled to meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business with last votes expected no later than 3:00 p.m. We expect to consider:

- **Additional Suspensions, [here](#)**
- **Four Democrat Appropriations bills:**
 - H.R. __ Financial Services and General Government, [here](#)
 - H.R. __ Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, [here](#)
 - H.R. __ Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, [here](#)
 - H.R. __ Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, [here](#)
- **Title III of H. Res. 6 (Democrat rules package), [here](#)**
- **Additional legislative items are possible**

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW 2 of 2: Vote Results (Cloture)
Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019 4:09:45 PM

FYI

From: Vote Results <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 3:59 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Cloture)

Vote Result

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019 AT 03:58 PM

Cloture on McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment #5 in relation to the vehicle for the End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act (H.R. 268)

Not invoked, 50-47:

Cloture on McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment #5 in relation to H.R. 268, the vehicle for the End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW House schedule: IMPORTANT SCHEDULING ANNOUNCEMENT (Courtesy of the Majority Leader)
Date: Monday, December 3, 2018 1:47:54 PM

FYI on House schedule this week. Once House posts the CR, will circulate text.

From: Herrle, Cindy (b) (6) @mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 12:45 PM
Subject: IMPORTANT SCHEDULING ANNOUNCEMENT (Courtesy of the Majority Leader)

(Courtesy of the Majority Leader)

Members are advised that — in light of the passing of President George H.W. Bush — votes are no longer expected in the House this week.

Next votes in the House are planned for Monday, December 10, at 6:30 PM.

This is a change from our previously announced schedule.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule This Week: Monday, June 10, 2019
Date: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:42:25 AM

Good morning! Scheduled votes for this week.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:40 AM
Subject: Monday, June 10, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 AT 09:39 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #39, Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, post-cloture.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to four roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of the Holte nomination.
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #40, Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #56, Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #41, Sarah Daggett Morrison, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #41, Sarah Daggett Morrison, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.
2. Executive Calendar #42, Pamela A. Barker, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.
3. Executive Calendar #43, Corey Landon Maze, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.
4. Executive Calendar #44, Rodney Smith, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.
5. Executive Calendar #46, Thomas P. Barber, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
6. Executive Calendar #49 Jean-Paul Boulee, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.
7. Executive Calendar #193, David Stilwell, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

8. Executive Calendar #217, Edward F. Crawford, of Ohio, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Ireland.
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Please also note: the Senate convened for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted on Thursday, June 6th at 10:30 am.

Last Wednesday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #224, David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs). Confirmed (83-11)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #162, Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Confirmed (84-9)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #163, Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2024. Confirmed (85-9)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #198, Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Invoked (56-37)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #198, Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Confirmed (57-36)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #39, Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. Invoked (60-33)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #40, Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. Invoked (74-19)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #56, Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. Invoked (66-23)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.237 – Crime Victims Rights

S.Res.238 – Hemp History

S.Res.239 – Great Outdoors Month

S.Res.174 – Fishing and Boating Week

S.Res.221 – Tiananmen Square

S.1289 – Measuring Economic Impact of Broadband Act

S.1749 – Affordable Mortgages for Veterans

Cal. #108, S.Con.Res.15 – First Responders Day

Rule XIV:

H.R.6 – American Dream and Promise Act

Executive Session:

MARINE CORPS

Executive Calendar #252 – Lt. Gen. David H. Berger to be General

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From: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule this Week: RPC Floorcast attached
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:01:30 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Floorcast031119.pdf](#)

FYI – One last email from me.

From: Laird, Carolyn (RPC) (b) (6) @rpc.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:11 AM
Cc: Laird, Carolyn (RPC) (b) (6) @rpc.senate.gov>
Subject: RPC Floorcast attached

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RPC FLOORCAST

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On Thursday, March 7, cloture was filed on the following nominations, which the Senate will consider this week:

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- 2) Executive Calendar #98, William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Cloakroom Wrap Up
Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 7:16:18 PM

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From: Cloakroom <subscriptions_cloakroom@rep-secretary.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 6:54 PM
Subject: Cloakroom Wrap Up

Wrap Up Memo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 AT 06:53 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on S.J.Res.2, a joint resolution disapproving application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation. Not invoked (57-42)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.19 - Knights of Columbus

Cal.#8, H.R.251 - CFATS with Johnson amendments

Thursday, January 17th:

The Senate will convene at 4:00 p.m. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.109, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, with the time until 4:30 pm equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees.

At approximately 4:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S.109.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the motion to proceed to S.109.

Wrap Up Memos are sent from the Senate Republican Cloakroom using the telephone

alert system. An E-mail copy is sent to offices and posted on Trunkline (<http://gop.senate.gov>) as a convenience, but primary notification will always come via telephone. If you have questions about wrap up memos, unanimous consent items or other floor scheduling matters, please call the Cloakroom at (202) 224-6191. Please do not reply to this message.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Friday, January 25, 2019
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 9:18:54 AM

FYI.

Also not on the schedule, Sen. Johnson tried to move Shutdown Fairness Act by consent. Sen. Schumer objected, yesterday.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 9:15 AM
Subject: Friday, January 25, 2019

Whip Notice

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019 AT 09:14 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will reconvene at 12:00 pm. Following the prayer and pledge, the time for two Leaders will be reserved for their use later in the day.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators. Agreed to (88-8).

Motion to invoke cloture on Shelby Amendment #5 to H.R.268, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019. Not invoked (50-47).

Motion to invoke cloture on Schumer Amendment #6 to H.R.268, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019. Not invoked (52-44).

Wrap Up:

S.Res.28 – National Mentoring Month

Rule XIV:

H.R.648 – 6 Appropriations Bills

H.J.Res.28 – CR through the 28th of February

H.J.Res.31 – CR for DHS through the 28th of February

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Monday, April 8, 2019
Date: Monday, April 8, 2019 9:32:36 AM

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From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2019 9:29 AM
Subject: Monday, April 8, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 AT 09:28 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 4:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #21, Daniel Desmond Domenico, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.
2. Executive Calendar #27, Patrick R. Wyrick, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.
3. Executive Calendar #105, Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.
4. Executive Calendar #173, John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
5. Executive Calendar #31, Holly A. Brady, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.
6. Executive Calendar #30, David Steven Morales, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Please also note, on Monday, April 8th, all votes are expected to go by voice. The first recorded vote of the week will occur the morning of Tuesday, April 9th.

Last Thursday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #32, Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Confirmed (66-33)

Motion to invoke cloture of Executive Calendar #87, Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years. Invoked (53-46)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #87, Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years. Confirmed (52-44)

Wrap Up:

Cal. #55, S.Res.123 – NATO

S.Res.145 – Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise

S.Res.146 – Institute of International Education

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Monday, April 29, 2019
Date: Monday, April 29, 2019 9:01:00 AM

Morning! Here's the Senate schedule for this week. Possible consideration of the Yemen resolution as well at the end of the week. -JL

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 8:32 AM
Subject: Monday, April 29, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019 AT 08:31 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #123, William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Cooper nomination.

Please note, the Leader has filed cloture on the following items, in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #123, William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.
 2. Executive Calendar #188, R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).
 3. Executive Calendar #214, Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years.
 4. Executive Calendar #26, J. Campbell Barker, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.
 5. Executive Calendar #29, Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.
 6. Executive Calendar #33, Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.
 7. Executive Calendar #34, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico
 8. Executive Calendar #36, Joshua Wolson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
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Last Thursday in Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #200, David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior. Confirmed (56-41)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.85 – Easterseals

S.Res.131 – National 9-1-1 Education Month

S.Res.136 – Safe Digging Month

S.Res.163 – Baylor Women’s Basketball

S.Res.164 – UVA Men’s Basketball

S.Res.165 – Vaccinations

S.Res.166 – Silver Star Service Banner Day

S.Res.167 – Parks Week

S.Res.168 – Financial Literacy Month

S.Con.Res.14 – Emancipation Hall King Kamehameha

S.Con.Res.31 – Emancipation Hall

Cal. #56, S.Res.23 – International Child Abduction

Rule XIV:

H.R.1644 – Net Neutrality

H.R.1957 – Taxpayer First

Executive Session:

Cal. #108 – Drew H. Wrigley, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Cal. #160 – Wing Chau, of Rhode Island, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

Cal. #161 – Ramona L. Dohman, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Cal. #206 – Nick Edward Proffitt, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Cal. #182 – Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Cal. #184 – Kip Tom, of Indiana, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Cal. #186 – Robert K. Scott, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Malawi.

Please also note, the Senate convened for pro forma session only, with no business conducted, on the following dates and times:

Monday, April 15th at 3:00 pm

Thursday, April 18th at 11:45 am

Monday, April 22nd at 9:00 am

Thursday, April 25th at 4:30 pm

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Monday, January 14, 2019
Date: Monday, January 14, 2019 2:48:16 PM

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From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 2:26 PM
Subject: Monday, January 14, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 AT 02:26 PM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S.1.

Last Friday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes.

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate schedule: Monday, June 3, 2019
Date: Monday, June 3, 2019 9:45:14 AM

FYI Senate side. Come back vote today is to end debate on the motion to proceed to the Rand Paul budget. This is standalone legislation. Vote threshold is 60 votes.
Should cloture not be invoked, we will move to nominations in the order, below.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 9:30 AM
Subject: Monday, June 3, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019 AT 09:30 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #157, Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to up to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Cal.#78, S.1332, a bill to set forth the congressional budget (Paul).
2. (If cloture is not invoked) Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #157, Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025.

Please note, the Leader has filed cloture on the following items in the following order:

1. Motion to proceed to Cal.#78, S.1332, A bill to set forth the congressional budget (Paul).
2. Executive Calendar #157, Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025. (Reappointment)
3. Executive Calendar #224, David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs)
4. Executive Calendar #162, Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
5. Executive Calendar #163, Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2024.
6. Executive Calendar # 198, Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.
7. Executive Calendar #39, Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

8. Executive Calendar #40, Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.
9. Executive Calendar #56, Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Please also note, at a time and date to be determined, the Senate will proceed to a vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #122, Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

Please also note: the Senate convened for pro forma session only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Friday, May 24th at 9:45 am

Tuesday, May 28th at 11:30 am

Friday, May 31st at 10:30 am

Last Legislative Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Passage of S.151, the TRACED Act. Confirmed (97-1)

Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R.2157, Supplemental Appropriations, as amended. Waived (84-9)

Passage of H.R.2157, Supplemental Appropriations, as amended. Passed (85-8)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.213 – National Public Works Week

S.Res.222 – Vision to Learn

S.Res.223 – DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer

S.Res.224 – National Nurses Week

S.Con.Res.3 – Marshall Islands

S.Res.225 – Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

S.Res.226 – Foster Care Month

S.1693 – Two Week Flood Extension

Executive Session:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Cal. #226 – Michael G. Bailey, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Cal. #227 – Brent R. Bunn, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Cal. #228 – Eric S. Gartner, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Cal. #235 – Timothy J. Downing, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Cal. #236 – William Travis Brown, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Cal. #237 – Michael Blaine East, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Cal. #112 – William Bookless, of California, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Cal #124 – Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cal. #187 – John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Cal. #215 – Richard C. Parker, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

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Cal. #177 – Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador.

Cal. #220 – Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of North Macedonia.

Cal. #289 – Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Slovak Republic.

Cal. #290 – John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cabo Verde.

Cal. #291 – Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan.

Cal. #179 – Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Iceland.

Cal. #218 – James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

Military Promotions:

ARMY

Cal. #247 – Col. Edward S. Smith to be Brigadier General

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #248 – the following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Marcus B. Annibale

Col. Melvin G. Carter

Col. Robert C. Fulford

Col. Joseph A. Matos, III

Col. Jason L. Morris

Col. Thomas B. Savage

Col. Daniel L. Shipley

Col. James B. Wellons

Col. Brian N. Wolford

ARMY

Cal. #249 – Maj. Gen. Duane A. Gamble to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #250 – Rear Adm. Scott D. Conn to be Vice Admiral

ARMY

Cal. #251 – Gen. James C. McConville to be General

AIR FORCE

Cal. #253 – Maj. Gen. Marc H. Sasseville to be Lieutenant General

Cal. #254 – Maj. Gen. Eric T. Fick to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #255 – Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Martin to be General

Cal. #256 – Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson to be Lieutenant General

Cal. #257 – Maj. Gen. Robert P. White to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #258 – Vice Adm. William R. Merz to be Vice Admiral

Cal. #259 – Rear Adm. Ross A. Myers to be Vice Admiral

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #260 – Lt. Gen. Eric M. Smith to be Lieutenant General

AIR FORCE

Cal. #261 – Lt. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch, Jr. to be General

Cal. #262 – Col. David A. Harris, Jr. to be Brigadier General

NAVY

Cal. #263 – Adm. William F. Moran to be Admiral

Cal. #264 – Vice Adm. Robert P. Burke to be Admiral

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #265 – Lt. Gen. Herman S. Clardy, III to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #266 – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Peter B. Andrysiak, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Jonathan P. Braga
Brig. Gen. John W. Brennan, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Miguel A. Correa
Brig. Gen. Clement S. Coward, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Donahoe
Brig. Gen. Christopher T. Donahue
Brig. Gen. Scott L. Efflandt
Brig. Gen. Michael R. Fenzel
Brig. Gen. David J. Francis
Brig. Gen. Bradley T. Gericke
Brig. Gen. Neil S. Hersey
Brig. Gen. Lonnie G. Hibbard
Brig. Gen. Diana M. Holland
Brig. Gen. Omar J. Jones, IV
Brig. Gen. Stephen J. Maranian
Brig. Gen. Matthew W. McFarlane
Brig. Gen. Christopher O. Mohan
Brig. Gen. Laura A. Potter
Brig. Gen. Thomas A Pugh
Brig. Gen. Robert A. Rasch, Jr.
Brig. Gen. John B. Richardson, IV
Brig. Gen. Kenneth T. Royar
Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Smith
Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Todd, III
Brig. Gen. Kevin Vereen
Brig. Gen. Robert F. Whittle, Jr.
Brig. Gen. David Wilson

AIR FORCE

Cal. #267 – Col. Tracy D. Smith to be Brigadier General
Cal. #268 – Col. Frank W. Roy to be Brigadier General

ARMY

Cal. #269 – Maj. Gen. Leopoldo A. Quintas, Jr. to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #270 – Brig. Gen. Kenneth A. Nava to be Major General
Cal. #271 – The following to be Major General:
Brig. Gen. Francis J. Evon, Jr.
Brig. Gen. David J. Mikolaities
Cal. #272 – Brig. Gen. Mark J. Schindler to be Major General
Cal. #273 – The following to be Major General:
Brig. Gen. John F. Hussey
Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Juknelis
The following to be Brigadier General:
Col. Jan C. Norris
Col. Michael K. Pyle
Cal. #274 – The following to be Brigadier General:
Col. Nicole M. Balliet
Col. James A. Benson
Col. Brian D. Bobo
Col. Rodney C. Boyd

Col. Andre J. Chevalier
Col. Michael N. Cleveland
Col. Amy F. Cook
Col. Timothy D. Covington
Col. Ronald A. Cupples
Col. Jamie J. Dailey
Col. Ronnie B. Delfin
Col. Thomas C. Friloux
Col. Kevin A. Fujimoto
Col. Doyle Gillis, Jr.
Col. Charles D. Hausman
Col. Cindy H. Haygood
Col. Lynn M. Heng
Col. Larry L. Henry
Col. Scott W. Hiipakka
Col. Christine L. Hoffmann
Col. Bryan M. Howay
Col. Jack A. James
Col. Nick Johnson
Col. Robert J. Larkin
Col. John A. Leblanc
Col. David A. Lopina
Col. Corwin J. Lusk
Col. Roger D. Lyles
Col. Thomas H. Mancino
Col. Timothy S. Mclaughlin
Col. Alberto L. Miranda
Col. Jennifer R. Mitchell
Col. Jesse M. Morehouse
Col. Alan B. Naugher
Col. John T. Oakley
Col. Douglas A. Paul
Col. John A. Pelleriti
Col. John J. Perkins
Col. Dean A. Preston
Col. Stephen L. Rhoades
Col. Christopher S. Sandison
Col. Stephen E. Schemenauer
Col. Matthew D. Smith
Col. Wallace E. Steinbrecher
Col. Robin B. Stilwell
Col. Craig W. Strong
Col. Blair E. Tinkham
Col. Michael A. Tougher, III
Col. Michael E. Wegscheider
Col. Brian F. Wertzler
Col. Richard A. Wholey
Col. Richard D. Wilson
Col. John J. Wojcik
Col. James A. Zollar

Cal. #275 – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Bradley J. Cox
Col. Carl C. Danberg
Col. Daniel H. Dent
Col. Ralph R. Robovsky
Col. Adam C. Volant

Cal. #276 – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Andrew C. Diefenthaler
Col. James M. Jones

NAVY

Cal. #277 – Rear Adm. Sean S. Buck to be Vice Admiral

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #278 – Lt. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #279 – Lt. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreault to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #280 – Lt. Gen. George W. Smith, Jr to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #281 – Lt. Gen. Robert F. Hedelund to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #282 – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Rodney L. Faulk
Brig. Gen. Deborah L. Kotulich
Brig. Gen. Frederick R. Maiocco
Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Mosser
Brig. Gen. John H. Phillips
Brig. Gen. Joe D. Robinson
Brig. Gen. Alberto C. Rosende
Brig. Gen. Richard C. Staats, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Kevin C. Wulfhorst

The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Timothy E. Brennan
Col. Cary J. Cowan, Jr.
Col. Christopher J. Dziubek
Col. Jeffrey M. Farris
Col. Robert E. Guidry
Col. Michelle A. Link
Col. Laurence S. Linton
Col. Pamela L. McGaha
Col. Steven B. McLaughlin
Col. Joseph A. Papenfus
Col. Joseph A. Ricciardi
Col. Patricia R. Wallace
Col. David P. Warshaw
Col. Stuart E. Werner
Col. Wanda N. Williams

AIR FORCE

Cal. #283 – Maj. Gen. David S. Nahom, 5839 to be to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #284 – Lt. Gen. Marshall B. Webb to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #285 – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Jack M. Davis

Col. Paula C. Lodi

Col. Mark W. Thompson

Cal. #286 – Brig. Gen. Jeffery D. Broadwater to be Major General

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Monday, March 25, 2019
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 9:53:49 AM

Good morning! We're back. FYI on Senate schedule for the week.
Tonight's comeback vote is the Bade ninth circuit confirmation vote.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 9:29 AM
Subject: Monday, March 25, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 AT 09:29 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #20, Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Bade nomination.

Please note, the Leader has filed cloture on the following items, in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #20, Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
 2. Motion to proceed to Calendar #27, S.J.Res.8, The Green New Deal.
 3. Motion to proceed to Calendar #15, H.R.268, Disaster Supplemental Appropriations.
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Thursday, March 14:

Roll Call Votes:

Adoption of H.J.Res.46, the Emergency Declaration resolution of disapproval. Adopted (59-41)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.113 – National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day

S.Res.114 – National Rosie the Riveter Day

Executive Session:

COAST GUARD

Cal. #67 – Alexander C. Foos to be Captain.

FEDERAL MINE SAFETY HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Cal. #97 – William I. Althen, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2024.
(Reappointment)

Cal. #104 – Marco M. Rajkovich Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2024.

Cal. #106 – Arthur R. Traynor III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2022.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Cal. #91 – Rodney Hood, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2023.

Cal #96 – Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2021.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

Cal. #59 – Donald W. Washington, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Cal. # 63 – Janice Miriam Hellreich, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Cal. #64 – Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022.

Cal. #66 – Bruce M. Ramer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024. (Reappointment)

Please also note, the Senate convened for pro forma session only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Friday, March 15th at 11:00 am

Tuesday, March 19th at 9:30 am

Thursday, March 21st at 2:10 pm

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Monday, May 13, 2019
Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:42:07 AM

Morning! FYI on schedule for this week.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:38 AM
Subject: Monday, May 13, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 AT 09:38 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #25, Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Truncale nomination.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #25, Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.
2. Executive Calendar #202, Kenneth Kiyul Lee, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
3. Executive Calendar # 24, Wendy Vitter, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
4. Executive Calendar #221, Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

Last Thursday' Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #117, Michael H. Park, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Confirmed (52-41)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.199 – Judge Damon Jerome Keith

S.Res.200 – Official Senate Photo

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Monday, May 20, 2019
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 9:46:24 AM

Good morning! Hope you had a good weekend.
FYI on Senate schedule. We will also cue up a vote on disaster supplemental sometime this week.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 9:30 AM
Subject: Monday, May 20, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019 AT 09:30 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #201, Daniel P. Collins, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Collins nomination.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #201, Daniel P. Collins, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
 2. Executive Calendar #23, Howard C. Nielson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.
 3. Executive Calendar #35, Stephen R. Clark, Sr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.
 4. Executive Calendar #37, Carl J. Nichols, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.
 5. Executive Calendar #38, Kenneth D. Bell, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.
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Last Thursday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #24, Wendy Vitter, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Confirmed (52-45)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #221, Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management). Confirmed (92-5)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #230, Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney

General. Confirmed (52-45)

Executive Session:

Cal. #185 - Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Iraq.

Cal. #189 - Jane L. Corwin, of New York, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Cal. #192 - Robert C. Sisson, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Cal. #194 - Lance V. Yohe, of North Dakota, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

COAST GUARD:

Cal. #172 – The following to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half):

Capt. Brendan C. McPherson

Capt. Douglas M. Schofield

Capt. Andrew M. Sugimoto

Capt. Richard V. Timme

Capt. Todd C. Wiemers

Wrap Up:

Cal. #83, S.1208 – Protecting America's First Responders Act

H.R.2379 – Bulletproof Vests

S.744 – Effective Prosecution of Possession of Biological Toxins and Agents

Cal. #80, S.820 – Debbie Smith Act

Cal. #81, S.998 – Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis Act

S.1379 – Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019

Rule XIV:

H.R.312 – Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Roll Call Votes Scheduled
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019 6:49:50 PM

Last email from me for today. FYI on return votes.

From: Cloakroom <subscriptions_cloakroom@rep-secretary.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 6:41 PM
Subject: Roll Call Votes Scheduled

Vote Alert

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 AT 06:41 PM

Roll Call Votes Scheduled

At 5:30 pm, on Monday, June 3rd, the Senate will proceed up to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Cal.#78, S.1332, a bill to set forth the congressional budget (Paul).
 2. (If cloture is not invoked) Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #157, Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025.
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To: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: RPC Floorcast attached
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FYI

From: Laird, Carolyn (RPC) (b) (6) @rpc.senate.gov>
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Subject: RPC Floorcast attached

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RPC FLOORCAST

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THIS WEEK: Today the Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act. Majority Leader McConnell has entered two motions to reconsider failed cloture votes on the motion to proceed to S. 1; therefore, votes in relation to one of those motions could occur at any time.

In addition, Senator Schumer has announced his intention to move to proceed to S.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, as early as today. The motion to proceed would require a simple majority for adoption. If the motion to proceed is agreed to and the Senate considers the joint resolution, there is no time limit on debate and cloture would likely be filed to end debate.

Please note that the Senate Republican annual retreat is scheduled for Thursday, January 17.

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- Funding parts of the federal government that are currently closed;
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- Lands bills; and
- Legislation relating to no taxpayer funds for abortions.

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The Senate is expected to vote as early as Tuesday on a Sen. Schumer-sponsored resolution disapproving the Treasury Department's proposed termination of sanctions against three Russian companies: En+ Group plc, UC Rusal plc, and JSC EuroSibEnerg.

Text of the resolution can be found [here](#).

Summary:

Procedural Background

- Treasury [imposed](#) sanctions against the three companies on April 6, 2018, under the auspices of Executive Orders 13661 and 13662, as well as the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act of 2017 (CAATSA).
- Section 216 of CAATSA lays out procedures for congressional disapproval of sanctions relief within 30 days of Treasury's notification to Congress, which took place on December 19, 2018.
- In light of the ongoing partial federal government shutdown, Secretary of the Treasury Mnuchin has suggested he may wait beyond the January 18 deadline for congressional action, [saying](#) he "want[s] to make sure Congress has enough time to do this."

The Original Imposition of Sanctions

- On April 6, 2018, the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [imposed](#) sanctions against the three companies, as well as seven Russian oligarchs, nine other companies, and 17 senior Russian government officials.
- The three companies were included because they were considered to be under the control of Oleg Deripaska.
- Treasury [designated](#) Deripaska for sanctions because of his close contacts with the Russian government, alleged involvement in money laundering, alleged murder of a business rival, alleged bribery of government officials, links to Russian organized crime, and more.
- Rusal is the world's second-largest aluminum manufacturer, with subsidiaries around the world, including the U.S. En+ is its parent company.

The Proposed Removal of Sanctions

- In a December 19 [letter](#) to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, OFAC disclosed that it had reached a deal with the companies. Deripaska would relinquish his controlling stake, in exchange for which sanctions against the companies—but not against Deripaska—would be ended.
- Under the terms of the deal, Deripaska must reduce his ownership stake in En+, the corporate parent of the aluminum company Rusal, from 70 to 44.95 percent.
- Binding Treasury terms of release, reviewed by the Banking Committee, keep Deripaska on the sanctions list, subject to U.S. and international secondary sanctions, while imposing conditions reducing Deripaska's control and ownership over the companies, additionally subjecting them to broad, indefinite, transparency and monitoring requirements.
- The terms of the deal allow Deripaska to transfer a substantial portion of his En+ shares to VTB Bank, which is itself currently subject to U.S. sanctions. Its owner, Andrey Kostin, is a close associate of Russian President Vladimir Putin and was [placed](#) under U.S. sanctions at the same time as Deripaska. Voting rights of those shares will be held by an independent third party.
- Deripaska is also allowed to [donate](#) some small portion of shares to a charitable foundation he founded, though he will reportedly be leaving the foundation's board.
- OFAC stressed in its letter to Congress that it retains the right to reimpose sanctions and will require information and certifications of compliance with the terms of the deal.

Considerations:

- Treasury and many outside observers have [argued](#) the planned removal of sanctions on companies tied to Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska follows longstanding policy and isn't reflective of a quid pro quo between the Trump administration and leaders in Moscow. Further, our European allies from Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the European Union have welcomed the move to delist the companies.
- Democrats have [claimed](#) that Deripaska is unlikely to lose actual control of the companies because of the complexity and corruption of Russian oligarch-affiliated corporate dealings. They further note that court filings have alleged Paul Manafort [worked](#) extensively with Deripaska and may have [owed](#) him as much as \$10 million.

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To: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: RPC Floorcast attached
Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:09:50 AM
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Morning! FYI on Senate schedule this week.

From: Laird, Carolyn (RPC) (b) (6) @rpc.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:06 AM
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THIS WEEK: Today the Senate will convene at 3:00 p.m. and resume consideration of S. 1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act. All amendments to S. 1 must be filed by 4:00 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will conduct up to 3 votes on:

- 1) Adoption of Menendez second-degree amendment #96 (no authorization of declaration of war or AUMF) to McConnell amendment #65;
- 2) Adoption of McConnell amendment #65, as amended, if amended (expressing the Sense of the Senate with respect to Afghanistan and Syria); and
- 3) Cloture on S. 1, as amended, if amended.

Last Thursday, cloture was filed on the motion to proceed to S. 47, the Natural Lands Resources Management bill. The cloture vote on the motion to proceed will occur following disposition of S. 1, and the Senate is expected to spend the balance of the week considering S. 47.

A LOOK AHEAD: Items the Senate may consider during this work period include:

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- Funding the parts of the government that are currently under a Continuing Resolution through February 15; and
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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Thursday, January 24, 2019
Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:19:26 AM

Morning! And FYI.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:30 AM
Subject: Thursday, January 24, 2019

Whip Notice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019 AT 10:30 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 11:00 am. Following Leader remarks, the time until 12:30 pm will be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees.

At 12:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a procedural vote.

Further, at 2:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to up to two roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R.268, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Amendment #5
2. If cloture is not invoked on Amendment #5, the Senate will immediately proceed to the motion to invoke cloture on Amendment #6

Please note, further roll call votes are possible this week.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes.

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Thursday, May 9, 2019
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:02:45 AM

Morning!

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:00 AM
Subject: Thursday, May 9, 2019

Whip Notice

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019 AT 09:00 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 9:30 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #117, Michael H. Park, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, post-cloture.

At 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of the Park nomination.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #116, Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Confirmed (54-42)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #95, Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021. Confirmed (79-17)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #89, Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2023. Confirmed (72-22)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #94, Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021. Confirmed (77-19)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #100, Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022. Invoked (52-44)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #100, Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022. Confirmed (50-43)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #117, Michael H. Park, of New York, to be United

States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Invoked (51-43)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.196 – American Peanut Shellers

S.Res.197 – National Teacher Appreciation Week

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Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:53:26 AM

FYI

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:25 AM
Subject: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Whip Notice

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 AT 09:25 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act, post-cloture.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 pm until 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

At 3:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Passage of S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act, as amended.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S.47, Natural Resources Management Act (the Lands Package).

Please note, all time during recess, adjournment, Morning Business, and Leader remarks will count post-cloture on S.1.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Adoption of Menendez amendment #96, in relation to S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East. Adopted (By voice vote)

Adoption of McConnell amendment #65, as amended, in relation to S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East. Adopted (70-26)

Motion to invoke cloture on S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East, as amended. Invoked (72-24)

Wrap Up:

H.Con.Res.9 – Providing for State of the Union

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Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:35:28 PM

Hi! ICYMI, please see below on Tuesday's schedule. The following noms are additionally on the list for the balance of the week.

- **Eric E. Murphy** to be a United States **Circuit Judge** for the **Sixth Circuit**.
- **John Fleming** to be **Assistant Secretary of Commerce** for **Economic Development**

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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 AT 09:48 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #15, Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, post-cloture.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

At 4:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #15, Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #17, Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #15, Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. Invoked (52-43).

Wrap Up:

S.252 – Bob Dole

S.Res.92 – National Asbestos Awareness Week

Rule XIV:

H.R.1112 – Strengthen Background Checks Procedure

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TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019 AT 08:30 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #116, Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, post-cloture. All time during recess, adjournment, Morning Business, and Leader remarks will count post-cloture on the Bianco nomination.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

Please note, votes are expected in the afternoon. Offices will be notified as votes are scheduled.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #116, Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Invoked (51-40)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.162 – National Donate Life Month

S.Res.190 – National Minority Health Month

S.Res.191 – Small Business Week

Rule XIV

S.1332 – Senator Paul's Budget

H.R.9 – Climate Action Now

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Morning! FYI on Senate schedule.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018 AT 08:58 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 9:30 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S.J.Res.64, Congressional Review Act on Non-Profit Disclosure.

At 12:15 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on adoption of S.J.Res.64, Congressional Review Act on Non-Profit Disclosure.

Look Ahead:

Nominations, Appropriations, and NFIP Extension.

Tuesday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1046, Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. (Confirmed, 55-44)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1141, Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. (Confirmed, 51-50)

Adoption of the Conference Report to accompany H.R.2, the Farm Bill. (Adopted, 87-13)

UC Items:

Cal.#560, S.1092 – Interstate Transport Act of 2018 with Thune substitute amendment

Cal.#581, S.2961 – Victim of Child Abuse with Blunt amendment

Cal.#612, H.R.6964 – Juvenile Justice with Grassley substitute amendment

Cal.#695, S.3482 – Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization

Cal.#701, H.R.1872 – Tibet

H.R.5759 – 21st Century IDEA

H.R.3996 – Protecting Access to the Courts for Taxpayers

S.Res.154 – Motorcycle Profiling

S.Res.711 – Runaway Prevention Month

S.Res.719 – Wreaths Across America

S.Res.720 – Mercy Hospital

S.Res.721 – Chemistry Week

S.Res.722 – Day of the Deployed

S.Res.723 – ACEP

S.Res.565 – 40th Anniversary Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 AT 09:26 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S.J.Res.2, a joint resolution disapproving application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, with the time until 12:30 pm equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees.

At 12:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S.J.Res.2.

Please note, the Leader has filed cloture on S.J.Res.2.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to table the motion to proceed to S.J.Res.2, a joint resolution disapproving application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation. Not tabled (42-57)

Motion to proceed to S.J.Res.2, a joint resolution disapproving application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation. Agreed to (57-42)

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 AT 10:29 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 11:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S.1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

Please note, the Leader asked that it be in order to file cloture on amendments #5 and #6 in relation to H.R.268, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019, during Thursday's session of the Senate. These cloture petitions will ripen at 2:30 pm on Thursday, January 24th in the order filed.

Please also note, there will be a filing deadline for all first degree amendments at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, January 23rd.

The filing deadline for all second degree amendments will occur on Thursday, January 24th.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes.

Wrap Up:

H.R.430 – TANF Extension

At 2:30 pm on Thursday, January 24th, the Senate will proceed to up to two roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R.268, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Amendment #5
2. If cloture is not invoked on Amendment #5, the Senate will immediately proceed to the motion to invoke cloture on Amendment #6

Please note, a procedural vote is expected before lunch on Thursday.

Please also note, further roll call votes are possible following disposition of the cloture motions.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:14:25 AM

FYI on Senate action for today, below – 11:30 votes re: final action on water infrastructure and a rollcall vote on S.J. Res. 63, a resolution of disapproval relating to short-term insurance plans.

Also on Saturday, the cloture motion to end debate was filed on the following nominations, which will be considered this week:

- 1) Executive Calendar #640, Jeffery Bossert Clark, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General;
- 2) Executive Calendar #641, Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and
- 3) Executive Calendar #866, James N. Stewart, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 AT 09:23 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, Senator Schumer or his designee will be recognized to make a motion to proceed to S.J.Res.63, the Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance CRA, with the time until 11:30 am equally divided between the Leaders or their designees on S.J.Res.63 and S.3021, the American Water Infrastructure Act, concurrently.

At 11:30 am, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendments to accompany S.3021, Water Infrastructure (WRDA)
2. Adoption of S.J.Res.63, Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance CRA.

Please note, the Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

Look Ahead:

Nominations and Appropriations.

Tuesday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendments to accompany S.3021, the American Water Infrastructure Act. (Invoked, 96-3)

UC Items:

There were no UC items.

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Subject: FW Senate this week: Monday, June 24, 2019
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FYI – we also expect consideration of the Senate committee reported border supplemental bill this week. It was reported out on a bipartisan basis, 30-1.

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MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019 AT 09:33 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.1790, NDAA.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on motion to proceed to S.1790.

Last Thursday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Passage of S.J.Res.36, Arms Sales resolution of disapproval. Passed (53-45)

Passage of S.J.Res.38, Arms Sales resolution of disapproval. Passed (53-45)

Passage of Senate Joint Resolutions 27-35, 37, 39-48, en bloc. Passed (51-45)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #122, Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy). Confirmed (86-5)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.257 – American Eagle Day

S.Res.258 – Brain Tumor Awareness Day

S.Res.242 – World Elder Abuse Day

H.R.559 – Northern Mariana Islands

Executive Session:

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Executive Calendar #88, Seth Daniel Appleton, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Executive Calendar #90, Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, for a term of six years.

Executive Calendar #92, Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Executive Calendar #93, Bimal Patel, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Executive Calendar #334, Allison Herren Lee, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2022.

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Executive Calendar #195, Keith Krach, of California, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment).

Executive Calendar #196, Keith Krach, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Executive Calendar #197, Keith Krach, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years.

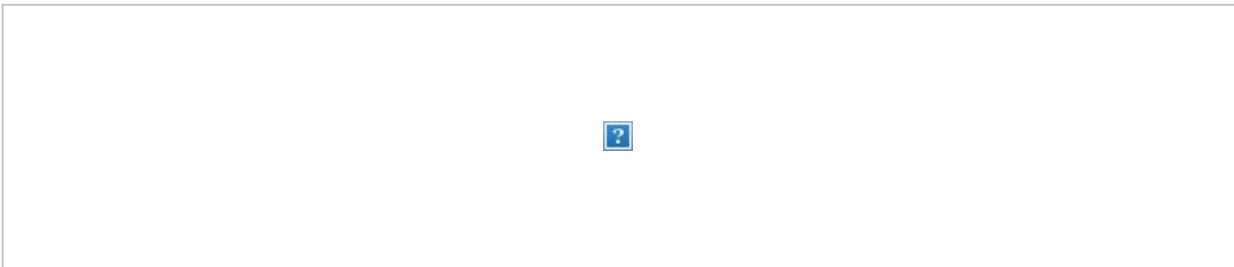
Executive Calendar #287, Jeffrey L. Eberhardt, of Wisconsin, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador.

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'An Ongoing Security And Humanitarian Crisis' At The Border

'I Don't Think We've Ever Seen Anything Near This': More Funding Is Critical For Agencies 'Overwhelmed' By Record Numbers Of Migrants, Families, And Children Crossing The Southern Border

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "[T]he headlines remain filled with the unacceptable, unsustainable security crisis and humanitarian crisis on our southern border. By now I'm confident that every member of Congress has heard the breathtaking numbers. We've all heard the chaos analyzed a thousand different ways. What we haven't seen is any appetite on the Democratic side for actually getting an outcome.... The officials whom we trust to protect our borders ... have been crying out for months that their agencies are stretched to the breaking point." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 6/05/2019](#))

ACTING SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY KEVIN McALEENAN: "[W]ith regard to border security and immigration enforcement as you are well aware we are in the midst of an ongoing security and humanitarian crisis in the Southwest border.... Given the scale of what we are facing we will exhaust our resources before the end of this fiscal year which is why the administration sent a supplemental funding request to the Congress ..." (U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Hearing, 5/23/2019)

- ACTING SECRETARY McALEENAN: "In addition to the \$3 billion in that request for Health and Human Services to care for unaccompanied children the request includes \$1.1 billion for the Department of Homeland Security and would provide a \$391 million for humanitarian assistance including temporary migrant processing facilities at the Southwest border, \$530 million for border operations to include our search personnel expenses and increase transportation and detention cost and \$178 million for operations and support cost including pay and retention incentives for our operational personnel ..." (U.S. Senate

- “Currently, 40% to 60% of Border Patrol manpower is dedicated to the care, feeding, processing and hospital watch of migrants, according to DHS officials. Border Patrol has also canceled training, increased overtime hours, brought agents back from ‘valuable task forces’ and shut down checkpoints.” ([“Apprehensions On The US-Mexico Border Highest Since 2009,” CNN, 5/08/2019](#))

Even The New York Times Editorial Board Recognizes There Is ‘A Crisis At The Southern Border’

THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD: “President Trump is right: There is a crisis at the southern border.... [A]s record numbers of Central American families flee violence and poverty in their homelands, they are overwhelming United States border systems, fueling a humanitarian crisis of overcrowding, disease and chaos.... Something needs to be done. Soon.” ([Editorial, “Congress, Give Trump His Border Money,” The New York Times, 5/05/2019](#))

- “Funding for vital services is not expected to last through the fiscal year, [acting OMB Director Russell] Vought said [in a letter to Congress]. Most urgently, the program that deals with unaccompanied minors is expected to run dry next month, requiring resources to be diverted from other programs and leading to a further deterioration in conditions.... Nearly three-quarters of the funds, \$3.3 billion, would be earmarked for humanitarian needs, with much of it flowing to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, the agency responsible for unaccompanied minors.” ([Editorial, “Congress, Give Trump His Border Money,” The New York Times, 5/05/2019](#))

‘Apprehensions On The US-Mexico Border Highest Since 2009’

“More people have been apprehended illegally crossing the US-Mexico border this fiscal year than in any year since 2009, according to Customs and Border Protection. Between October and April, the US Border Patrol apprehended 460,294 people for illegally crossing into the US from the southern border.... In 2009, agents made 540,865 apprehensions on the southern border for the full fiscal year. Every year since then, apprehensions have remained below the half-million mark.” ([“Apprehensions On The US-Mexico Border Highest Since 2009,” CNN, 5/08/2019](#))

- “The number of migrants apprehended at the Southern border surpassed 100,000 for the second consecutive month, according to new figures released by the Trump administration. U.S. Customs and Border Protection apprehended 109,144 migrants in April. That is more than 5,400 over the total in the month of March, and it is the highest monthly total since 2007. The chief of the Border Patrol, Carla Provost, told a Senate Judiciary panel that ‘our apprehension numbers are off the charts.’” ([“Migrants Apprehended At Southern Border Top 100,000 For Second Consecutive Month,” NPR, 5/08/2019](#))
- “Customs and Border Protection has also shifted ‘large portions’ of personnel and resources to the southern border, including 545 customs officers from ports of entry and 325 agents from other locations.” ([“Apprehensions On The US-Mexico Border Highest Since 2009,” CNN, 5/08/2019](#))

‘Border Agents Apprehend More Than 1,000 Migrants In Record Roundup’

“More than 1,000 migrants were apprehended after illegally crossing the border near El Paso, Texas, early Wednesday morning, according to two U.S. officials and a document obtained by NBC News. The group of 1,036 is the largest ever encountered by the Border Patrol; the previous record of 424 was set [in April 2019].” ([“Border Agents Apprehend More Than 1,000 Migrants In Record Roundup,” NBC News, 5/30/2019](#))

- “Customs and Border Protection has noticed a trend in the number of large groups crossing the border together. In fiscal year 2018, border agents encountered 13 groups of more than 100 immigrants. Now, they have seen that same number in a single day, according to Brian Hastings, the chief law enforcement

operations directorate for the U.S. Border Patrol." (["Border Agents Apprehend More Than 1,000 Migrants In Record Roundup," NBC News, 5/30/2019](#))

'The Number Of Asylum-Seeking Central American Families Crossing The Southern Border Broke Another Record'

"The number of asylum-seeking Central American families crossing the southern border broke another record in April, with Border Patrol agents apprehending 58,474 members of family units during the month, an all-time high, according to data released Wednesday. The flood of migrants has overwhelmed Border Patrol stations and other federal facilities, forcing immigration agents to release migrants directly into U.S. border communities with only the hope that they'll appear for their immigration court hearings, the head of the Border Patrol said during a congressional hearing on Wednesday." (["Southern Border Crossings By Asylum-Seeking Migrants Kept Rising In April, Set New Record," USA Today, 5/08/2019](#))

- "Nearly 169,000 youths have surrendered at the southern border in the first seven months of this fiscal year, and more than half are ages 12 and under, according to federal records and officials familiar with Customs and Border Protection statistics. Minors now account for nearly 37 percent of all crossings — far above previous eras, when most underage migrants were teenagers and accounted for 10 percent to 20 percent of all crossings. 'I don't think we've ever seen anything near this,' said John Sandweg, an acting director for Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the Obama administration." (["The Crush Of Children At Arizona's Border Shows A U.S. Immigration System On The Brink," The New York Times, 5/28/2019](#))

Shortages Of Money And Manpower Are Leading To 'Dangerous Overcrowding' Which 'Has Strained The Capabilities Of America's Immigration System'

"The surge of Central American migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexican border has led to 'dangerous overcrowding' and unsanitary conditions at Border Patrol stations around El Paso, Texas, according to a government watchdog report released Thursday." (["Dangerous Overcrowding: 900 Migrants Cram Into Border Patrol Center Designed For 125 People," USA Today, 5/31/2019](#))

- "Inspectors highlighted the El Paso Del Norte Processing Center, which was designed to hold 125 people but was crammed with 750 migrants on May 7 and 900 migrants the following day, according to the report from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General." (["Dangerous Overcrowding: 900 Migrants Cram Into Border Patrol Center Designed For 125 People," USA Today, 5/31/2019](#))
- "The report was yet another illustration of how a surge of Central American migrants arriving at the country's southwestern border in recent months, particularly as families, has strained the capabilities of America's immigration system ..." (["El Paso Immigration Center Is Dangerously Overcrowded, Inspector General Warns," The New York Times, 5/31/2019](#))

"Office of Refugee Resettlement Director Jonathan Hayes warned lawmakers at a Senate hearing ... of the ramifications if the program is not provided additional funding soon. 'Without additional funding, there is a significant likelihood that the UAC program will exhaust all of its resources in June, in which case HHS may need to reallocate more funds from refugees and victims of trafficking and torture, and scale back services,' Hayes said in his statement to the Judiciary Committee. 'In the worst-case scenario, thousands of children might remain for lengthy periods of time in DHS facilities that were never intended to be long-term shelters, rather than being expeditiously transferred to HHS custody, where they would receive case management and other services that address their unique needs,' he added." (["Apprehensions On The US-Mexico Border Highest Since 2009," CNN, 5/08/2019](#))

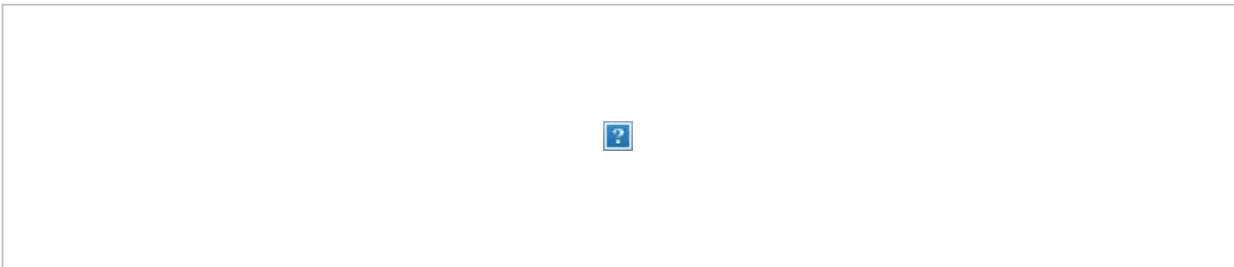
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'How Do You Pay For That?'

Even Democrats Admit 'We Could Never Afford' Single-Payer 'Medicare For All' Proposals And The Astronomical Price Tags Have Halted Similar Plans At The State Level

Democrats On Single-Payer 'Medicare For All' Proposals: 'How Do You Pay For That?' It 'Would Bankrupt Us'

HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI (D-CA): "... to convert to it? Thirty trillion dollars. Now, how do you pay for that?" (["Nancy Pelosi: The Rolling Stone Interview," Rolling Stone, 2/27/2019](#))

REP. CHERI BUSTOS (D-IL), DCCC CHAIR: "I think the \$33 trillion price tag for Medicare for all is a little scary." (["Dem Campaign Chief: Medicare For All Price Tag 'A Little Scary,'" The Hill, 3/06/2019](#))

FORMER NYC MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG: "I think we could never afford that. We are talking about trillions of dollars.... [T]o replace the entire private system where companies provide health care for their employees would bankrupt us for a very long time." (["Michael Bloomberg: Medicare-For-All 'Would Bankrupt Us For A Very Long Time,'" CNN, 1/29/2019](#))

"'Single payer. Okay. Pass it. I'll sign it. You pass it, I'll sign it,' [Gov. Andrew] Cuomo [D-NY] says.

But ... would he want to sign it?

'No, but no sane person will pass it,' he says.

So he's daring the legislature to pass it?

'Oh no. If they pass it, I'll sign it,' he says.

Even though he thinks it'll blow up the state budget?

'Yeah, well, you'd double everybody's taxes. You want to do that? Let's go,' he says." (["Andrew Cuomo's Case for 2020](#)

[—No, Really.” The Atlantic, 3/03/2019\)](#)

- **GOV. ANDREW CUOMO (D-NY):** “They can never pass it [single-payer health care].... Every union is against it. The hospitals are against it. The Civil Service Employees Association is against it. The 1199 health-care union is against it.” ([“Andrew Cuomo’s Case for 2020—No, Really.” The Atlantic, 3/03/2019\)](#))

Attempts To Implement Single-Payer Systems In States Were Abandoned As Democrat Leaders And Voters Realized They Were Unaffordable

In Bernie Sanders’ Vermont, The Democrat Governor Shuttered A Single-Payer Plan When He ‘Admitted What Critics Had Said All Along: He Couldn’t Pay For It’

“Vermont was supposed to be the beacon for a single-payer health care system in America. But now its plans are in ruins, and its onetime champion [Democrat] Gov. Peter Shumlin may have set back the cause.... Vermont under Shumlin became the most visible trailblazer. Until Wednesday, when the governor admitted what critics had said all along: He couldn’t pay for it.” ([“Why Single Payer Died In Vermont.” Politico, 12/20/2014\)](#))

“[R]eality hit last month. Governor Peter Shumlin released a financial report that showed the cost of the program would nearly double the size of the state’s budget in the first year alone and require large tax increases for residents and businesses. Shumlin, a Democrat and long-time single-payer advocate, said he would not seek funding for the law, effectively tabling the program called Green Mountain Care.” ([“Costs Derail Vermont’s Dream Of A Single-Payer Health Plan.” The Boston Globe, 1/25/2015\)](#))

- “The numbers were stunning. To implement single-payer, the analysis showed, it would cost \$4.3 billion in 2017, with Vermont taxpayers picking up \$2.6 billion and the federal government covering the rest. To put the figures into perspective, Vermont’s entire fiscal 2015 budget, including both state and federal funds, is about \$4.9 billion.” ([“Costs Derail Vermont’s Dream Of A Single-Payer Health Plan.” The Boston Globe, 1/25/2015\)](#))
- “Shumlin’s office estimated the state would need to impose new personal income taxes of up to 9.5 percent, on top of current rates that range from 3.55 to 8.95 percent. Businesses would be hit with an 11.5 percent payroll tax, on top of 7.65 percent payroll taxes employer pay for Social Security and Medicare.” ([“Costs Derail Vermont’s Dream Of A Single-Payer Health Plan.” The Boston Globe, 1/25/2015\)](#))
- “And even those tax increases might not have been enough. The governor’s office estimated the Green Mountain Care program would run deficits of \$82 million by 2020 and \$146 million in 2021. Shumlin said he feared the tax increases would harm businesses and the economy.” ([“Costs Derail Vermont’s Dream Of A Single-Payer Health Plan.” The Boston Globe, 1/25/2015\)](#))

California’s Democrat Assembly Speaker Scuttled A Single-Payer Bill Because ‘The Price Tag On Universal Health Care Is In, And It’s Bigger Than California’s Budget’

“The price tag is in: It would cost \$400 billion to remake California’s health insurance marketplace and create a publicly funded universal health care system, according to a state financial analysis released Monday. California would have to find an additional \$200 billion per year, including in new tax revenues, to create a so-called ‘single-payer’ system, the analysis by the Senate Appropriations Committee found.” ([“The Price Tag On Universal Health Care Is In, And It’s Bigger Than California’s Budget.” The Sacramento Bee, 5/22/2017\)](#))

- “Steep projected costs have derailed efforts over the past two decades to establish such a health care system in California. The cost is higher than the \$180 billion in proposed general fund and special fund spending for the budget year beginning July 1.” ([“The Price Tag On Universal Health Care Is In. And It’s Bigger Than California’s Budget.” The Sacramento Bee, 5/22/2017](#))
- “The analysis proposes one scenario in which a new payroll tax on employers — with a rate of 15% of earned income — could supply the new revenue.” ([“Single-Payer Healthcare Could Cost \\$400 Billion To Implement In California.” Los Angeles Times, 5/22/2017](#))

“The prospects of a government-run health care system in California dimmed Friday when the leader of the state Assembly announced he doesn’t plan to take up the single-payer bill this year. Speaker Anthony Rendon called the bill ‘woefully incomplete.’ ... The bill ... lays out a plan for a government-run health system in California, but it doesn’t include a way to pay for it. Rendon said the bill also doesn’t adequately address delivery of care and cost.” ([“California Assembly Leader Shelves Single-Payer Health Plan.” The Associated Press, 6/23/2017](#))

FORMER GOV. JERRY BROWN (D-CA): ‘Where Do You Get The Extra Money? ... I Don’t Even Get ... How Do You Do That?’

“[Gov. Jerry] Brown [D-CA], who pledged to leave the state on firm financial footing, said earlier this year that he doesn’t understand the logic behind pushing another system like single-payer while Obamacare is imperiled. ‘Where do you get the extra money?’ he asked. ‘This is the whole question. I don’t even get ... how do you do that?’ This is called “the unknown by means of the more unknown.” In other words, you take a problem, and say “I am going to solve it by something that’s ... a bigger problem,” which makes no sense.” ([“Why Universal Health Care Died In California.” The Sacramento Bee, 6/27/2017](#))

Colorado Voters ‘Resoundingly’ Rejected A Single-Payer Plan That Would Have Required \$25 Billion In Tax Hikes

“Colorado voters rejected a ballot measure that would have created a first-in-the-nation single-payer health insurance system, a significant setback for progressive proponents of universal health care. Tuesday’s defeat of Amendment 69 was decisive, as predicted.” ([“Single-Payer Health Care Dream Dies In Colorado.” The Huffington Post, 11/08/2016](#))

- “Colorado’s Amendment 69 would have largely replaced the existing private or employer-provided health coverage in the state with a single-payer model ... But voters rejected it resoundingly, with 80 percent voting against it.... It would have been funded by a 10 percent payroll tax that would garner an estimated \$25 billion, but independent analysis suggested that amount wouldn’t be enough to cover operating expenses. The program was projected to have a \$38 billion budget in its first year, overshadowing the state’s by 40 percent.” ([“Ballot Initiatives: Voters Reject Calif. Drug Pricing Measure: Colo. Single-Payer System.” Kaiser Health News, 11/09/2016](#))
- “Amendment 69 called for \$25 billion in payroll taxes to fund the new system, drawing from businesses and households. The nonpartisan Colorado Health Institute estimated that ColoradoCare’s costs would exceed the payroll tax revenue and create an \$8 billion deficit.” ([“Single-Payer Health Care Dream Dies In Colorado.” The Huffington Post, 11/08/2016](#))

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'Medicare for None'

Washington Democrats want the American people to fork over a record-breaking percentage of our gross domestic product in taxes for the privilege of having their health plans ripped away from them, even if they're happy with what they have. And the middle class is going to pay for it. All this, and I haven't even begun to explain how this takeover would cut Americans' access to care and degrade the quality of care. We've all heard horror stories from abroad about bureaucrats making decisions instead of citizens, and long waits for treatments.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding a bill from House Democrats that would force all Americans into a government-run healthcare system:

"All week I've been spotlighting our Democratic colleagues' hard left turn toward socialism. Their fixation on gaining more government control over more of Americans' lives. With the *Democrat Politician Protection Act*, Washington Democrats want to control more of what Americans can say about them and how they get elected. With the so-called 'Green New Deal,' Washington Democrats want our government to spend more money than the entire GDP of the entire world on new spending programs to forcibly remodel Americans' homes, take away our cars, dramatically increase energy costs, and disarm our economy while China roars ahead.

"You might think that right there is plenty of left-wing social engineering. But Democrats aren't stopping there. They're coming after Americans' healthcare, and their private insurance plans, too. Earlier this week House Democrats introduced a bill that would take away every private insurance option that American families rely on and force everyone into a single government-run system. Employer-sponsored coverage wouldn't just be discouraged -- it would be illegal!

"They want to call this legislation '*Medicare for all*.' It's really more like '*Medicare for none*.' It completely explodes the Medicare system as it currently exists. The program that our seniors have paid into for decades and now rely on – Democrats want that gone. Remember, by the time Americans turn 65, most have paid tens and tens of thousands of dollars into the current system through Medicare taxes. According to one estimate, Americans with average earnings who reached retirement age back in 2015 will have paid a present value of more than \$70,000 into Medicare over the years.

“American seniors have counted on Medicare. They’ve planned around it. They’ve paid into it with every paycheck. But now, House Democrats have decided it’s time to change the rules on them in the middle of the game. They want to tear down Medicare until the only thing left is the name, and slap that name on a completely different system that a few House Democrats invented, and that Democratic Socialists of America is ‘proud to endorse.’ Then Democrats propose to take that new government system and pile every single American into it. One size fits all -- long waits for treatment, higher costs, and an end to Medicare as we know it. No choice, no options, and no alternatives allowed.

“More than 170 million Americans currently get health insurance through their employers. Surveys show that a majority are actually fairly happy with their own specific plans. Too bad – Democrats want those families thrown off those plans. Within two years, their proposal would make private health insurance as Americans know it illegal across the board. It would be unlawful for employers to offer health benefits to their employees, and their families.

“It’s right there in the bill. Quote -- *‘It shall be unlawful for a private health insurer to sell health insurance coverage... [or] an employer to provide benefits... that duplicate the benefits provided under this Act’ by the government.* We all remember Obamacare’s famous broken promise: *‘If you like your health care plan, you can keep it. If you like the doctor you have, you can keep your doctor too.’* That was the pledge before the Democrats’ policy was actually implemented. Not long after, the fact-checkers named that promise their ‘Lie of the Year.’

“Well, this time around, my Democratic friends are not even bothering to pretend that families’ lives wouldn’t be disrupted. A reporter asked one of our Senate colleagues who is running for president – quote – *‘So for people out there who like their insurance, they don’t get to keep it?’* Her response: *‘Let’s eliminate all of that.’* All the plans that American families like and rely on, made illegal by this bill. Not just unaffordable, not just inconvenient -- illegal. All to clear space for a new government takeover.

“And how much is this massive takeover going to cost? Well, under even conservative estimates, this proposal would cost more than \$32 trillion over its first ten years. Thirty-two trillion dollars. More than the federal government spent on everything over the past eight years combined. Where’s that money coming from? I think we all know the answer to that: Massive tax hikes on the American people, cuts to services, rationing of healthcare, broken promises and debt. Here’s what one economist found in the numbers. Quote: *‘The Federal Reserve’s data only go back to 1929, but it’s unlikely that the government ever collected more than 20 percent of GDP in taxes. To fully fund Medicare-for-all, that figure would have to rise to more than 30 percent of GDP.’*

“Now, I’m sure we’ll hear the class-warfare rhetoric about soaking the rich and making a small group of Americans pay for all of this. But it won’t be true. The bill for this \$32 trillion takeover would land squarely on middle-class families. There’s no way around it. Even if the IRS confiscated every dollar of Americans’ adjusted gross incomes over one million dollars — if the IRS took every single cent over \$1 million — it would not even pay for half of this proposal. Class warfare might be a favorite tactic across the aisle. But numbers are stubborn things. Math is math. The costs would have to fall on the middle class. They’d fall on everyone, one way or another. That economist said it this way: *‘The simple fact is that financing Medicare-for-all would require a dramatic shift in the federal tax structure and a substantial tax increase for almost all Americans.’*

“So let’s sum up. Washington Democrats want the American people to fork over a record-breaking percentage of our gross domestic product in taxes for the privilege of having their health plans ripped away from them, even if they’re happy with what they have. And the middle class is going to pay for it. All this, and I haven’t even begun to explain how this takeover would cut Americans’ access to care and degrade the quality of care. We’ve all heard horror stories from abroad about bureaucrats making decisions instead of citizens, and long waits for treatments.

“Last year in Canada, the median wait time for medically necessary treatment from a specialist was

21 weeks -- more than double what it was just 25 years ago. And in the United Kingdom, it's not just long waits patients have to contend with -- it's flat-out denials of care. In the first quarter of last year alone, Britain's National Health Service abruptly cancelled 25,000 surgeries. Imagine that -- being fully reliant on the government for healthcare, planning on a medically-necessary procedure, and being told at the last minute the whole thing was called off. Needless to say, if some Democrats had their way, you wouldn't have to imagine much longer.

"Before I conclude, I want to highlight one more thing. I suppose no far-left wish list like this would have been complete without radical policies on the issue of abortion -- without trying to hurt pro-life Americans. Sure enough: This legislation would shatter the long-standing consensus that federal dollars should not pay for abortions and force taxpayers to fund abortions nationwide.

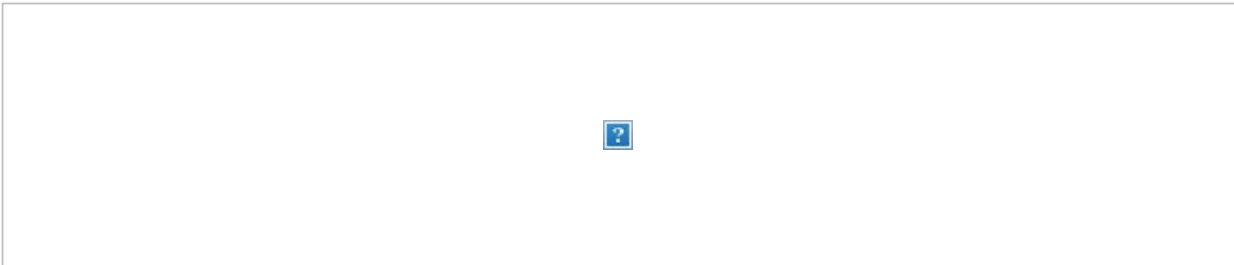
"Talk about a perfect case study in the perils of a federal takeover. Talk about a perfect example of why Washington Democrats should not get the power to twist American health care to suit their own radical views. Thirty-two trillion dollars. Every family kicked off its insurance plans. No choice and no options for the middle class -- just a huge bill. The Democrats are so confident the American people will love their new government plans that they feel the need to make other kinds of insurance illegal. And Democratic presidential candidates are rushing headlong to embrace all this. If this is one of their best and brightest new ideas, I'd sure hate to see the bad ones."

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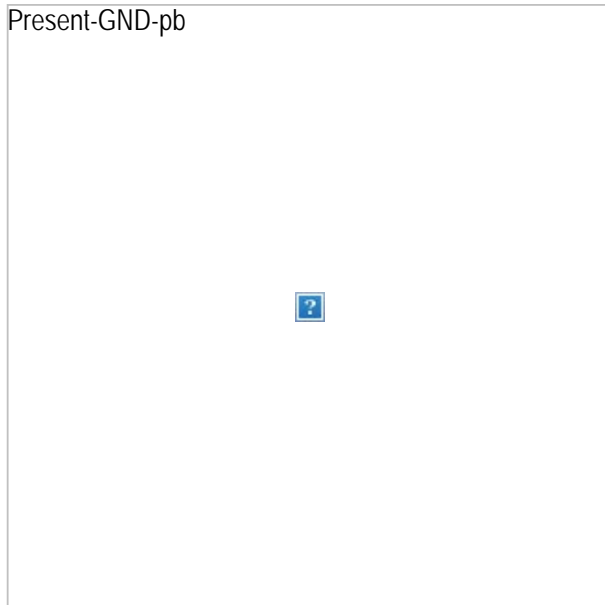
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In Spite Of Democrats' Rhetoric On The 'Existential Threat' Of Climate Change, Not A Single Democrat Senator Voted In Favor Of The Green New Deal



"The Senate on Tuesday failed to advance the Green New Deal, the ambitious plan to combat climate change proposed by Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez ... The measure, which needed 60 votes to clear a procedural hurdle, failed in a 0-57 vote, with 43 Democrats voting present." ([NBC News, 3/26/2019](#))

- “[T]he procedural motion simply to take up the Green New Deal failed to get a single vote. Democrats, including those who were sponsors of the resolution ... overwhelmingly voted ‘present’ on the motion, and it failed, 0 to 57.” ([“Senate Blocks Green New Deal but Expends Plenty of Carbon Talking About It.” The New York Times, 3/26/2019](#))

Thirteen Democrat senators sponsored or cosponsored the Green New Deal, yet all of them voted ‘present’ on their own resolution. ([S. Res. 59, 116th Congress](#))

- “All six presidential candidates in the Senate — Cory Booker of New Jersey, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Kamala Harris of California, Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts — had been sponsors of the Green New Deal.” ([“Senate Blocks Green New Deal but Expends Plenty of Carbon Talking About It.” The New York Times, 3/26/2019](#))
- “Senate Democrats including Gillibrand and Markey appeared at a Green New Deal rally with environmentalists outside the Capitol before the Senate vote ...” ([Bloomberg News, 3/26/2019](#))

Democrats: ‘We Cannot Be A People Who Destroy The Earth,’ ‘This Is An Emergency Situation For The Planet,’ ‘The Globe Will Be Gone,’ ‘This Massive, Immediate Threat To Our People And Our Planet,’ ‘Resentment And Revolution,’ ‘The Most Important Moment In Human History,’ ‘How Can We Put A Pricetag On The Toll Of This Destruction?’

SEN. CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): “I feel the urgency of climate. If the temperature goes up three degrees Fahrenheit, the globe will be gone in a relatively short period of time.” ([“Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer On The Filibuster, 2020, And Medicare-For-All.” Vox, 3/21/2019](#))

- **SCHUMER:** “[C]limate change is the No. 1 threat to our planet ...” ([Sen. Schumer, Congressional Record, S. 1342, 2/14/2019](#))
- **SCHUMER:** “... climate change is not only a major national challenge but an existential threat to our planet and to our future.” ([Sen. Schumer, Congressional Record, S.1449, 2/26/2019](#))
- **Schumer voted ‘Present’.** ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Schumer voted Present](#))

SEN. DICK DURBIN (D-IL): “I believe climate change is one of the gravest threats mankind faces, period.” ([Sen. Durbin, @SenatorDurbin, Twitter, 3/12/2019](#))

- **Durbin voted ‘Present’.** ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Durbin voted Present](#))

SEN. PATTY MURRAY (D-WA): “Democrats are all on the same page.... We believe climate change is one of our planet’s most urgent crises, and we all believe now is the time we have to take action before our planet suffers even more irreparable harm.” (Sen. Murray, Floor Remarks, 3/26/2019)

- **Murray voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Murray voted Present](#))

SEN. CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO (D-NV): "Climate change is ... happening not only in our communities, but it's harming our country. It's impacting our economy and it's threatening the future of our kids.... My Democratic colleagues and I take the threat of climate change seriously." (Sen. Cortez Masto, Floor Remarks, 3/26/2019)

- **Cortez Masto voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Cortez Masto voted Present](#))

THE VIEW'S SUNNY HOSTIN: "Does the Green New Deal go too far?"

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT): "No. You cannot go too far on the issue of climate change. The future of the planet is at stake, ok." (["Sanders Says Green New Deal Doesn't Go Too Far: You Can't Go 'Too Far' on Climate Change." Mediaite, 3/01/2019](#))

- **Sanders voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Sanders voted Present](#))

SEN. KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND (D-NY): "Global climate change, severe weather is the greatest threat to humanity we have." ([Fox News' "Special Report," 2/25/2019](#))

- **Gillibrand voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Gillibrand voted Present](#))

SEN. KAMALA HARRIS (D-CA): "Here's the truth: climate change ... is an existential threat to our country, our planet, and our future." ([Kamala Harris, "Green New Deal," Medium, 2/07/2019](#))

- **Harris voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Harris voted Present](#))

SEN. ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MA): "We cannot be a people who destroy the Earth before our children have a chance to live their lives and our grandchildren have a chance to live their lives. So I'm in all the way [for the Green New Deal.]" ([Sen. Warren, @ewarren, Twitter, 2/22/2019](#))

- **Warren voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Warren voted Present](#))

SEN. CORY BOOKER (D-NJ): "The hard truth is climate change has imperiled our planet—it's going to take bold action now to save it ..." ([Sen. Booker, @CoryBooker, Twitter, 2/08/2019](#))

- **Booker voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Booker voted](#))

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SEN. AMY KLOBUCHAR (D-MN): “[T]he Green New Deal is so important right now for our country.... Anyone that watched that video of that dad driving his child through the lapping wildfires in Northern California will know that this isn’t just something that’s theoretical that’s happening in the future. It’s happening right now....”

CNN’S DON LEMON: “So it’s urgent to you, right?”

KLOBUCHAR: “It is an urgent cause.” (CNN Town Hall, Manchester, NH, 2/18/2019)

- **Klobuchar voted ‘Present’**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Klobuchar voted Present](#))

SEN. ED MARKEY (D-MA): “This is an emergency situation for the planet.... Superstorms, wildfires, rising seas, and other extreme weather events are the impacts of climate change if we do not act boldly to stop it. It isn’t just dangerous; it is an existential threat to our planet...” ([Sen. Markey, Congressional Record, S.1561, 2/28/2019](#))

- MARKEY: “The Republicans may think the Green New Deal is just a resolution, but it is more than that. It is a revolution, and it cannot and will not be stopped.” ([Sen. Markey, Congressional Record, S.1561, 2/28/2019](#))
- **Markey voted ‘Present’**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Markey voted Present](#))

SEN. JEFF MERKLEY (D-OR): “[I]t is now another time for a new deal for the American people to take on this massive, immediate threat to our people and our planet--a threat we cannot delay responding to. This time, it must be a Green New Deal ...” ([Sen. Merkley, Congressional Record, S.880, 2/06/2019](#))

- MERKLEY: “We are here at a unique moment in human history when the planet is threatened.... So any Member of this Chamber who is not coming forward to help figure out how to address that is guilty of vast malpractice, legislative malpractice, and moral malpractice and incompetence because that is what a legislature is about.” ([Sen. Merkley, Congressional Record, S.1561, 2/28/2019](#))
- “Merkley chants with protestors ‘What do we want? A Green New Deal, when do we want it? Now’” ([The Hill’s Miranda Green, @mirandacgreen, Twitter, 3/26/2019](#))
- **Merkley voted ‘Present’**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Merkley voted Present](#))

SEN. BRIAN SCHATZ (D-HI): “This is a planetary emergency--the most important moment in human history as it relates to the planet Earth ...” ([Sen. Schatz, Congressional Record, S.1562, 2/28/2019](#))

- **Schatz voted ‘Present’**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Schatz voted Present](#))

SEN. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE (D-RI): "The new 116th Congress brings new hope for the Senate to face up to the clear and present danger of climate change.... Damage from climate change is already occurring. Economies are now at risk, and we are almost out of time to prevent the worst consequences." ([Sen. Whitehouse, Congressional Record, S.130, 1/10/2019](#))

- WHITEHOUSE: "It may be hard for us in our world of air-conditioning, SUVs, and imported fresh fish to contemplate resentment and revolution, but the harms to the oceans of 9 zettajoules of heat ... those harms are on a collision course with our destiny as a city on a hill." ([Sen. Whitehouse, Congressional Record, S.1944, 3/25/2019](#))
- **Whitehouse voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Whitehouse voted Present](#))

SEN. TOM CARPER (D-DE): "Add it all up, and climate change could slash up to 10 percent of our gross domestic product, GDP, by 2100.... However, all of these costs are woefully underestimated. How can we put a pricetag on the toll of this destruction? ... The circumstances I have laid out are dire because that is the crisis we face ..." ([Sen. Carper, Congressional Record, S.1930-31, 3/25/2019](#))

- **Carper voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Carper voted Present](#))

SEN. MAZIE HIRONO (D-HI): "It is dangerous for a State like Hawaii that would be the hardest hit by the impact of climate change. With extreme weather, ocean acidification, coral bleaching, and rising seas, climate change poses an existential threat to our State.... It is one of the reasons I have signed on as a cosponsor of the Green New Deal ..." ([Sen. Hirono, Congressional Record, S.1549, 2/27/2019](#))

- **Hirono voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Hirono voted Present](#))

SEN. JEANNE SHAHEEN (D-NH): "New Hampshire's--in fact, all of New England's fall foliage is at risk.... We are going to see moose totally disappearing from the Northeast--in fact, from all of the northern part of the United States, if we don't take action.... So climate change ... is probably the greatest environmental challenge the world has ever faced ..." ([Sen. Shaheen, Congressional Record, S.7174-75, 11/28/2018](#))

- **Shaheen voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Shaheen voted Present](#))

SEN. GARY PETERS (D-MI): "It is an undeniable fact that climate change ... is a threat to Michigan, our Great Lakes, our country, and our planet. Climate change poses a threat not only to the lands and waters that we all depend on but also to our health, our economy, and even our national security." ([Sen. Peters, Congressional Record, S.1928, 3/25/2019](#))

- **Peters voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Peters voted Present](#))

SEN. TINA SMITH (D-MN): "I rise today to discuss the urgency of addressing climate change ... The report makes an urgent case for action by detailing the extreme threat posed to our nation and to our world by climate change." ([Sen. Smith, Press Release, 12/06/2018](#))

- **Smith voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Smith voted Present](#))

SEN. TOM UDALL (D-NM): "... unless we take immediate action, we will lose our planet as we know it." ([Sen. Udall, Congressional Record, S.1533, 2/27/2019](#))

- **Udall voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Udall voted Present](#))

SEN. DEBBIE STABENOW (D-MI): "[T]his is a time for bold, decisive action. We need to act today because life on our planet depends on it. The fate of our Nation depends on it." ([Sen. Stabenow, Congressional Record, S. 1507, 2/27/2019](#))

- **Stabenow voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Stabenow voted Present](#))

SEN. MARTIN HEINRICH (D-NM): "... climate change will continue to wreak havoc upon communities across the Nation and around the world.... These facts present us with the greatest and most existential global challenge humanity has literally ever faced." ([Sen. Heinrich, Congressional Record, S.1560, 2/28/2019](#))

- **Heinrich voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Heinrich voted Present](#))

SEN. RICHARD BLUMENTHAL (D-CT): "Climate change is an existential crisis." ([Sen. Hirono, Press Release, 2/08/2019](#))

- **Blumenthal voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Blumenthal voted Present](#))

SEN. RON WYDEN (D-OR): "The climate crisis cannot be ignored. It's here, it's happening, and its impacts are already devastating communities." ([Sen. Hirono, Press Release, 2/08/2019](#))

- **Wyden voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Wyden voted Present](#))

SEN. MAGGIE HASSAN (D-NH): "Climate change and sea level rise are not threats to some distant time in the future; these threats--this damage--are here. These threats are taking their toll now." ([Sen. Hassan, Congressional Record, S.735, 1/29/2019](#))

- **Hassan voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Hassan voted Present](#))

SEN. BOB CASEY (D-PA): "Climate change is a threat to the health and well-being of our children and future generations." ([Sen. Casey, Congressional Record, S.1528, 2/27/2019](#))

- **Casey voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Casey voted Present](#))

SEN. CHRIS COONS (D-DE): "[Climate change] is a challenge that we can't afford to ignore any longer because the health of our families, our economy, our environment, and even our national security, quite literally, depend on our ability to address it and address it promptly." ([Sen. Coons, Congressional Record, S.1577, 2/28/2019](#))

- **Coons voted 'Present'**. ([S.J. Res. 8, Roll Call Vote #52: Motion rejected 0-57: R 0-53: D 0-3: I 0-1, 3/26/2019, Coons voted Present](#))

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'This Pointless Democrat Obstruction Needs to Change'

"We'll also vote this afternoon on the nomination of William Beach, who has been waiting for over a year to take his post as commissioner of Labor Statistics. Our colleagues on the H.E.L.P. committee recommended Mr. Beach here to the floor in December of 2017. A full year later, with no progress, he was returned to the White House. Now he is finally getting a floor vote. This pointless obstruction needs to change. But I am glad that we can at least confirm Mr. Beach this week."

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees:

"Yesterday, the Senate confirmed a well-qualified jurist, chosen by President Trump to serve on the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. Paul Matey of New Jersey will bring a wealth of experience to the bench, and I was proud to support his nomination. We also voted to advance the nomination of Neomi Rao to the D.C. Circuit. This nominee is yet another of the president's excellent choices to serve as a federal judge.

"Ms. Rao graduated with honors from Yale University and the University of Chicago School of Law. Her record includes a distinguished tenure in academia, public and private sector legal experience, and a clerkship on the U.S. Supreme Court. Most importantly, in testimony before our colleagues on the Judiciary Committee, she demonstrated a commitment to maintaining the public trust, and upholding the rule of law. So the committee favorably reported Ms. Rao's nomination, and soon, the Senate will have the opportunity to continue fulfilling our advice and consent responsibilities by voting to confirm her to the federal bench.

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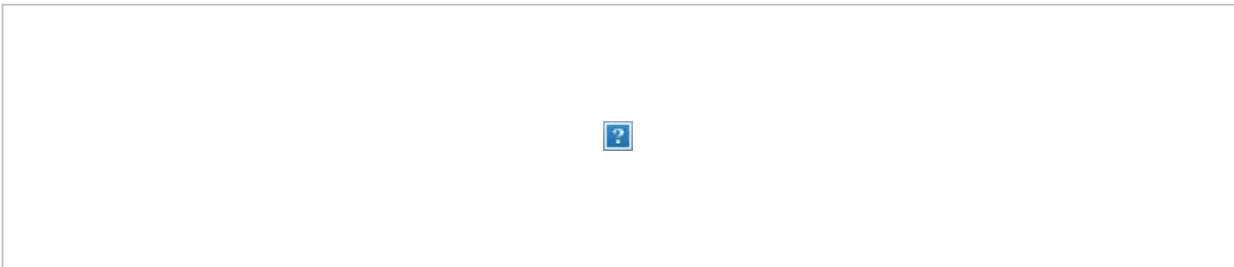
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'We Are In A Full-Blown Emergency'

Staggering Numbers Of Migrants And Families Are Flooding The Southern Border, Straining Law Enforcement And Humanitarian Resources To The Breaking Point

THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD: "Last week ... United States Customs and Border Protection released its monthly migration statistics. They tell an alarming story. In May, 144,278 migrants were taken into custody. It was the third consecutive month in which apprehensions topped 100,000 and the highest one-month total in 13 years. Unequipped to deal with the crush, border facilities and migrant shelters are dangerously overcrowded, and the staff is overburdened." ([Editorial. "When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?." The New York Times. 6/09/2019](#))

'Border Apprehensions Are Up More Than 1,000 Percent Since April 2017'

ACTING CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL COMMISSIONER JOHN SANDERS: "We are in a full-blown emergency, and I cannot say this stronger: The system is broken." (["Record Number Of Undocumented Immigrants Flooded The Southern Border In May." NBC News. 6/05/2019](#))

"Border Patrol officers encountered more than 144,000 undocumented immigrants at the southwest border in May, the largest monthly total in 13 years, officials said Wednesday. More than 132,000 were stopped while crossing the border illegally; the rest presented themselves at legal ports of entry, Customs and Border Protection officials said." (["Record Number Of Undocumented Immigrants Flooded The Southern Border In May." NBC News. 6/05/2019](#))

- "May marked the third month in a row that more than 100,000 immigrants were taken into custody at the border amid a surge of migrants ..." (["Record Number Of Undocumented Immigrants Flooded The Southern Border In May."](#))

NBC News, 6/05/2019)

- “Sanders said his agency has detained more than 680,000 border-crossers in the past eight months, noting that the total is ‘more than the population of Miami.’” ([“Arrests Along Mexico Border Surged Again In May, Blowing Past ‘Breaking Point.’” The Washington Post, 6/05/2019](#))
- “Of the 132,000 who were caught entering the country illegally, more than 84,000 were traveling as a family unit, 36,000 were single adults and 11,000 were unaccompanied children.” ([“Record Number Of Undocumented Immigrants Flooded The Southern Border In May.” NBC News, 6/05/2019](#))

“So far this fiscal year, 610,000 immigrants have been apprehended by CBP for illegally crossing between ports of entry. If the current numbers continue, they could surpass 2006 levels, said one official.” ([“Record Number Of Undocumented Immigrants Flooded The Southern Border In May.” NBC News, 6/05/2019](#))

“Border apprehensions are up more than 1,000 percent since April 2017 ... Data released by the government on Wednesday reinforces the scale of the increase in migrants seeking entry into the United States. In May nearly 133,000 migrants were apprehended at the border with Mexico ... That’s the highest number since July 2006.... In April 2017, there were fewer than 12,000 apprehensions — meaning that the total has grown by a factor of 10 in the two years since.” ([“Border Apprehensions Are Up More Than 1,000 Percent Since April 2017.” The Washington Post, 6/06/2019](#))

- “Since March 2018, the year-over-year increase [in migration] hasn’t been less than 75 percent — and eight times has topped 100 percent.... The increase from January to May of this year, though, is higher than at any point in the past 19 years.” ([“Border Apprehensions Are Up More Than 1,000 Percent Since April 2017.” The Washington Post, 6/06/2019](#))

‘[A]n Unprecedented Share Are Central American Families And Children’

“[A]n unprecedented share are Central American families and children who cannot be easily sent back. According to Homeland Security figures, 98 percent of the families who were taken into custody along the border in 2017 remain present in the United States. Children who arrive with or without a parent accounted for nearly 40 percent of CBP apprehensions in May, the latest figures show.” ([“Arrests Along Mexico Border Surged Again In May, Blowing Past ‘Breaking Point.’” The Washington Post, 6/05/2019](#))

- “There were 58,474 families apprehended [in May], according to CBP. In March, the agency said that there was an increase of nearly 106 percent over the same period last year.” ([“Border Arrests Skyrocket In May, As Officials Declare ‘Full-Blown Emergency.’” Fox News, 6/05/2019](#))

“Since April 2017, there has been a 7,400 percent increase in the number of family members apprehended at the border. More members of family units have been apprehended so far this fiscal year (beginning in October 2018) than migrants apprehended in total in fiscal year 2017.” ([“Border Apprehensions Are Up More Than 1,000 Percent Since April 2017.” The Washington Post, 6/06/2019, Emphasis in original](#))

“So far this fiscal year ... nearly two-thirds of those apprehended at the border have been children or members of families with children — about 389,000 in total. In 2014, the Obama administration struggled with a surge in

unaccompanied minors coming to the border. Over the course of that fiscal year, about 69,000 minors and 68,000 family members were apprehended, about 28 percent of all apprehensions. Fiscal year 2019 still has four months to go." (["Border Apprehensions Are Up More Than 1,000 Percent Since April 2017," The Washington Post, 6/06/2019](#))

'CBP Officials Described In Detail The Strains Of The Migration Wave On U.S. Agents And Infrastructure': 'I've Never Seen Anything Like This'

U.S. BORDER PATROL CHIEF OF OPERATIONS BRIAN HASTINGS: "I've never seen anything like this in the 24 years I've been doing this job." (["Arrests Along Mexico Border Surged Again In May, Blowing Past 'Breaking Point,'" The Washington Post, 6/05/2019](#))

"CBP officials described in detail the strains of the migration wave on U.S. agents and infrastructure, and they discussed the deteriorating conditions at U.S. border stations that are many times beyond their detainee capacity. The agency has more than 19,000 migrants in custody, officials said ..." (["Arrests Along Mexico Border Surged Again In May, Blowing Past 'Breaking Point,'" The Washington Post, 6/05/2019](#))

- "CBP officials say Border Patrol agents now spend 50 percent of their time processing migrants and caring for families in custody, including frequent trips to hospitals and clinics. U.S. authorities say the burden has been a boon to drug traffickers and human smugglers who aim to sneak past U.S. defenses, particularly when hundreds of migrants cross the border at the same time." (["Border Apprehensions Are Up More Than 1,000 Percent Since April 2017," The Washington Post, 6/06/2019](#))
- "Nearly 1,000 border patrol officers have been moved from northern ports of entry, airports, sea ports and elsewhere along the southwest border to assist border agents in areas experiencing the highest influx of migrants." (["Record Number Of Undocumented Immigrants Flooded The Southern Border In May," NBC News, 6/05/2019](#))

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NOTE: It's worth noting that despite the concern expressed by Leahy in December, he (as well as eight other Democrat members on the Appropriations Committee) voted in June to provide another \$1.6 billion to fund additional border-fencing projects in the 2019 appropriations bill, including 65 miles of pedestrian fencing in the Rio Grande Valley. He called it a "bipartisan compromise on these tough issues."

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Trump has spent only 6 percent of the funds allocated for the border 'wall', lawmakers argue. So what does that really mean?

By Glenn Kessler The Fact Checker Washington Post January 3, 2019

"Over the last two years, Congress has provided nearly \$1.7 billion to build or replace fencing on the southern border, but the Administration has hardly spent any of that money, and the projects it has undertaken have ballooned in cost. So far, only six percent of those funds have been spent. Six."
— Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.), in a statement, Dec. 10, 2018

Over the holidays, The Fact Checker noticed a Democratic talking point emerge that the Trump administration has spent just 6 percent of the money allocated for construction on border fencing and repairs along the southern border. It has shown up in tweets, such as this one by Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and in news stories. We traced this factoid to a statement by Leahy in early December.

As Murphy asked: "How about spending the money you have first?"

We've documented how President Trump claims he's been building his promised wall even though Congress in the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years specifically denied him funds to spend on the concrete slabs that, with fanfare, he examined last year. He certainly acts as if he's blown through the money Congress handed to the administration, given he engineered a government shutdown to extract even more funds for a wall.

So, in light of Trump's rhetoric, spending just 6 percent of the money sounds ridiculous. But, like we said, it's a talking point — and not an especially helpful one.

The Facts

When we initially asked the White House about this statement, a senior administration official said it was wrong: "There is no basis to make this claim. The Department of Homeland Security has obligated 91 percent of appropriated FY 2017 and FY 2018 funds for the southern border wall."

Leahy's staff on the Senate Appropriations Committee responded that the 6 percent figure is based on data obtained directly from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in late November. The data they received shows:

- Total enacted funds, 2017 and 2018: \$1,716,066,065
- Gross Obligations: \$1,602,675,723

- Expenditure amount: \$108,695,342

The expenditures portion works out to 6.3 percent. And the percentage is even lower if you look just at 2018 appropriations, in which 2.6 percent has been spent.

Score one for Leahy? Not so fast. Note that total “gross obligations” stands at 93.3 percent.

That was the same word the administration used. It also happens to be the metric used by lawmakers for years. There’s even a definition provided in a glossary of terms on the Senate website: “An order placed, contract awarded, service received, or similar transaction during a given period that will require payments during the same or a future period.” (There is no definition provided for expenditure.)

Congress appropriates money for a federal agency. The agency then arranges to spend that money, or obligate it, through contracts, and draws down that money over time. Essentially it’s like putting money into a checking account for your housing renovation so you can write checks to the contractors.

Asked what was more important, the obligation or an expenditure, former Appropriations Committee staff director Jim Dyer said, “From my perspective, it’s obligations. As an appropriator, I can’t control the rate at which funds are expended. Indeed, in most agencies those rates vary. But I can control the total obligation, the total money I am willing to authorize.”

Moreover, the construction money in the 2018 bill is available for up to five years — and the agency only got its hands on it in March or April, midway through the fiscal year. Here’s the text in the bill: “For necessary expenses of U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction, and improvements, including procurements to buy marine vessels, aircraft, and unmanned aerial systems, \$2,281,357,000, of which \$846,343,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2020, and of which \$1,435,014,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.”

This would argue that “obligated funds” is the best metric.

But there’s another wrinkle: A Leahy staff member said that because CBP partners with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to award these contracts, when CBP transfers the money to USACE, it is considered obligated. So he said it’s unclear whether any money has actually been assigned to a contract. “We believe a more sensible tracking of the money focuses on when it is spent, not just on a bureaucratic shift to another government agency,” he said.

The senior administration official acknowledged the 91 percent figure reflected obligations from CBP to USACE.

However, it turns out CBP has issued news releases whenever USACE signs a specific contract. Here’s \$287 million (construction expected to begin in February), \$167 million (February construction start), \$172 to \$324 million (April construction start) and \$145 million (February construction start). That adds up to about \$900 million just from fiscal 2018 appropriations. It’s worth noting that the appropriation bill was highly specific about how and where the money could be used, and so far CBP appears to be following that plan.

“CBP has obligated more than 90 percent of the funds provided in FY 2017 and 2018,” said CBP spokesman Andrew Meehan. To date, nearly 60 percent of those funds are obligated onto a contract, referred to as contract award, by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

He said the contract award is when a vendor begins work, such as design, followed by construction. “Expenditures reflect when the contractor bills the government, after the work has been completed, making expenditure an inaccurate measure of execution.”

Meehan said that as of Dec. 31, USACE had just less than \$700 million on contract for construction in the Rio Grande Valley; Tucson and Yuma, Ariz.; and the El Centro and San Diego sectors of California.

“An additional approximately \$300 million is ready to award as soon as the government reopens,” he said. “The remaining approximately \$175 million supports CBP project management to include real estate, environmental, legal and program-management support and will be obligated over the duration of the projects.”

It’s worth noting that despite the concern expressed by Leahy in December, he (as well as eight other Democrat members on the Appropriations Committee) voted in June to provide another \$1.6 billion to fund additional border-fencing projects in the 2019 appropriations bill, including 65 miles of pedestrian fencing in the Rio Grande Valley. He called it a “bipartisan compromise on these tough issues.”

The Pinocchio Test

This is a good example of how lawmakers use the complexity of legislative sausage-making to confuse voters. Focusing on spending sounds reasonable, even though it’s not what lawmakers typically track when assessing how government agencies use the funds appropriated by Congress. It’s especially misleading in the case of a large infrastructure project for which Congress has given the agency up to five years to use the funds.

In this case, about 60 percent of the funds have been awarded in contracts to construct fencing along the border. That’s the relevant number, which is 10 times higher than the 6 percent touted by Democrats. Leahy’s figure is not invented out of thin air, but it is misleading enough to qualify for Three Pinocchios.

Three Pinocchios



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The Majority Leader just locked in an agreement to vote on FIFTEEN judges this afternoon--in other words, more than three weeks' worth of votes judicial nominees—in one evening. For context, the Senate has confirmed 69 judges over the past two years. It's possible that not all 15 will require roll-call votes.

Additional nominees/legislation are possible tonight. Buckle up.

Circuit court nominees

- David James Porter (3rd Circuit)
- Ryan Nelson (9th Circuit)
- Richard Sullivan (2nd Circuit)

District court nominees

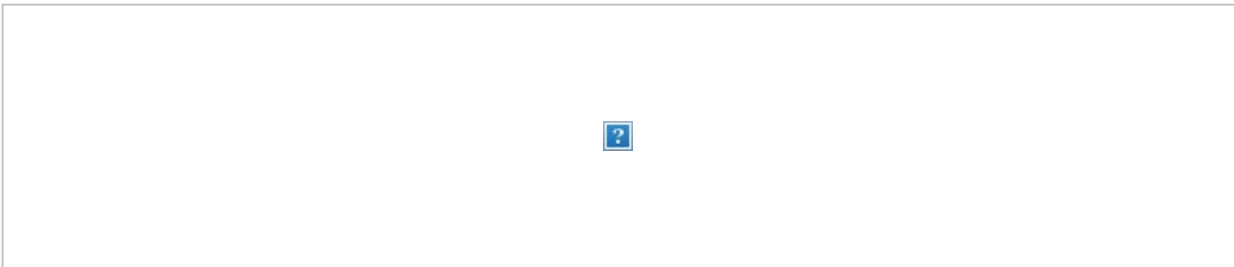
- William Ray (Northern District of Georgia)
- Liles Clifton Burke (Northern District of Alabama)
- Michael Juneau (Western District of Louisiana)
- Mark Norris (Western District of Tennessee)
- Eli Richardson (Middle District of Tennessee)
- Thomas Kleeh (Northern District of West Virginia)
- Jeremy Kernodle (Eastern District of Texas)
- Peter Phipps (Western District of Pennsylvania)
- Susan Brnovich (District of Arizona)
- Chad Kenney (Eastern District of Pennsylvania)
- James Hanlon (Southern District of Indiana)
- Lance Walker (District of Maine)

And with Veterans Day just a month away, enjoy this look back at [some very good Veterans](#).

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Under This Administration, Senate Democrats Have Forced Cloture Votes For The First Time Ever On 42 Different Executive Branch Positions

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "[This] is comprehensive, across-the-board heel-dragging like nothing this body has seen before.... In other words, systematic obstruction. Not targeted, thoughtful opposition to a few marquee nominations or rare circumstances. But a grinding, across-the-board effort to delay and obstruct the people this president puts up. Even if they have unquestionable qualifications. Even if the job is relatively low-profile." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 4/02/2019](#))

Democrats Have Forced The Senate To Spend Time On Cloture Votes For The First Time Ever On...

Five Cabinet Secretaries and the Directors of National Intelligence and the Office of Management and Budget ...

- Secretary of State
- Secretary of Education
- Secretary of the Treasury
- Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- Secretary of Energy
- Director of National Intelligence
- Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Six Deputy Secretaries of Cabinet Agencies and the deputies at EPA and OMB ...

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Deputy Secretary of Defense
Deputy Secretary of Transportation
Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services
Deputy Secretary of Labor
Deputy Secretary of Commerce
Deputy Secretary of the Treasury¹
Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget

The chiefs of key agencies like the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Customs and Border Protection, the National Counterterrorism Center, and NASA ...

Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Comptroller of the Currency
Solicitor General¹
NASA Administrator
Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Labor Department
Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the DNI

The US Trade Representative and other ambassadors ...

United States Trade Representative¹
Ambassador to Israel
Ambassador to China
Ambassador to Japan
Ambassador to the Vatican
Ambassador to Luxembourg
Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom

Seven lower-level posts in Cabinet Agencies ...

Associate Attorney General
Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Treasury Department
Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Treasury Department
Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health¹
Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Family Support

Members of the FCC and SEC ...

Member, Federal Communications Commission
Member, Securities and Exchange Commission

... and even on general counsels to Cabinet Agencies and the IRS.

General Counsel, Department of Defense
General Counsel, Department of Transportation
General Counsel, Department of Agriculture
Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service & Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Treasury

Note:

1. These positions have had cloture motions filed on them before, but those motions fell or were withdrawn or vitiated and it was not until the current administration that they required votes to invoke cloture.

[\("Cloture Attempts on Nominations: Data and Historical Development Through November 20, 2013," Congressional Research Service, 9/28/2018; "Nominations with Cloture Motions, 113th \(2013-2014\); 114th \(2015-2016\); 115th \(2017-2018\); and 116th Congress as of 03/19/19," Congressional Research Service, 3/19/2019; "Cloture Motions - 115th Congress," U.S. Senate Website, Accessed 4/02/2019; "Cloture Motions - 116th Congress," U.S. Senate Website, Accessed 4/02/2019; Congress.gov\)](#)

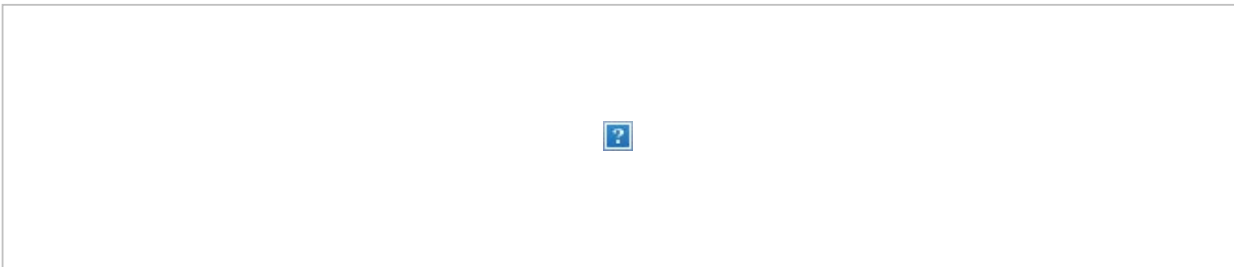
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A Wall Is Not The Problem, So What Is?

Democrats Admit They Don't Think 'A Border Wall Is In And Of Itself Immoral,' So Why Won't They Vote To Reopen Government And Add 'Modest' Barrier Funding?

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "The need for more security on our border is not a partisan invention. It is a fact. It's a reality most Senate Democrats readily admit.... [I]f they agree with the need, they should agree with this modest proposal.... [T]hese commonsense physical barriers were a bipartisan point of agreement until about five minutes ago.... Any one of my Democratic colleagues who reject the compromise offer but vote for the Democratic Leader's partisan showmanship will be saying the following: They'll be saying that political fights with the President matter more than federal workers and their families, border security, DACA recipients, and government funding." (Sen. McConnell, Floor Remarks, 1/24/2019)

**Senate Democrats: 'Where Folks Say We Need Additional Barrier Protections, I'm All For It,'
'Certainly, You Need Barriers'**

SEN. JOE MANCHIN (D-WV): "I voted to fund President Trump's wall. Check the vote." (["Manchin Touts Support For Trump Border Wall In New Ad," The Hill, 6/14/2018](#))

SEN. MARK WARNER (D-VA): "I know we're going to have to add additional border security.... We've got about 700 miles of existing fencing. Where folks say we need additional barrier protections, I'm all for it." (Fox News' "Your World w/ Neil Cavuto," 1/23/2019)

SEN. ANGUS KING (I-ME): "Everybody is for border security. The question is, let's do it in a rational, economic, sensible way. There are places where wall makes sense ..." (["CNN's 'New Day,' 1/07/2019](#))

SEN. CHRIS COONS (D-DE): "I personally don't think that a border wall is in and of itself immoral." (Fox News

Sunday," 1/13/2019)

SEN. TOM CARPER (D-DE): "I am a huge advocate of border security. I think fencing makes sense in a lot of places. We have hundreds of miles of fencing, and in a lot of places, fences alongside roads make sense." ([Sen. Carper, Congressional Record, S. 194, 1/15/2019](#))

SEN. BEN CARDIN (D-MD): "Certainly, you need barriers. And we support barriers." (CNN's "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer," 1/04/2019)

SEN. JEFF MERKLEY (D-OR): "Some fencing is useful. Some barriers are useful." (CNN's "New Day," 1/07/2019)

Democrat House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer: 'I Think Physical Barriers Are Part Of The Solution'

FOX NEWS' NEIL CAVUTO: "Would you yourself be open for wall funding?"

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER STENY HOYER (D-MD): "Look, I think physical barriers are part of the solution."

CAVUTO: "You don't share Nancy Pelosi's view that a wall is immoral?"

REP. HOYER: "Look, I think it depends upon what a wall is used for whether it's moral or immoral. If it's protecting people, it's moral, if it's imprisoning people, it may well be immoral. But that's not the issue. The issue is we want border security. We want to make sure that people who come into the United States of America are authorized to do so and we know that they've come in. We don't want contraband. We don't want drugs coming in. We don't want dangerous people coming into the country. So we're for border security and I think we can get there.

(Fox News' "Your World w/ Neil Cavuto," 1/22/2019)

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SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 30, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the schedule for the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations for Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (*House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey*)

Conference committee meeting on H.J. Res. 31, legislation related to Fiscal Year 2019 Homeland Security appropriations

1:30 p.m., Room HC-5, U.S. Capitol

Note: Media should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time. Space is limited to one (1) per news organization. Members of the press should contact their respective media galleries for more information. Webcast will be available on [appropriations.senate.gov](#) and

appropriations.house.gov.

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SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 19, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for June 19, 2019.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (*Richard Shelby, Chairman*)

Markup of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019

10:30 a.m., Room 106, Dirksen Senate Office Building

NOTE: The markup webcast will be audio-only

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Subject: FW: ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for the Week of May 6, 2019
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From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppress@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 1:56 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for the Week of May 6, 2019

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May 3, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the hearing schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the week of May 6, 2019.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE
(*Jerry Moran, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the Federal Bureau of Investigation

9:30 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

NOTE: Immediately following the open hearing, the subcommittee will reconvene in CLOSED SESSION in SVC-217 in the Capitol Visitor Center. This portion of the hearing is limited to Members and staff with TS clearance only.

Witness:

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (*John Kennedy, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 budget requests for the U.S. Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission

2:30 p.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Ajit Pai

Chairman

U.S. Federal Communications Commission

The Honorable Joseph J. Simons

Chairman

U.S. Federal Trade Commission

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019

DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE (*Richard Shelby, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Defense

10:00 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

Mr. Patrick M. Shanahan

Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense

General Joseph Dunford, Jr., USMC

Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (*John Kennedy, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 budget requests for the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

10:00 a.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Christopher Giancarlo

Chairman

U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

The Honorable Jay Clayton

Chairman

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE (*Shelley Moore Capito, Chairman*)

Closed briefing on current global threats relating to the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

10:00 a.m., SVC-217, Senate Security

NOTE: This briefing is limited to Members and staff with TS/SCI clearance only.

Briefers:

The Honorable David Glawe

Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

The Honorable Christopher Krebs

Director
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Mr. Joseph DiPietro

Chief Technology Officer
U.S. Secret Service

Ms. Patricia Cogswell

Acting Deputy Administrator
Transportation Security Administration

Mr. André Hentz

Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Science and Technology
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for the Week of May 20, 2019
Date: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:08:42 PM
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Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:07 PM
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Subject: ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for the Week of May 20, 2019

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May 17, 2019

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[Blair Taylor](#)

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 20, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the hearing schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the week of May 20, 2019.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*Lisa Murkowski, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of the Interior

9:30 a.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable David Bernhardt
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior

DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE (*Richard Shelby, Chairman*)

Classified hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the Missile Defense Agency

NOTE: This briefing is limited to Members and staff with TS clearance only.

10:00 a.m., SVC-217, Senate Security

Witness:

Lieutenant General Samuel A. Greaves
Director
Missile Defense Agency

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for Week of April 1, 2019
Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:24:19 AM
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From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppress@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:26 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) <(b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for Week of April 1, 2019

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March 28, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the hearing schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the week of April 1, 2019.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE *(Jerry Moran, Chairman)*

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Commerce

2:00 p.m., Room G50, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Steven Dillingham

Director

Census Bureau

The Honorable David J. Redl

Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information

Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

The Honorable Neil Jacobs

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction

Performing the duties of Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

The Honorable John Fleming, M.D.

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

Mr. Henry Childs

National Director

Minority Business Development Administration

The Honorable Gil Kaplan

Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade

Mr. Matthew Borman

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration

The Honorable Andrei Iancu

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property

Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

The Honorable Walter Copan

Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology

Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*Lisa Murkowski, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

9:00 a.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler

Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Honorable Holly Greaves

Chief Financial Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE (*Richard Shelby, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the Defense Health Program

9:30 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

Vice Admiral Raquel Bono

Director of the Defense Health Agency

Lieutenant General Nadja West

Surgeon General of the Army

Vice Admiral Forrest Faison
Surgeon General of the Navy

Lieutenant General Dorothy Hogg
Surgeon General of the Air Force

Ms. Stacy Cummings
Program Executive Officer of the Defense Healthcare Management Systems

HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE (*Shelley Moore Capito, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the Federal Emergency Management Agency

9:30 a.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

Mr. Peter Gaynor
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (*Lamar Alexander, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the National Nuclear Security Administration

2:30 p.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration
U.S. Department of Energy

The Honorable Charles P. Verdon
Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs
National Nuclear Security Administration

U.S. Department of Energy

The Honorable Brent K. Park

Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation

National Nuclear Security Administration

U.S. Department of Energy

Admiral James F. Caldwell

Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors

National Nuclear Security Administration

U.S. Department of Energy

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*Susan Collins, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

2:30 p.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Ben Carson

Secretary

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SUBCOMMITTEE (*Cindy Hyde-Smith, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding requests and budget justifications for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the U.S. Capitol Police

3:00 p.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Michael Stenger

Sergeant at Arms

United States Senate

Matthew Verderosa
Chief of Police
United States Capitol Police

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

**LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE** (*Roy Blunt, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S.
Department of Health and Human Services

10:00 a.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Alex Azar

Secretary

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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FYI

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_McConnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 10:39 AM
Subject: Americans Across the Country Struggling to Rebuild from Natural Disasters

From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW: Americans Across the Country Struggling to Rebuild from Natural Disasters
Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 10:40:55 AM
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For Immediate Release, Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Contacts: David Popp, Doug Andres
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2VqIqIe>
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2VTwmCg>

Americans Across the Country Struggling to Rebuild from Natural Disasters

[[It is past time to put partisan politics aside, move past any tangential questions, and secure a final agreement that can become law – that is, something that can both pass the Democratic House and earn the president's signature, soon. The Senate will vote on disaster relief this week. The members of this body will not return home for Memorial Day without taking further action to help these struggling communities... It is my sincere hope that we'll be able to vote on a negotiated, bipartisan, bicameral solution.]

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need for disaster assistance funding:

“Several of our Senate colleagues and their counterparts in the House are continuing to zero in on long-overdue legislation to deliver additional help to Americans all across our nation who are struggling to rebuild from natural disasters. This ought to have been a fairly straightforward process. We shouldn't need to explain why the need for this relief is urgent. But just for good measure, let's remember the Americans who are counting on us. In California, last year's string of wildfires included the deadliest and most destructive fire on record. It killed 85 people and burned more than 150 thousand acres.

“In the Midwest, earlier this year, storm surges flooded whole swaths of states and racked up billions of dollars in damages. As one expert recently put it, quote, ‘We have points in Iowa and Illinois that have been in flood stage for over 30 days, which hasn't occurred since we started keeping records — and some of them go back 150 years.’ Across the southeast and Gulf coasts, recent hurricane seasons have left lasting scars. Hurricane Michael, which swept across Florida, into south Georgia last October, has itself produced nearly 150,000 insurance claims in Florida, alone.

“In Alabama, more tornadoes have already been recorded in 2019 than in all of last year. One that touched down in Lee County on March 3rd left 23 people dead. And nearly two years after Hurricane Maria tore across Puerto Rico, too many storefronts are still shuttered, too many homes still lack roofs, and power remains too unreliable. And the list goes on. This is hardly the first time facts like these have been laid out here on the floor. In fact this legislation has already taken far too long to deliver.

“But now that we are in the home stretch, it is past time to put partisan politics aside, move past any tangential questions, and secure a final agreement that can become law – that is, something that can both pass the Democratic House and earn the president’s signature, soon. The Senate will vote on disaster relief this week. The members of this body will not return home for Memorial Day without taking further action to help these struggling communities – which, by the way, include a number of military installations that need assistance to recover and rebuild. It is my sincere hope that we’ll be able to vote on a negotiated, bipartisan, bicameral solution. That is how we can get to an outcome. That is what affected Americans deserve.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for Week of March 11, 2019
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:45:40 PM
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Hope everyone had a good week. Next week in the Senate, floor schedule here:

- At 5:30 p.m., next Monday, Senate will consider Executive Calendar #19, Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the 3rd Circuit.
- Note: on Thursday, March 7, the Leader also started the process to consider cloture on the following:
 - Executive Calendar #19, Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the 3rd Circuit.
 - Executive Calendar #107, Neomi J. Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.
 - Executive Calendar #98, William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Please see schedule for the Senate Appropriations Committee also below. Talk soon!

From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppress@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 12:34 PM
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March 8, 2019

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the hearing schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the week of March 11, 2019.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE (*Richard Shelby, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the Department of the Air Force

10:00 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Heather Wilson
Secretary of the Air Force

General David L. Goldfein
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*Roy Blunt, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other emerging health threats

10:00 a.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Robert Kadlec, M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The Honorable Robert R. Redfield, M.D.
Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Honorable Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.

Director

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

National Institutes of Health

The Honorable R. T. Ziemer

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret)

Acting Assistant Administrator

Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance

U.S. Agency for International Development

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: August Recess
Date: Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:34:04 PM
Attachments: [HR6157 - Substitute Amendment.pdf](#)

FYI on the broader schedule for August.

By unanimous consent, today, we proceeded to HR 6157, the Defense-LHHS minibus. Attached is the text of the substitute amendment. Consideration of amendments start on Monday.

From: Stewart, Don (McConnell)
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 3:56 PM
Subject: August Recess

To: The Fourth Estate
From: STEW
RE: Busy, busy

The Senate this week confirmed *two more* circuit court nominees for a total of 26 circuit court nominees confirmed so far this Congress:

- A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. (Fourth Circuit)
- Julius Ness Richardson (Fourth Circuit)

~In other words, one out of every seven authorized circuit court seats in the country is now filled by a judge nominated by President Trump and confirmed by this Senate.~

The Senate also began processing two more appropriations bills (the two largest: [Defense](#) and [Labor, HHS, & Education](#)).

Next week, the Senate will continue work on both of these bills. Once completed, they will be the eighth and ninth appropriations bills passed by the Senate this year.

Meetings with Judge Kavanaugh will continue next week as well.

Here are some of the other items that the Senate will be considering in the weeks and months ahead (**yes, we will be in session throughout August—despite press gallery rumors**):

- Opioids legislation (in addition to the funding that's already passed and the funding in the Labor/HHS bill)
- Water infrastructure bill
- FAA reauthorization
- Judicial nominations
- Executive branch nominations
- Farm bill conference
- Appropriations conferences
- And many other items

Do you have plans [this weekend](#)?

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AMENDMENT NO.

Calendar No.

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H.R. 6157

Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Department of Defense
5 and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
6 Appropriations Act, 2019”.

7 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO ACT.**

8 Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference
9 to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall
10 be treated as referring only to the provisions of that divi-
11 sion.

1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES TO REPORT.**

2 (a) Any reference to a “report accompanying this
3 Act” contained in division A shall be treated as a reference
4 to Senate Report 115–290. The effect of such Report shall
5 be limited to division A and shall apply for purposes of
6 determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the
7 implementation of, division A.

8 (b) Any reference to a “report accompanying this
9 Act” contained in division B shall be treated as a reference
10 to Senate Report 115–289. The effect of such Report shall
11 be limited to division B and shall apply for purposes of
12 determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the
13 implementation of, division B.

1 **DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
2 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019**

3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending Sep-
6 tember 30, 2019, and for other purposes, namely:

7 **TITLE I**

8 **MILITARY PERSONNEL**

9 **MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY**

10 For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence,
11 interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of sta-
12 tion travel (including all expenses thereof for organiza-
13 tional movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel
14 between permanent duty stations, for members of the
15 Army on active duty (except members of reserve compo-
16 nents provided for elsewhere), cadets, and aviation cadets;
17 for members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and
18 for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-
19 377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), and to the Depart-
20 ment of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
21 \$43,060,042,000.

22 **MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY**

23 For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence,
24 interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of sta-
25 tion travel (including all expenses thereof for organiza-

1 tional movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel
2 between permanent duty stations, for members of the
3 Navy on active duty (except members of the Reserve pro-
4 vided for elsewhere), midshipmen, and aviation cadets; for
5 members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and for
6 payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377,
7 as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), and to the Department
8 of Defense Military Retirement Fund, \$30,305,481,000.

9 MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

10 For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence,
11 interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of sta-
12 tion travel (including all expenses thereof for organiza-
13 tional movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel
14 between permanent duty stations, for members of the Ma-
15 rine Corps on active duty (except members of the Reserve
16 provided for elsewhere); and for payments pursuant to sec-
17 tion 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C.
18 402 note), and to the Department of Defense Military Re-
19 tirement Fund, \$13,799,038,000.

20 MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

21 For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence,
22 interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of sta-
23 tion travel (including all expenses thereof for organiza-
24 tional movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel
25 between permanent duty stations, for members of the Air

1 Force on active duty (except members of reserve compo-
2 nents provided for elsewhere), cadets, and aviation cadets;
3 for members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and
4 for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-
5 377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), and to the Depart-
6 ment of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
7 \$30,173,691,000.

8 RESERVE PERSONNEL, ARMY

9 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
10 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Army Re-
11 serve on active duty under sections 10211, 10302, and
12 3038 of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on
13 active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United
14 States Code, in connection with performing duty specified
15 in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or
16 while undergoing reserve training, or while performing
17 drills or equivalent duty or other duty, and expenses au-
18 thorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code;
19 and for payments to the Department of Defense Military
20 Retirement Fund, \$4,870,947,000.

21 RESERVE PERSONNEL, NAVY

22 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
23 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Navy Re-
24 serve on active duty under section 10211 of title 10,
25 United States Code, or while serving on active duty under

1 section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code, in con-
2 nection with performing duty specified in section 12310(a)
3 of title 10, United States Code, or while undergoing re-
4 serve training, or while performing drills or equivalent
5 duty, and expenses authorized by section 16131 of title
6 10, United States Code; and for payments to the Depart-
7 ment of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
8 \$2,059,521,000.

9 RESERVE PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

10 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
11 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Marine
12 Corps Reserve on active duty under section 10211 of title
13 10, United States Code, or while serving on active duty
14 under section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code,
15 in connection with performing duty specified in section
16 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while under-
17 going reserve training, or while performing drills or equiv-
18 alent duty, and for members of the Marine Corps platoon
19 leaders class, and expenses authorized by section 16131
20 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments to the
21 Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
22 \$787,090,000.

23 RESERVE PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

24 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
25 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Air Force

1 Reserve on active duty under sections 10211, 10305, and
2 8038 of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on
3 active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United
4 States Code, in connection with performing duty specified
5 in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or
6 while undergoing reserve training, or while performing
7 drills or equivalent duty or other duty, and expenses au-
8 thorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code;
9 and for payments to the Department of Defense Military
10 Retirement Fund, \$1,871,286,000.

11 NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, ARMY

12 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
13 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Army Na-
14 tional Guard while on duty under sections 10211, 10302,
15 or 12402 of title 10 or section 708 of title 32, United
16 States Code, or while serving on duty under section
17 12301(d) of title 10 or section 502(f) of title 32, United
18 States Code, in connection with performing duty specified
19 in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or
20 while undergoing training, or while performing drills or
21 equivalent duty or other duty, and expenses authorized by
22 section 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for pay-
23 ments to the Department of Defense Military Retirement
24 Fund, \$8,650,645,000.

1 NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

2 For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities,
3 travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Air Na-
4 tional Guard on duty under sections 10211, 10305, or
5 12402 of title 10 or section 708 of title 32, United States
6 Code, or while serving on duty under section 12301(d) of
7 title 10 or section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code,
8 in connection with performing duty specified in section
9 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while under-
10 going training, or while performing drills or equivalent
11 duty or other duty, and expenses authorized by section
12 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments
13 to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund,
14 \$3,718,780,000.

15 TITLE II

16 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

17 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

18 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
19 for the operation and maintenance of the Army, as author-
20 ized by law, \$40,634,715,000: *Provided*, That not to ex-
21 ceed \$12,478,000 can be used for emergencies and ex-
22 traordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or
23 authority of the Secretary of the Army, and payments may
24 be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential mili-
25 tary purposes.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

2 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
3 for the operation and maintenance of the Navy and the
4 Marine Corps, as authorized by law, \$47,296,183,000:
5 *Provided*, That not to exceed \$15,055,000 can be used for
6 emergencies and extraordinary expenses, to be expended
7 on the approval or authority of the Secretary of the Navy,
8 and payments may be made on his certificate of necessity
9 for confidential military purposes.

10 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

11 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
12 for the operation and maintenance of the Marine Corps,
13 as authorized by law, \$6,372,000,000.

14 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

15 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
16 for the operation and maintenance of the Air Force, as
17 authorized by law, \$40,775,374,000: *Provided*, That not
18 to exceed \$7,699,000 can be used for emergencies and ex-
19 traordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or
20 authority of the Secretary of the Air Force, and payments
21 may be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential
22 military purposes.

1 into a legislative affairs or legislative liaison office: *Pro-*
2 *vided further*, That \$19,160,000, to remain available until
3 expended, is available only for expenses relating to certain
4 classified activities, and may be transferred as necessary
5 by the Secretary of Defense to operation and maintenance
6 appropriations or research, development, test and evalua-
7 tion appropriations, to be merged with and to be available
8 for the same time period as the appropriations to which
9 transferred: *Provided further*, That any ceiling on the in-
10 vestment item unit cost of items that may be purchased
11 with operation and maintenance funds shall not apply to
12 the funds described in the preceding proviso: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That of the funds provided under this heading,
14 \$686,744,000, of which \$171,686,000, to remain available
15 until September 30, 2020, shall be available to provide
16 support and assistance to foreign security forces or other
17 groups or individuals to conduct, support or facilitate
18 counterterrorism, crisis response, or other Department of
19 Defense security cooperation programs: *Provided further*,
20 That the transfer authority provided under this heading
21 is in addition to any other transfer authority provided else-
22 where in this Act.

23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE

24 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
25 for the operation and maintenance, including training, or-

1 ganization, and administration, of the Army Reserve; re-
2 pair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor
3 vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; re-
4 cruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equip-
5 ment; and communications, \$2,854,909,000.

6 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

7 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
8 for the operation and maintenance, including training, or-
9 ganization, and administration, of the Navy Reserve; re-
10 pair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor
11 vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; re-
12 cruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equip-
13 ment; and communications, \$1,018,006,000.

14 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

15 RESERVE

16 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
17 for the operation and maintenance, including training, or-
18 ganization, and administration, of the Marine Corps Re-
19 serve; repair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger
20 motor vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead;
21 recruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equip-
22 ment; and communications, \$271,570,000.

23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE

24 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
25 for the operation and maintenance, including training, or-

1 ganization, and administration, of the Air Force Reserve;
2 repair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor
3 vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; re-
4 cruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equip-
5 ment; and communications, \$3,247,534,000.

6 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL

7 GUARD

8 For expenses of training, organizing, and admin-
9 istering the Army National Guard, including medical and
10 hospital treatment and related expenses in non-Federal
11 hospitals; maintenance, operation, and repairs to struc-
12 tures and facilities; hire of passenger motor vehicles; per-
13 sonnel services in the National Guard Bureau; travel ex-
14 penses (other than mileage), as authorized by law for
15 Army personnel on active duty, for Army National Guard
16 division, regimental, and battalion commanders while in-
17 specting units in compliance with National Guard Bureau
18 regulations when specifically authorized by the Chief, Na-
19 tional Guard Bureau; supplying and equipping the Army
20 National Guard as authorized by law; and expenses of re-
21 pair, modification, maintenance, and issue of supplies and
22 equipment (including aircraft), \$7,261,295,000.

23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

24 For expenses of training, organizing, and admin-
25 istering the Air National Guard, including medical and

1 hospital treatment and related expenses in non-Federal
2 hospitals; maintenance, operation, and repairs to struc-
3 tures and facilities; transportation of things, hire of pas-
4 senger motor vehicles; supplying and equipping the Air
5 National Guard, as authorized by law; expenses for repair,
6 modification, maintenance, and issue of supplies and
7 equipment, including those furnished from stocks under
8 the control of agencies of the Department of Defense;
9 travel expenses (other than mileage) on the same basis as
10 authorized by law for Air National Guard personnel on
11 active Federal duty, for Air National Guard commanders
12 while inspecting units in compliance with National Guard
13 Bureau regulations when specifically authorized by the
14 Chief, National Guard Bureau, \$6,433,697,000.

15 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED
16 FORCES

17 For salaries and expenses necessary for the United
18 States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces,
19 \$14,662,000, of which not to exceed \$5,000 may be used
20 for official representation purposes.

21 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY
22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 For the Department of the Army, \$228,449,000, to
24 remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Sec-
25 retary of the Army shall, upon determining that such

1 funds are required for environmental restoration, reduc-
2 tion and recycling of hazardous waste, removal of unsafe
3 buildings and debris of the Department of the Army, or
4 for similar purposes, transfer the funds made available by
5 this appropriation to other appropriations made available
6 to the Department of the Army, to be merged with and
7 to be available for the same purposes and for the same
8 time period as the appropriations to which transferred:
9 *Provided further*, That upon a determination that all or
10 part of the funds transferred from this appropriation are
11 not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such
12 amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation:
13 *Provided further*, That the transfer authority provided
14 under this heading is in addition to any other transfer au-
15 thority provided elsewhere in this Act.

16 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY
17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For the Department of the Navy, \$329,253,000, to
19 remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Sec-
20 retary of the Navy shall, upon determining that such
21 funds are required for environmental restoration, reduc-
22 tion and recycling of hazardous waste, removal of unsafe
23 buildings and debris of the Department of the Navy, or
24 for similar purposes, transfer the funds made available by
25 this appropriation to other appropriations made available

1 to the Department of the Navy, to be merged with and
2 to be available for the same purposes and for the same
3 time period as the appropriations to which transferred:
4 *Provided further*, That upon a determination that all or
5 part of the funds transferred from this appropriation are
6 not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such
7 amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation:
8 *Provided further*, That the transfer authority provided
9 under this heading is in addition to any other transfer au-
10 thority provided elsewhere in this Act.

11 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 For the Department of the Air Force, \$365,808,000,
14 to remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the
15 Secretary of the Air Force shall, upon determining that
16 such funds are required for environmental restoration, re-
17 duction and recycling of hazardous waste, removal of un-
18 safe buildings and debris of the Department of the Air
19 Force, or for similar purposes, transfer the funds made
20 available by this appropriation to other appropriations
21 made available to the Department of the Air Force, to be
22 merged with and to be available for the same purposes
23 and for the same time period as the appropriations to
24 which transferred: *Provided further*, That upon a deter-
25 mination that all or part of the funds transferred from

1 this appropriation are not necessary for the purposes pro-
2 vided herein, such amounts may be transferred back to
3 this appropriation: *Provided further*, That the transfer au-
4 thority provided under this heading is in addition to any
5 other transfer authority provided elsewhere in this Act.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE-WIDE

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 For the Department of Defense, \$8,926,000, to re-
9 main available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Sec-
10 retary of Defense shall, upon determining that such funds
11 are required for environmental restoration, reduction and
12 recycling of hazardous waste, removal of unsafe buildings
13 and debris of the Department of Defense, or for similar
14 purposes, transfer the funds made available by this appro-
15 priation to other appropriations made available to the De-
16 partment of Defense, to be merged with and to be avail-
17 able for the same purposes and for the same time period
18 as the appropriations to which transferred: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That upon a determination that all or part of the
20 funds transferred from this appropriation are not nec-
21 essary for the purposes provided herein, such amounts
22 may be transferred back to this appropriation: *Provided*
23 *further*, That the transfer authority provided under this
24 heading is in addition to any other transfer authority pro-
25 vided elsewhere in this Act.

1 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED
2 DEFENSE SITES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For the Department of the Army, \$212,346,000, to
5 remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Sec-
6 retary of the Army shall, upon determining that such
7 funds are required for environmental restoration, reduc-
8 tion and recycling of hazardous waste, removal of unsafe
9 buildings and debris at sites formerly used by the Depart-
10 ment of Defense, transfer the funds made available by this
11 appropriation to other appropriations made available to
12 the Department of the Army, to be merged with and to
13 be available for the same purposes and for the same time
14 period as the appropriations to which transferred: *Pro-*
15 *vided further*, That upon a determination that all or part
16 of the funds transferred from this appropriation are not
17 necessary for the purposes provided herein, such amounts
18 may be transferred back to this appropriation: *Provided*
19 *further*, That the transfer authority provided under this
20 heading is in addition to any other transfer authority pro-
21 vided elsewhere in this Act.

22 OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID

23 For expenses relating to the Overseas Humanitarian,
24 Disaster, and Civic Aid programs of the Department of
25 Defense (consisting of the programs provided under sec-

1 tions 401, 402, 404, 407, 2557, and 2561 of title 10,
2 United States Code), \$107,663,000, to remain available
3 until September 30, 2020.

4 COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT

5 For assistance, including assistance provided by con-
6 tract or by grants, under programs and activities of the
7 Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction
8 Program authorized under the Department of Defense Co-
9 operative Threat Reduction Act, \$335,240,000, to remain
10 available until September 30, 2021.

11 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

12 DEVELOPMENT FUND

13 For the Department of Defense Acquisition Work-
14 force Development Fund, \$552,000,000, to remain avail-
15 able for obligation until September 30, 2020: *Provided,*
16 That no other amounts may be otherwise credited or
17 transferred to the Fund, or deposited into the Fund, in
18 fiscal year 2019 pursuant to section 1705(d) of title 10,
19 United States Code.

1 TITLE III
2 PROCUREMENT
3 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY

4 For construction, procurement, production, modifica-
5 tion, and modernization of aircraft, equipment, including
6 ordnance, ground handling equipment, spare parts, and
7 accessories therefor; specialized equipment and training
8 devices; expansion of public and private plants, including
9 the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing purposes,
10 and such lands and interests therein, may be acquired,
11 and construction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of
12 title; and procurement and installation of equipment, ap-
13 pliances, and machine tools in public and private plants;
14 reserve plant and Government and contractor-owned
15 equipment layaway; and other expenses necessary for the
16 foregoing purposes, \$4,890,658,000, to remain available
17 for obligation until September 30, 2021.

18 MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY

19 For construction, procurement, production, modifica-
20 tion, and modernization of missiles, equipment, including
21 ordnance, ground handling equipment, spare parts, and
22 accessories therefor; specialized equipment and training
23 devices; expansion of public and private plants, including
24 the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing purposes,
25 and such lands and interests therein, may be acquired,

1 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY

2 For construction, procurement, production, and
3 modification of ammunition, and accessories therefor; spe-
4 cialized equipment and training devices; expansion of pub-
5 lic and private plants, including ammunition facilities, au-
6 thorized by section 2854 of title 10, United States Code,
7 and the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing pur-
8 poses, and such lands and interests therein, may be ac-
9 quired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to ap-
10 proval of title; and procurement and installation of equip-
11 ment, appliances, and machine tools in public and private
12 plants; reserve plant and Government and contractor-
13 owned equipment layaway; and other expenses necessary
14 for the foregoing purposes, \$2,283,369,000, to remain
15 available for obligation until September 30, 2021.

16 OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY

17 For construction, procurement, production, and
18 modification of vehicles, including tactical, support, and
19 non-tracked combat vehicles; the purchase of passenger
20 motor vehicles for replacement only; communications and
21 electronic equipment; other support equipment; spare
22 parts, ordnance, and accessories therefor; specialized
23 equipment and training devices; expansion of public and
24 private plants, including the land necessary therefor, for
25 the foregoing purposes, and such lands and interests

1 therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
2 thereon prior to approval of title; and procurement and
3 installation of equipment, appliances, and machine tools
4 in public and private plants; reserve plant and Govern-
5 ment and contractor-owned equipment layaway; and other
6 expenses necessary for the foregoing purposes,
7 \$7,709,078,000, to remain available for obligation until
8 September 30, 2021.

9 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY

10 For construction, procurement, production, modifica-
11 tion, and modernization of aircraft, equipment, including
12 ordnance, spare parts, and accessories therefor; specialized
13 equipment; expansion of public and private plants, includ-
14 ing the land necessary therefor, and such lands and inter-
15 ests therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
16 thereon prior to approval of title; and procurement and
17 installation of equipment, appliances, and machine tools
18 in public and private plants; reserve plant and Govern-
19 ment and contractor-owned equipment layaway,
20 \$20,083,169,000, to remain available for obligation until
21 September 30, 2021.

22 WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY

23 For construction, procurement, production, modifica-
24 tion, and modernization of missiles, torpedoes, other weap-
25 ons, and related support equipment including spare parts,

1 and accessories therefor; expansion of public and private
2 plants, including the land necessary therefor, and such
3 lands and interests therein, may be acquired, and con-
4 struction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of title; and
5 procurement and installation of equipment, appliances,
6 and machine tools in public and private plants; reserve
7 plant and Government and contractor-owned equipment
8 layaway, \$3,780,572,000, to remain available for obliga-
9 tion until September 30, 2021.

10 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE
11 CORPS

12 For construction, procurement, production, and
13 modification of ammunition, and accessories therefor; spe-
14 cialized equipment and training devices; expansion of pub-
15 lic and private plants, including ammunition facilities, au-
16 thorized by section 2854 of title 10, United States Code,
17 and the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing pur-
18 poses, and such lands and interests therein, may be ac-
19 quired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to ap-
20 proval of title; and procurement and installation of equip-
21 ment, appliances, and machine tools in public and private
22 plants; reserve plant and Government and contractor-
23 owned equipment layaway; and other expenses necessary
24 for the foregoing purposes, \$970,454,000, to remain avail-
25 able for obligation until September 30, 2021.

1 SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY

2 For expenses necessary for the construction, acquisi-
3 tion, or conversion of vessels as authorized by law, includ-
4 ing armor and armament thereof, plant equipment, appli-
5 ances, and machine tools and installation thereof in public
6 and private plants; reserve plant and Government and con-
7 tractor-owned equipment layaway; procurement of critical,
8 long lead time components and designs for vessels to be
9 constructed or converted in the future; and expansion of
10 public and private plants, including land necessary there-
11 for, and such lands and interests therein, may be acquired,
12 and construction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of
13 title, as follows:

14 Ohio Replacement Submarine (AP),
15 \$3,242,330,000;

16 Carrier Replacement Program (CVN 80),
17 \$1,573,181,000;

18 Virginia Class Submarine, \$4,373,382,000;

19 Virginia Class Submarine (AP),
20 \$2,796,401,000;

21 CVN Refueling Overhauls (AP), \$449,597,000;

22 DDG-1000 Program, \$270,965,000;

23 DDG-51 Destroyer, \$5,171,827,000;

24 DDG-51 Destroyer (AP), \$641,928,000;

25 Littoral Combat Ship, \$1,121,244,000;

1 LPD-17, \$500,000,000;
2 Expeditionary Sea Base, \$650,000,000;
3 LHA Replacement (AP), \$350,000,000;
4 Expeditionary Fast Transport, \$225,000,000;
5 TAO Fleet Oiler, \$977,104,000;
6 TAO Fleet Oiler (AP), \$75,046,000;
7 Towing Salvage and Rescue Ship, \$80,517,000;
8 LCU 1700, \$41,520,000;
9 Ship to Shore Connector, \$325,375,000;
10 Service Craft, \$97,062,000;
11 LCAC SLEP, \$23,321,000;
12 For outfitting, post delivery, conversions, and
13 first destination transportation, \$550,038,000;
14 Completion of Prior Year Shipbuilding Pro-
15 grams, \$207,099,000; and
16 Cable Ship, \$250,000,000.

17 In all: \$23,992,937,000, to remain available for obli-
18 gation until September 30, 2023: *Provided*, That addi-
19 tional obligations may be incurred after September 30,
20 2023, for engineering services, tests, evaluations, and
21 other such budgeted work that must be performed in the
22 final stage of ship construction: *Provided further*, That
23 none of the funds provided under this heading for the con-
24 struction or conversion of any naval vessel to be con-
25 structed in shipyards in the United States shall be ex-

1 pended in foreign facilities for the construction of major
2 components of such vessel: *Provided further*, That none
3 of the funds provided under this heading shall be used
4 for the construction of any naval vessel in foreign ship-
5 yards: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated or other-
6 wise made available by this Act for production of the com-
7 mon missile compartment of nuclear-powered vessels may
8 be available for multiyear procurement of critical compo-
9 nents to support continuous production of such compart-
10 ments only in accordance with the provisions of subsection
11 (i) of section 2218a of title 10, United States Code (as
12 added by section 1023 of the National Defense Authoriza-
13 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328)).

14 OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY

15 For procurement, production, and modernization of
16 support equipment and materials not otherwise provided
17 for, Navy ordnance (except ordnance for new aircraft, new
18 ships, and ships authorized for conversion); the purchase
19 of passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; expan-
20 sion of public and private plants, including the land nec-
21 essary therefor, and such lands and interests therein, may
22 be acquired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to
23 approval of title; and procurement and installation of
24 equipment, appliances, and machine tools in public and
25 private plants; reserve plant and Government and con-

1 tractor-owned equipment layaway, \$10,393,562,000, to
2 remain available for obligation until September 30, 2021.

3 PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS

4 For expenses necessary for the procurement, manu-
5 facture, and modification of missiles, armament, military
6 equipment, spare parts, and accessories therefor; plant
7 equipment, appliances, and machine tools, and installation
8 thereof in public and private plants; reserve plant and
9 Government and contractor-owned equipment layaway; ve-
10 hicles for the Marine Corps, including the purchase of pas-
11 senger motor vehicles for replacement only; and expansion
12 of public and private plants, including land necessary
13 therefor, and such lands and interests therein, may be ac-
14 quired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to ap-
15 proval of title, \$2,800,997,000, to remain available for ob-
16 ligation until September 30, 2021.

17 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

18 For construction, procurement, and modification of
19 aircraft and equipment, including armor and armament,
20 specialized ground handling equipment, and training de-
21 vices, spare parts, and accessories therefor; specialized
22 equipment; expansion of public and private plants, Gov-
23 ernment-owned equipment and installation thereof in such
24 plants, erection of structures, and acquisition of land, for
25 the foregoing purposes, and such lands and interests

1 therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
2 thereon prior to approval of title; reserve plant and Gov-
3 ernment and contractor-owned equipment layaway; and
4 other expenses necessary for the foregoing purposes in-
5 cluding rents and transportation of things,
6 \$15,772,473,000, to remain available for obligation until
7 September 30, 2021.

8 MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

9 For construction, procurement, and modification of
10 missiles, rockets, and related equipment, including spare
11 parts and accessories therefor; ground handling equip-
12 ment, and training devices; expansion of public and pri-
13 vate plants, Government-owned equipment and installa-
14 tion thereof in such plants, erection of structures, and ac-
15 quisition of land, for the foregoing purposes, and such
16 lands and interests therein, may be acquired, and con-
17 struction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of title; re-
18 serve plant and Government and contractor-owned equip-
19 ment layaway; and other expenses necessary for the fore-
20 going purposes including rents and transportation of
21 things, \$2,614,954,000, to remain available for obligation
22 until September 30, 2021.

23 SPACE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

24 For construction, procurement, and modification of
25 spacecraft, rockets, and related equipment, including

1 spare parts and accessories therefor; ground handling
2 equipment, and training devices; expansion of public and
3 private plants, Government-owned equipment and installa-
4 tion thereof in such plants, erection of structures, and ac-
5 quisition of land, for the foregoing purposes, and such
6 lands and interests therein, may be acquired, and con-
7 struction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of title; re-
8 serve plant and Government and contractor-owned equip-
9 ment layaway; and other expenses necessary for the fore-
10 going purposes including rents and transportation of
11 things, \$2,224,142,000, to remain available for obligation
12 until September 30, 2021.

13 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE

14 For construction, procurement, production, and
15 modification of ammunition, and accessories therefor; spe-
16 cialized equipment and training devices; expansion of pub-
17 lic and private plants, including ammunition facilities, au-
18 thorized by section 2854 of title 10, United States Code,
19 and the land necessary therefor, for the foregoing pur-
20 poses, and such lands and interests therein, may be ac-
21 quired, and construction prosecuted thereon prior to ap-
22 proval of title; and procurement and installation of equip-
23 ment, appliances, and machine tools in public and private
24 plants; reserve plant and Government and contractor-
25 owned equipment layaway; and other expenses necessary

1 for the foregoing purposes, \$1,564,880,000, to remain
2 available for obligation until September 30, 2021.

3 OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

4 For procurement and modification of equipment (in-
5 cluding ground guidance and electronic control equipment,
6 and ground electronic and communication equipment),
7 and supplies, materials, and spare parts therefor, not oth-
8 erwise provided for; the purchase of passenger motor vehi-
9 cles for replacement only; lease of passenger motor vehi-
10 cles; and expansion of public and private plants, Govern-
11 ment-owned equipment and installation thereof in such
12 plants, erection of structures, and acquisition of land, for
13 the foregoing purposes, and such lands and interests
14 therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
15 thereon, prior to approval of title; reserve plant and Gov-
16 ernment and contractor-owned equipment layaway,
17 \$20,839,366,000, to remain available for obligation until
18 September 30, 2021.

19 PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

20 For expenses of activities and agencies of the Depart-
21 ment of Defense (other than the military departments)
22 necessary for procurement, production, and modification
23 of equipment, supplies, materials, and spare parts there-
24 for, not otherwise provided for; the purchase of passenger
25 motor vehicles for replacement only; expansion of public

1 and private plants, equipment, and installation thereof in
2 such plants, erection of structures, and acquisition of land
3 for the foregoing purposes, and such lands and interests
4 therein, may be acquired, and construction prosecuted
5 thereon prior to approval of title; reserve plant and Gov-
6 ernment and contractor-owned equipment layaway,
7 \$6,663,821,000, to remain available for obligation until
8 September 30, 2021.

9 NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

10 For procurement of rotary-wing aircraft; combat, tac-
11 tical and support vehicles; other weapons; and other pro-
12 curement items for the reserve components of the Armed
13 Forces, \$900,000,000, to remain available for obligation
14 until September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That the Chiefs of
15 National Guard and Reserve components shall, not later
16 than 30 days after enactment of this Act, individually sub-
17 mit to the congressional defense committees the mod-
18 ernization priority assessment for their respective Na-
19 tional Guard or Reserve component: *Provided further*,
20 That none of the funds made available by this paragraph
21 may be used to procure manned fixed wing aircraft, or
22 procure or modify missiles, munitions, or ammunition.

23 DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT PURCHASES

24 For activities by the Department of Defense pursuant
25 to sections 108, 301, 302, and 303 of the Defense Produc-

1 tion Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4518, 4531, 4532, and 4533),
2 \$38,578,000, to remain available until expended.

3
4 TITLE IV
5 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND
6 EVALUATION

7 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
8 ARMY

9 For expenses necessary for basic and applied sci-
10 entific research, development, test and evaluation, includ-
11 ing maintenance, rehabilitation, lease, and operation of fa-
12 cilities and equipment, \$10,812,458,000, to remain avail-
13 able for obligation until September 30, 2020.

14 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
15 NAVY

16 For expenses necessary for basic and applied sci-
17 entific research, development, test and evaluation, includ-
18 ing maintenance, rehabilitation, lease, and operation of fa-
19 cilities and equipment, \$18,992,064,000, to remain avail-
20 able for obligation until September 30, 2020: *Provided,*
21 That funds appropriated in this paragraph which are
22 available for the V-22 may be used to meet unique oper-
23 ational requirements of the Special Operations Forces.

1 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
2 AIR FORCE

3 For expenses necessary for basic and applied sci-
4 entific research, development, test and evaluation, includ-
5 ing maintenance, rehabilitation, lease, and operation of fa-
6 cilities and equipment, \$40,896,667,000, to remain avail-
7 able for obligation until September 30, 2020.

8 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
9 DEFENSE-WIDE

10 For expenses of activities and agencies of the Depart-
11 ment of Defense (other than the military departments),
12 necessary for basic and applied scientific research, devel-
13 opment, test and evaluation; advanced research projects
14 as may be designated and determined by the Secretary
15 of Defense, pursuant to law; maintenance, rehabilitation,
16 lease, and operation of facilities and equipment,
17 \$24,049,621,000, to remain available for obligation until
18 September 30, 2020.

19 OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE

20 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
21 for the independent activities of the Director, Operational
22 Test and Evaluation, in the direction and supervision of
23 operational test and evaluation, including initial oper-
24 ational test and evaluation which is conducted prior to,
25 and in support of, production decisions; joint operational

1 testing and evaluation; and administrative expenses in
2 connection therewith, \$381,009,000, to remain available
3 for obligation until September 30, 2020.

4 TITLE V

5 REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

6 DEFENSE WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS

7 For the Defense Working Capital Funds,
8 \$1,641,115,000.

9 TITLE VI

10 OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

11 DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

12 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, for medical
13 and health care programs of the Department of Defense
14 as authorized by law, \$34,135,992,000; of which
15 \$31,588,995,000 shall be for operation and maintenance,
16 of which not to exceed one percent shall remain available
17 for obligation until September 30, 2020, and of which up
18 to \$15,152,801,000 may be available for contracts entered
19 into under the TRICARE program; of which
20 \$873,160,000, to remain available for obligation until Sep-
21 tember 30, 2021, shall be for procurement; and of which
22 \$1,673,837,000, to remain available for obligation until
23 September 30, 2020, shall be for research, development,
24 test and evaluation: *Provided*, That of the funds provided
25 under this heading for research, development, test and

1 evaluation, not less than \$761,500,000 shall be made
2 available to the United States Army Medical Research and
3 Materiel Command to carry out the congressionally di-
4 rected medical research programs.

5 CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION,
6 DEFENSE

7 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary
8 for the destruction of the United States stockpile of lethal
9 chemical agents and munitions in accordance with the pro-
10 visions of section 1412 of the Department of Defense Au-
11 thorization Act, 1986 (50 U.S.C. 1521), and for the de-
12 struction of other chemical warfare materials that are not
13 in the chemical weapon stockpile, \$993,816,000, of which
14 \$105,997,000 shall be for operation and maintenance, of
15 which no less than \$52,735,000 shall be for the Chemical
16 Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, consisting of
17 \$21,600,000 for activities on military installations and
18 \$31,135,000, to remain available until September 30,
19 2020, to assist State and local governments; \$1,091,000
20 shall be for procurement, to remain available until Sep-
21 tember 30, 2021, of which \$1,091,000 shall be for the
22 Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program to
23 assist State and local governments; and \$886,728,000, to
24 remain available until September 30, 2020, shall be for
25 research, development, test and evaluation, of which

1 \$880,283,000 shall only be for the Assembled Chemical
2 Weapons Alternatives program.

3 DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES,
4 DEFENSE
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For drug interdiction and counter-drug activities of
7 the Department of Defense, for transfer to appropriations
8 available to the Department of Defense for military per-
9 sonnel of the reserve components serving under the provi-
10 sions of title 10 and title 32, United States Code; for oper-
11 ation and maintenance; for procurement; and for research,
12 development, test and evaluation, \$872,525,000, of which
13 \$507,171,000 shall be for counter-narcotics support;
14 \$117,900,000 shall be for the drug demand reduction pro-
15 gram; \$217,178,000 shall be for the National Guard
16 counter-drug program; and \$30,276,000 shall be for the
17 National Guard counter-drug schools program: *Provided*,
18 That the funds appropriated under this heading shall be
19 available for obligation for the same time period and for
20 the same purpose as the appropriation to which trans-
21 ferred: *Provided further*, That upon a determination that
22 all or part of the funds transferred from this appropriation
23 are not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such
24 amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation:
25 *Provided further*, That the transfer authority provided

1 under this heading is in addition to any other transfer au-
2 thority contained elsewhere in this Act.

3 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 For expenses and activities of the Office of the In-
5 spector General in carrying out the provisions of the In-
6 spector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$329,273,000,
7 of which \$325,236,000 shall be for operation and mainte-
8 nance, of which not to exceed \$700,000 is available for
9 emergencies and extraordinary expenses to be expended on
10 the approval or authority of the Inspector General, and
11 payments may be made on the Inspector General's certifi-
12 cate of necessity for confidential military purposes; of
13 which \$60,000, to remain available for obligation until
14 September 30, 2021, shall be for procurement; and of
15 which \$3,977,000, to remain available until September 30,
16 2020, shall be for research, development, test and evalua-
17 tion.

18 TITLE VII

19 RELATED AGENCIES

20 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT AND
21 DISABILITY SYSTEM FUND

22 For payment to the Central Intelligence Agency Re-
23 tirement and Disability System Fund, to maintain the
24 proper funding level for continuing the operation of the

1 Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability
2 System, \$514,000,000.

3 INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

4 For necessary expenses of the Intelligence Commu-
5 nity Management Account, \$529,624,000.

6 TITLE VIII

7 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8 SEC. 8001. No part of any appropriation contained
9 in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda pur-
10 poses not authorized by the Congress.

11 SEC. 8002. During the current fiscal year, provisions
12 of law prohibiting the payment of compensation to, or em-
13 ployment of, any person not a citizen of the United States
14 shall not apply to personnel of the Department of Defense:
15 *Provided*, That salary increases granted to direct and indi-
16 rect hire foreign national employees of the Department of
17 Defense funded by this Act shall not be at a rate in excess
18 of the percentage increase authorized by law for civilian
19 employees of the Department of Defense whose pay is
20 computed under the provisions of section 5332 of title 5,
21 United States Code, or at a rate in excess of the percent-
22 age increase provided by the appropriate host nation to
23 its own employees, whichever is higher: *Provided further*,
24 That this section shall not apply to Department of De-
25 fense foreign service national employees serving at United

1 States diplomatic missions whose pay is set by the Depart-
2 ment of State under the Foreign Service Act of 1980: *Pro-*
3 *vided further*, That the limitations of this provision shall
4 not apply to foreign national employees of the Department
5 of Defense in the Republic of Turkey.

6 SEC. 8003. No part of any appropriation contained
7 in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond
8 the current fiscal year, unless expressly so provided herein.

9 SEC. 8004. No more than 20 percent of the appro-
10 priations in this Act which are limited for obligation dur-
11 ing the current fiscal year shall be obligated during the
12 last 2 months of the fiscal year: *Provided*, That this sec-
13 tion shall not apply to obligations for support of active
14 duty training of reserve components or summer camp
15 training of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

16 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 8005. Upon determination by the Secretary of
18 Defense that such action is necessary in the national inter-
19 est, he may, with the approval of the Office of Manage-
20 ment and Budget, transfer not to exceed \$4,000,000,000
21 of working capital funds of the Department of Defense
22 or funds made available in this Act to the Department
23 of Defense for military functions (except military con-
24 struction) between such appropriations or funds or any
25 subdivision thereof, to be merged with and to be available

1 for the same purposes, and for the same time period, as
2 the appropriation or fund to which transferred: *Provided*,
3 That such authority to transfer may not be used unless
4 for higher priority items, based on unforeseen military re-
5 quirements, than those for which originally appropriated
6 and in no case where the item for which funds are re-
7 quested has been denied by the Congress: *Provided further*,
8 That the Secretary of Defense shall notify the Congress
9 promptly of all transfers made pursuant to this authority
10 or any other authority in this Act: *Provided further*, That
11 no part of the funds in this Act shall be available to pre-
12 pare or present a request to the Committees on Appropria-
13 tions for reprogramming of funds, unless for higher pri-
14 ority items, based on unforeseen military requirements,
15 than those for which originally appropriated and in no
16 case where the item for which reprogramming is requested
17 has been denied by the Congress: *Provided further*, That
18 a request for multiple reprogrammings of funds using au-
19 thority provided in this section shall be made prior to June
20 30, 2019: *Provided further*, That transfers among military
21 personnel appropriations shall not be taken into account
22 for purposes of the limitation on the amount of funds that
23 may be transferred under this section.

24 SEC. 8006. (a) With regard to the list of specific pro-
25 grams, projects, and activities (and the dollar amounts

1 and adjustments to budget activities corresponding to
2 such programs, projects, and activities) contained in the
3 tables titled “Committee Recommended Adjustments” in
4 the explanatory statement regarding this Act, the obliga-
5 tion and expenditure of amounts appropriated or other-
6 wise made available in this Act for those programs,
7 projects, and activities for which the amounts appro-
8 priated exceed the amounts requested are hereby required
9 by law to be carried out in the manner provided by such
10 tables to the same extent as if the tables were included
11 in the text of this Act.

12 (b) Amounts specified in the referenced tables de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) shall not be treated as subdivi-
14 sions of appropriations for purposes of section 8005 of this
15 Act: *Provided*, That section 8005 shall apply when trans-
16 fers of the amounts described in subsection (a) occur be-
17 tween appropriation accounts.

18 SEC. 8007. (a) Not later than 60 days after enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Department of Defense shall submit
20 a report to the congressional defense committees to estab-
21 lish the baseline for application of reprogramming and
22 transfer authorities for fiscal year 2019: *Provided*, That
23 the report shall include—

24 (1) a table for each appropriation with a sepa-
25 rate column to display the President’s budget re-

1 quest, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments
2 due to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the
3 fiscal year enacted level;

4 (2) a delineation in the table for each appro-
5 priation both by budget activity and program,
6 project, and activity as detailed in the Budget Ap-
7 pendix; and

8 (3) an identification of items of special congres-
9 sional interest.

10 (b) Notwithstanding section 8005 of this Act, none
11 of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for
12 reprogramming or transfer until the report identified in
13 subsection (a) is submitted to the congressional defense
14 committees, unless the Secretary of Defense certifies in
15 writing to the congressional defense committees that such
16 reprogramming or transfer is necessary as an emergency
17 requirement: *Provided*, That this subsection shall not
18 apply to transfers from the following appropriations ac-
19 counts:

20 (1) “Environmental Restoration, Army”;

21 (2) “Environmental Restoration, Navy”;

22 (3) “Environmental Restoration, Air Force”;

23 (4) “Environmental Restoration, Defense-
24 Wide”;

1 inventory, unless the Secretary of Defense has notified the
2 Congress prior to any such obligation.

3 SEC. 8009. Funds appropriated by this Act may not
4 be used to initiate a special access program without prior
5 notification 30 calendar days in advance to the congress-
6 sional defense committees.

7 SEC. 8010. None of the funds provided in this Act
8 shall be available to initiate: (1) a multiyear contract that
9 employs economic order quantity procurement in excess of
10 \$20,000,000 in any one year of the contract or that in-
11 cludes an unfunded contingent liability in excess of
12 \$20,000,000; or (2) a contract for advance procurement
13 leading to a multiyear contract that employs economic
14 order quantity procurement in excess of \$20,000,000 in
15 any one year, unless the congressional defense committees
16 have been notified at least 30 days in advance of the pro-
17 posed contract award: *Provided*, That no part of any ap-
18 propriation contained in this Act shall be available to ini-
19 tiate a multiyear contract for which the economic order
20 quantity advance procurement is not funded at least to
21 the limits of the Government's liability: *Provided further*,
22 That no part of any appropriation contained in this Act
23 shall be available to initiate multiyear procurement con-
24 tracts for any systems or component thereof if the value
25 of the multiyear contract would exceed \$500,000,000 un-

1 less specifically provided in this Act: *Provided further*,
2 That no multiyear procurement contract can be termi-
3 nated without 30-day prior notification to the congres-
4 sional defense committees: *Provided further*, That the exe-
5 cution of multiyear authority shall require the use of a
6 present value analysis to determine lowest cost compared
7 to an annual procurement: *Provided further*, That none of
8 the funds provided in this Act may be used for a multiyear
9 contract executed after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act unless in the case of any such contract—

11 (1) the Secretary of Defense has submitted to
12 Congress a budget request for full funding of units
13 to be procured through the contract and, in the case
14 of a contract for procurement of aircraft, that in-
15 cludes, for any aircraft unit to be procured through
16 the contract for which procurement funds are re-
17 quested in that budget request for production be-
18 yond advance procurement activities in the fiscal
19 year covered by the budget, full funding of procure-
20 ment of such unit in that fiscal year;

21 (2) cancellation provisions in the contract do
22 not include consideration of recurring manufacturing
23 costs of the contractor associated with the produc-
24 tion of unfunded units to be delivered under the con-
25 tract;

1 (3) the contract provides that payments to the
2 contractor under the contract shall not be made in
3 advance of incurred costs on funded units; and

4 (4) the contract does not provide for a price ad-
5 justment based on a failure to award a follow-on
6 contract.

7 Funds appropriated in title III of this Act may be
8 used for multiyear procurement contracts for any or all
9 of the following projects:

10 (1) Standard Missile-3 IB;

11 (2) Standard Missile-6;

12 (3) F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and EA-18G
13 Aircraft variants;

14 (4) E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (AHE) Aircraft;
15 and

16 (5) C-130J, KC-130J, HC-130J; MC-130J,
17 AC-130J Aircraft:

18 *Provided*, That the multiyear procurement authority for
19 the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (AHE) and the F/A-18E/
20 F Super Hornet programs provided for by this section
21 shall be subject to the certification requirement in section
22 2306b(i) of title 10, United States Code, with the cost
23 analysis in connection with such certification to be current
24 as of the date of such certification and to be submitted
25 to Congress prior to the Secretary exercising the authority

1 in accordance with section 2306b(i)(3) of title 10, United
2 States Code: *Provided further*, That the multiyear procure-
3 ment authority for the Standard Missile—6 program pro-
4 vided for by this section shall be subject to the certification
5 requirement in section 2306b(i) of title 10, United States
6 Code, with the cost analysis in connection with such cer-
7 tification to be current as of the date of such certification
8 and to be submitted to Congress prior to the Secretary
9 exercising the authority in accordance with section
10 2306b(i)(3) of title 10, United States Code.

11 SEC. 8011. Within the funds appropriated for the op-
12 eration and maintenance of the Armed Forces, funds are
13 hereby appropriated pursuant to section 401 of title 10,
14 United States Code, for humanitarian and civic assistance
15 costs under chapter 20 of title 10, United States Code.
16 Such funds may also be obligated for humanitarian and
17 civic assistance costs incidental to authorized operations
18 and pursuant to authority granted in section 401 of chap-
19 ter 20 of title 10, United States Code, and these obliga-
20 tions shall be reported as required by section 401(d) of
21 title 10, United States Code: *Provided*, That funds avail-
22 able for operation and maintenance shall be available for
23 providing humanitarian and similar assistance by using
24 Civic Action Teams in the Trust Territories of the Pacific
25 Islands and freely associated states of Micronesia, pursu-

1 ant to the Compact of Free Association as authorized by
2 Public Law 99-239: *Provided further*, That upon a deter-
3 mination by the Secretary of the Army that such action
4 is beneficial for graduate medical education programs con-
5 ducted at Army medical facilities located in Hawaii, the
6 Secretary of the Army may authorize the provision of med-
7 ical services at such facilities and transportation to such
8 facilities, on a nonreimbursable basis, for civilian patients
9 from American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the North-
10 ern Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated
11 States of Micronesia, Palau, and Guam.

12 SEC. 8012. (a) During the current fiscal year, the
13 civilian personnel of the Department of Defense may not
14 be managed on the basis of any end-strength, and the
15 management of such personnel during that fiscal year
16 shall not be subject to any constraint or limitation (known
17 as an end-strength) on the number of such personnel who
18 may be employed on the last day of such fiscal year.

19 (b) The fiscal year 2020 budget request for the De-
20 partment of Defense as well as all justification material
21 and other documentation supporting the fiscal year 2020
22 Department of Defense budget request shall be prepared
23 and submitted to the Congress as if subsections (a) and
24 (b) of this provision were effective with regard to fiscal
25 year 2020.

1 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply
2 to military (civilian) technicians.

3 SEC. 8013. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act shall be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to in-
5 fluence congressional action on any legislation or appro-
6 priation matters pending before the Congress.

7 SEC. 8014. None of the funds appropriated by this
8 Act shall be available for the basic pay and allowances of
9 any member of the Army participating as a full-time stu-
10 dent and receiving benefits paid by the Secretary of Vet-
11 erans Affairs from the Department of Defense Education
12 Benefits Fund when time spent as a full-time student is
13 credited toward completion of a service commitment: *Pro-*
14 *vided*, That this section shall not apply to those members
15 who have reenlisted with this option prior to October 1,
16 1987: *Provided further*, That this section applies only to
17 active components of the Army.

18 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 8015. Funds appropriated in title III of this Act
20 for the Department of Defense Pilot Mentor-Protégé Pro-
21 gram may be transferred to any other appropriation con-
22 tained in this Act solely for the purpose of implementing
23 a Mentor-Protégé Program developmental assistance
24 agreement pursuant to section 831 of the National De-
25 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law

1 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note), as amended, under the
2 authority of this provision or any other transfer authority
3 contained in this Act.

4 SEC. 8016. None of the funds appropriated by this
5 Act shall be used for the support of any nonappropriated
6 funds activity of the Department of Defense that procures
7 malt beverages and wine with nonappropriated funds for
8 resale (including such alcoholic beverages sold by the
9 drink) on a military installation located in the United
10 States unless such malt beverages and wine are procured
11 within that State, or in the case of the District of Colum-
12 bia, within the District of Columbia, in which the military
13 installation is located: *Provided*, That, in a case in which
14 the military installation is located in more than one State,
15 purchases may be made in any State in which the installa-
16 tion is located: *Provided further*, That such local procure-
17 ment requirements for malt beverages and wine shall
18 apply to all alcoholic beverages only for military installa-
19 tions in States which are not contiguous with another
20 State: *Provided further*, That alcoholic beverages other
21 than wine and malt beverages, in contiguous States and
22 the District of Columbia shall be procured from the most
23 competitive source, price and other factors considered.

24 SEC. 8017. None of the funds available to the De-
25 partment of Defense may be used to demilitarize or dis-

1 pose of M-1 Carbines, M-1 Garand rifles, M-14 rifles,
2 .22 caliber rifles, .30 caliber rifles, or M-1911 pistols, or
3 to demilitarize or destroy small arms ammunition or am-
4 munition components that are not otherwise prohibited
5 from commercial sale under Federal law, unless the small
6 arms ammunition or ammunition components are certified
7 by the Secretary of the Army or designee as unserviceable
8 or unsafe for further use.

9 SEC. 8018. No more than \$500,000 of the funds ap-
10 propriated or made available in this Act shall be used dur-
11 ing a single fiscal year for any single relocation of an orga-
12 nization, unit, activity or function of the Department of
13 Defense into or within the National Capital Region: *Pro-*
14 *vided*, That the Secretary of Defense may waive this re-
15 striction on a case-by-case basis by certifying in writing
16 to the congressional defense committees that such a relo-
17 cation is required in the best interest of the Government.

18 SEC. 8019. Of the funds made available in this Act,
19 up to \$15,000,000 may be available for incentive pay-
20 ments authorized by section 504 of the Indian Financing
21 Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1544): *Provided*, That a prime
22 contractor or a subcontractor at any tier that makes a
23 subcontract award to any subcontractor or supplier as de-
24 fined in section 1544 of title 25, United States Code, or
25 a small business owned and controlled by an individual

1 or individuals defined under section 4221(9) of title 25,
2 United States Code, shall be considered a contractor for
3 the purposes of being allowed additional compensation
4 under section 504 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974
5 (25 U.S.C. 1544) whenever the prime contract or sub-
6 contract amount is over \$500,000 and involves the ex-
7 penditure of funds appropriated by an Act making appro-
8 priations for the Department of Defense with respect to
9 any fiscal year: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
10 section 1906 of title 41, United States Code, this section
11 shall be applicable to any Department of Defense acquisi-
12 tion of supplies or services, including any contract and any
13 subcontract at any tier for acquisition of commercial items
14 produced or manufactured, in whole or in part, by any
15 subcontractor or supplier defined in section 1544 of title
16 25, United States Code, or a small business owned and
17 controlled by an individual or individuals defined under
18 section 4221(9) of title 25, United States Code.

19 SEC. 8020. Funds appropriated by this Act for the
20 Defense Media Activity shall not be used for any national
21 or international political or psychological activities.

22 SEC. 8021. During the current fiscal year, the De-
23 partment of Defense is authorized to incur obligations of
24 not to exceed \$350,000,000 for purposes specified in sec-
25 tion 2350j(c) of title 10, United States Code, in anticipa-

1 tion of receipt of contributions, only from the Government
2 of Kuwait, under that section: *Provided*, That, upon re-
3 ceipt, such contributions from the Government of Kuwait
4 shall be credited to the appropriations or fund which in-
5 curred such obligations.

6 SEC. 8022. (a) Of the funds made available in this
7 Act, not less than \$46,100,000 shall be available for the
8 Civil Air Patrol Corporation, of which—

9 (1) \$33,600,000 shall be available from “Oper-
10 ation and Maintenance, Air Force” to support Civil
11 Air Patrol Corporation operation and maintenance,
12 readiness, counter-drug activities, and drug demand
13 reduction activities involving youth programs;

14 (2) \$10,800,000 shall be available from “Air-
15 craft Procurement, Air Force”; and

16 (3) \$1,700,000 shall be available from “Other
17 Procurement, Air Force” for vehicle procurement.

18 (b) The Secretary of the Air Force should waive reim-
19 bursement for any funds used by the Civil Air Patrol for
20 counter-drug activities in support of Federal, State, and
21 local government agencies.

22 SEC. 8023. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
23 Act are available to establish a new Department of De-
24 fense (department) federally funded research and develop-
25 ment center (FFRDC), either as a new entity, or as a

1 separate entity administrated by an organization man-
2 aging another FFRDC, or as a nonprofit membership cor-
3 poration consisting of a consortium of other FFRDCs and
4 other nonprofit entities.

5 (b) No member of a Board of Directors, Trustees,
6 Overseers, Advisory Group, Special Issues Panel, Visiting
7 Committee, or any similar entity of a defense FFRDC,
8 and no paid consultant to any defense FFRDC, except
9 when acting in a technical advisory capacity, may be com-
10 pensated for his or her services as a member of such enti-
11 ty, or as a paid consultant by more than one FFRDC in
12 a fiscal year: *Provided*, That a member of any such entity
13 referred to previously in this subsection shall be allowed
14 travel expenses and per diem as authorized under the Fed-
15 eral Joint Travel Regulations, when engaged in the per-
16 formance of membership duties.

17 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none
18 of the funds available to the department from any source
19 during the current fiscal year may be used by a defense
20 FFRDC, through a fee or other payment mechanism, for
21 construction of new buildings not located on a military in-
22 stallation, for payment of cost sharing for projects funded
23 by Government grants, for absorption of contract over-
24 runs, or for certain charitable contributions, not to include

1 employee participation in community service and/or devel-
2 opment.

3 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of
4 the funds available to the department during fiscal year
5 2019, not more than 6,030 staff years of technical effort
6 (staff years) may be funded for defense FFRDCs: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That, of the specific amount referred to previously
8 in this subsection, not more than 1,125 staff years may
9 be funded for the defense studies and analysis FFRDCs:
10 *Provided further*, That this subsection shall not apply to
11 staff years funded in the National Intelligence Program
12 (NIP) and the Military Intelligence Program (MIP).

13 (e) The Secretary of Defense shall, with the submis-
14 sion of the department's fiscal year 2020 budget request,
15 submit a report presenting the specific amounts of staff
16 years of technical effort to be allocated for each defense
17 FFRDC during that fiscal year and the associated budget
18 estimates.

19 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
20 the total amount appropriated in this Act for FFRDCs
21 is hereby reduced by \$179,000,000: *Provided*, That this
22 subsection shall not apply to appropriations for the Na-
23 tional Intelligence Program (NIP) and the Military Intel-
24 ligence Program (MIP).

1 SEC. 8024. None of the funds appropriated or made
2 available in this Act shall be used to procure carbon, alloy,
3 or armor steel plate for use in any Government-owned fa-
4 cility or property under the control of the Department of
5 Defense which were not melted and rolled in the United
6 States or Canada: *Provided*, That these procurement re-
7 strictions shall apply to any and all Federal Supply Class
8 9515, American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM)
9 or American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) specifications
10 of carbon, alloy or armor steel plate: *Provided further*,
11 That the Secretary of the military department responsible
12 for the procurement may waive this restriction on a case-
13 by-case basis by certifying in writing to the Committees
14 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
15 Senate that adequate domestic supplies are not available
16 to meet Department of Defense requirements on a timely
17 basis and that such an acquisition must be made in order
18 to acquire capability for national security purposes: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That these restrictions shall not apply to
20 contracts which are in being as of the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act.

22 SEC. 8025. For the purposes of this Act, the term
23 “congressional defense committees” means the Armed
24 Services Committee of the House of Representatives, the
25 Armed Services Committee of the Senate, the Sub-

1 committee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations
2 of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Defense of the
3 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
4 tives.

5 SEC. 8026. During the current fiscal year, the De-
6 partment of Defense may acquire the modification, depot
7 maintenance and repair of aircraft, vehicles and vessels
8 as well as the production of components and other De-
9 fense-related articles, through competition between De-
10 partment of Defense depot maintenance activities and pri-
11 vate firms: *Provided*, That the Senior Acquisition Execu-
12 tive of the military department or Defense Agency con-
13 cerned, with power of delegation, shall certify that success-
14 ful bids include comparable estimates of all direct and in-
15 direct costs for both public and private bids: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That Office of Management and Budget Circular A-
17 76 shall not apply to competitions conducted under this
18 section.

19 SEC. 8027. (a)(1) If the Secretary of Defense, after
20 consultation with the United States Trade Representative,
21 determines that a foreign country which is party to an
22 agreement described in paragraph (2) has violated the
23 terms of the agreement by discriminating against certain
24 types of products produced in the United States that are
25 covered by the agreement, the Secretary of Defense shall

1 rescind the Secretary's blanket waiver of the Buy Amer-
2 ican Act with respect to such types of products produced
3 in that foreign country.

4 (2) An agreement referred to in paragraph (1) is any
5 reciprocal defense procurement memorandum of under-
6 standing, between the United States and a foreign country
7 pursuant to which the Secretary of Defense has prospec-
8 tively waived the Buy American Act for certain products
9 in that country.

10 (b) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Con-
11 gress a report on the amount of Department of Defense
12 purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2019. Such
13 report shall separately indicate the dollar value of items
14 for which the Buy American Act was waived pursuant to
15 any agreement described in subsection (a)(2), the Trade
16 Agreement Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.), or any
17 international agreement to which the United States is a
18 party.

19 (c) For purposes of this section, the term "Buy
20 American Act" means chapter 83 of title 41, United
21 States Code.

22 SEC. 8028. During the current fiscal year, amounts
23 contained in the Department of Defense Overseas Military
24 Facility Investment Recovery Account established by sec-
25 tion 2921(c)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act

1 of 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) shall
2 be available until expended for the payments specified by
3 section 2921(c)(2) of that Act.

4 SEC. 8029. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
5 of law, the Secretary of the Air Force may convey at no
6 cost to the Air Force, without consideration, to Indian
7 tribes located in the States of Nevada, Idaho, North Da-
8 kota, South Dakota, Montana, Oregon, Minnesota, and
9 Washington relocatable military housing units located at
10 Grand Forks Air Force Base, Malmstrom Air Force Base,
11 Mountain Home Air Force Base, Ellsworth Air Force
12 Base, and Minot Air Force Base that are excess to the
13 needs of the Air Force.

14 (b) The Secretary of the Air Force shall convey, at
15 no cost to the Air Force, military housing units under sub-
16 section (a) in accordance with the request for such units
17 that are submitted to the Secretary by the Operation
18 Walking Shield Program on behalf of Indian tribes located
19 in the States of Nevada, Idaho, North Dakota, South Da-
20 kota, Montana, Oregon, Minnesota, and Washington. Any
21 such conveyance shall be subject to the condition that the
22 housing units shall be removed within a reasonable period
23 of time, as determined by the Secretary.

24 (c) The Operation Walking Shield Program shall re-
25 solve any conflicts among requests of Indian tribes for

1 housing units under subsection (a) before submitting re-
2 quests to the Secretary of the Air Force under subsection
3 (b).

4 (d) In this section, the term “Indian tribe” means
5 any recognized Indian tribe included on the current list
6 published by the Secretary of the Interior under section
7 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Act of 1994
8 (Public Law 103–454; 108 Stat. 4792; 25 U.S.C. 5131).

9 SEC. 8030. During the current fiscal year, appropria-
10 tions which are available to the Department of Defense
11 for operation and maintenance may be used to purchase
12 items having an investment item unit cost of not more
13 than \$250,000.

14 SEC. 8031. Up to \$10,518,000 of the funds appro-
15 priated under the heading “Operation and Maintenance,
16 Navy” may be made available for the Asia Pacific Re-
17 gional Initiative Program for the purpose of enabling the
18 Pacific Command to execute Theater Security Cooperation
19 activities such as humanitarian assistance, and payment
20 of incremental and personnel costs of training and exer-
21 cising with foreign security forces: *Provided*, That funds
22 made available for this purpose may be used, notwith-
23 standing any other funding authorities for humanitarian
24 assistance, security assistance or combined exercise ex-
25 penses: *Provided further*, That funds may not be obligated

1 to provide assistance to any foreign country that is other-
2 wise prohibited from receiving such type of assistance
3 under any other provision of law.

4 SEC. 8032. The Secretary of Defense shall issue reg-
5 ulations to prohibit the sale of any tobacco or tobacco-
6 related products in military resale outlets in the United
7 States, its territories and possessions at a price below the
8 most competitive price in the local community: *Provided*,
9 That such regulations shall direct that the prices of to-
10 bacco or tobacco-related products in overseas military re-
11 tail outlets shall be within the range of prices established
12 for military retail system stores located in the United
13 States.

14 SEC. 8033. (a) During the current fiscal year, none
15 of the appropriations or funds available to the Department
16 of Defense Working Capital Funds shall be used for the
17 purchase of an investment item for the purpose of acquir-
18 ing a new inventory item for sale or anticipated sale dur-
19 ing the current fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year to
20 customers of the Department of Defense Working Capital
21 Funds if such an item would not have been chargeable
22 to the Department of Defense Business Operations Fund
23 during fiscal year 1994 and if the purchase of such an
24 investment item would be chargeable during the current

1 fiscal year to appropriations made to the Department of
2 Defense for procurement.

3 (b) The fiscal year 2020 budget request for the De-
4 partment of Defense as well as all justification material
5 and other documentation supporting the fiscal year 2020
6 Department of Defense budget shall be prepared and sub-
7 mitted to the Congress on the basis that any equipment
8 which was classified as an end item and funded in a pro-
9 curement appropriation contained in this Act shall be
10 budgeted for in a proposed fiscal year 2020 procurement
11 appropriation and not in the supply management business
12 area or any other area or category of the Department of
13 Defense Working Capital Funds.

14 SEC. 8034. None of the funds appropriated by this
15 Act for programs of the Central Intelligence Agency shall
16 remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal
17 year, except for funds appropriated for the Reserve for
18 Contingencies, which shall remain available until Sep-
19 tember 30, 2020: *Provided*, That funds appropriated,
20 transferred, or otherwise credited to the Central Intel-
21 ligence Agency Central Services Working Capital Fund
22 during this or any prior or subsequent fiscal year shall
23 remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That
24 any funds appropriated or transferred to the Central Intel-
25 ligence Agency for advanced research and development ac-

1 quision, for agent operations, and for covert action pro-
2 grams authorized by the President under section 503 of
3 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3093) shall
4 remain available until September 30, 2020.

5 SEC. 8035. Of the funds appropriated to the Depart-
6 ment of Defense under the heading “Operation and Main-
7 tenance, Defense-Wide”, not less than \$12,000,000 may
8 be made available only for the mitigation of environmental
9 impacts, including training and technical assistance to
10 tribes, related administrative support, the gathering of in-
11 formation, documenting of environmental damage, and de-
12 veloping a system for prioritization of mitigation and cost
13 to complete estimates for mitigation, on Indian lands re-
14 sulting from Department of Defense activities.

15 SEC. 8036. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
16 Act may be expended by an entity of the Department of
17 Defense unless the entity, in expending the funds, com-
18 plies with the Buy American Act. For purposes of this
19 subsection, the term “Buy American Act” means chapter
20 83 of title 41, United States Code.

21 (b) If the Secretary of Defense determines that a per-
22 son has been convicted of intentionally affixing a label
23 bearing a “Made in America” inscription to any product
24 sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made
25 in America, the Secretary shall determine, in accordance

1 with section 2410f of title 10, United States Code, wheth-
2 er the person should be debarred from contracting with
3 the Department of Defense.

4 (c) In the case of any equipment or products pur-
5 chased with appropriations provided under this Act, it is
6 the sense of the Congress that any entity of the Depart-
7 ment of Defense, in expending the appropriation, purchase
8 only American-made equipment and products, provided
9 that American-made equipment and products are cost-
10 competitive, quality competitive, and available in a timely
11 fashion.

12 SEC. 8037. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b)
13 and (c), none of the funds made available by this Act may
14 be used—

15 (1) to establish a field operating agency; or

16 (2) to pay the basic pay of a member of the
17 Armed Forces or civilian employee of the depart-
18 ment who is transferred or reassigned from a head-
19 quarters activity if the member or employee's place
20 of duty remains at the location of that headquarters.

21 (b) The Secretary of Defense or Secretary of a mili-
22 tary department may waive the limitations in subsection
23 (a), on a case-by-case basis, if the Secretary determines,
24 and certifies to the Committees on Appropriations of the
25 House of Representatives and the Senate that the grant-

1 ing of the waiver will reduce the personnel requirements
2 or the financial requirements of the department.

3 (c) This section does not apply to—

4 (1) field operating agencies funded within the
5 National Intelligence Program;

6 (2) an Army field operating agency established
7 to eliminate, mitigate, or counter the effects of im-
8 proved explosive devices, and, as determined by the
9 Secretary of the Army, other similar threats;

10 (3) an Army field operating agency established
11 to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of bio-
12 metric activities and to integrate common biometric
13 technologies throughout the Department of Defense;
14 or

15 (4) an Air Force field operating agency estab-
16 lished to administer the Air Force Mortuary Affairs
17 Program and Mortuary Operations for the Depart-
18 ment of Defense and authorized Federal entities.

19 SEC. 8038. (a) None of the funds appropriated by
20 this Act shall be available to convert to contractor per-
21 formance an activity or function of the Department of De-
22 fense that, on or after the date of the enactment of this
23 Act, is performed by Department of Defense civilian em-
24 ployees unless—

1 (1) the conversion is based on the result of a
2 public-private competition that includes a most effi-
3 cient and cost effective organization plan developed
4 by such activity or function;

5 (2) the Competitive Sourcing Official deter-
6 mines that, over all performance periods stated in
7 the solicitation of offers for performance of the ac-
8 tivity or function, the cost of performance of the ac-
9 tivity or function by a contractor would be less costly
10 to the Department of Defense by an amount that
11 equals or exceeds the lesser of—

12 (A) 10 percent of the most efficient organi-
13 zation's personnel-related costs for performance
14 of that activity or function by Federal employ-
15 ees; or

16 (B) \$10,000,000; and

17 (3) the contractor does not receive an advan-
18 tage for a proposal that would reduce costs for the
19 Department of Defense by—

20 (A) not making an employer-sponsored
21 health insurance plan available to the workers
22 who are to be employed in the performance of
23 that activity or function under the contract; or

24 (B) offering to such workers an employer-
25 sponsored health benefits plan that requires the

1 employer to contribute less towards the pre-
2 mium or subscription share than the amount
3 that is paid by the Department of Defense for
4 health benefits for civilian employees under
5 chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

6 (b)(1) The Department of Defense, without regard
7 to subsection (a) of this section or subsection (a), (b), or
8 (c) of section 2461 of title 10, United States Code, and
9 notwithstanding any administrative regulation, require-
10 ment, or policy to the contrary shall have full authority
11 to enter into a contract for the performance of any com-
12 mercial or industrial type function of the Department of
13 Defense that—

14 (A) is included on the procurement list estab-
15 lished pursuant to section 2 of the Javits-Wagner-
16 O'Day Act (section 8503 of title 41, United States
17 Code);

18 (B) is planned to be converted to performance
19 by a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or by
20 a qualified nonprofit agency for other severely handi-
21 capped individuals in accordance with that Act; or

22 (C) is planned to be converted to performance
23 by a qualified firm under at least 51 percent owner-
24 ship by an Indian tribe, as defined in section 4(e)
25 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education As-

1 Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit

2 Control Act of 1985, as amended:

3 “Aircraft Procurement, Army”, 2017/2019,

4 \$16,000,000;

5 “Missile Procurement, Army”, 2017/2019,

6 \$12,900,000;

7 “Other Procurement, Army”, 2017/2019,

8 \$7,465,000;

9 “Other Procurement, Navy”, 2017/2019,

10 \$32,344,000;

11 “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force”, 2017/2019,

12 \$179,029,000;

13 “Space Procurement, Air Force”, 2017/2019,

14 \$15,000,000;

15 “Other Procurement, Air Force”, 2017/2019,

16 \$29,600,000;

17 “Defense Health Program: Procurement”,

18 2017/2019, \$2,413,000;

19 “Aircraft Procurement, Army”, 2018/2020,

20 \$4,939,000;

21 “Missile Procurement, Army”, 2018/2020,

22 \$149,400,000;

23 “Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat

24 Vehicles, Army”, 2018/2020, \$210,506,000;

1 “Other Procurement, Army”, 2018/2020,
2 \$115,389,000;

3 “Aircraft Procurement, Navy”, 2018/2020,
4 \$14,600,000;

5 “Other Procurement, Navy”, 2018/2020,
6 \$36,600,000;

7 “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force”, 2018/2020,
8 \$254,166,000;

9 “Space Procurement, Air Force”, 2018/2020,
10 \$192,300,000;

11 “Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force”,
12 2018/2020, \$17,100,000;

13 “Other Procurement, Air Force”, 2018/2020,
14 \$128,500,000;

15 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation,
16 Army”, 2018/2019, \$237,384,000;

17 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation,
18 Air Force”, 2018/2019, \$505,300,000;

19 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation,
20 Defense-Wide”, 2018/2019, \$25,000,000; and

21 “Defense Health Program: Procurement”,
22 2018/2020, \$215,000,000.

23 SEC. 8040. None of the funds available in this Act
24 may be used to reduce the authorized positions for mili-
25 tary technicians (dual status) of the Army National

1 Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Air Force
2 Reserve for the purpose of applying any administratively
3 imposed civilian personnel ceiling, freeze, or reduction on
4 military technicians (dual status), unless such reductions
5 are a direct result of a reduction in military force struc-
6 ture.

7 SEC. 8041. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise made available in this Act may be obligated or ex-
9 pended for assistance to the Democratic People's Republic
10 of Korea unless specifically appropriated for that purpose.

11 SEC. 8042. Funds appropriated in this Act for oper-
12 ation and maintenance of the Military Departments, Com-
13 batant Commands and Defense Agencies shall be available
14 for reimbursement of pay, allowances and other expenses
15 which would otherwise be incurred against appropriations
16 for the National Guard and Reserve when members of the
17 National Guard and Reserve provide intelligence or coun-
18 terintelligence support to Combatant Commands, Defense
19 Agencies and Joint Intelligence Activities, including the
20 activities and programs included within the National Intel-
21 ligence Program and the Military Intelligence Program:
22 *Provided*, That nothing in this section authorizes deviation
23 from established Reserve and National Guard personnel
24 and training procedures.

1 SEC. 8043. (a) None of the funds available to the
2 Department of Defense for any fiscal year for drug inter-
3 diction or counter-drug activities may be transferred to
4 any other department or agency of the United States ex-
5 cept as specifically provided in an appropriations law.

6 (b) None of the funds available to the Central Intel-
7 ligence Agency for any fiscal year for drug interdiction or
8 counter-drug activities may be transferred to any other de-
9 partment or agency of the United States except as specifi-
10 cally provided in an appropriations law.

11 SEC. 8044. Of the amounts appropriated for “Work-
12 ing Capital Fund, Army”, \$99,000,000 shall be available
13 to maintain competitive rates at the arsenals.

14 SEC. 8045. In addition to the amounts appropriated
15 or otherwise made available elsewhere in this Act,
16 \$20,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the Department of
17 Defense: *Provided*, That upon the determination of the
18 Secretary of Defense that it shall serve the national inter-
19 est, the Secretary shall make grants in the amounts speci-
20 fied as follows: \$20,000,000 to the United Service Organi-
21 zations.

22 SEC. 8046. None of the funds in this Act may be
23 used to purchase any supercomputer which is not manu-
24 factured in the United States, unless the Secretary of De-
25 fense certifies to the congressional defense committees

1 that such an acquisition must be made in order to acquire
2 capability for national security purposes that is not avail-
3 able from United States manufacturers.

4 SEC. 8047. Notwithstanding any other provision in
5 this Act, the Small Business Innovation Research program
6 and the Small Business Technology Transfer program set-
7 asides shall be taken proportionally from all programs,
8 projects, or activities to the extent they contribute to the
9 extramural budget.

10 SEC. 8048. None of the funds available to the De-
11 partment of Defense under this Act shall be obligated or
12 expended to pay a contractor under a contract with the
13 Department of Defense for costs of any amount paid by
14 the contractor to an employee when—

15 (1) such costs are for a bonus or otherwise in
16 excess of the normal salary paid by the contractor
17 to the employee; and

18 (2) such bonus is part of restructuring costs as-
19 sociated with a business combination.

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 8049. During the current fiscal year, no more
22 than \$30,000,000 of appropriations made in this Act
23 under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-
24 Wide” may be transferred to appropriations available for
25 the pay of military personnel, to be merged with, and to

1 be available for the same time period as the appropriations
2 to which transferred, to be used in support of such per-
3 sonnel in connection with support and services for eligible
4 organizations and activities outside the Department of De-
5 fense pursuant to section 2012 of title 10, United States
6 Code.

7 SEC. 8050. During the current fiscal year, in the case
8 of an appropriation account of the Department of Defense
9 for which the period of availability for obligation has ex-
10 pired or which has closed under the provisions of section
11 1552 of title 31, United States Code, and which has a
12 negative unliquidated or unexpended balance, an obliga-
13 tion or an adjustment of an obligation may be charged
14 to any current appropriation account for the same purpose
15 as the expired or closed account if—

16 (1) the obligation would have been properly
17 chargeable (except as to amount) to the expired or
18 closed account before the end of the period of avail-
19 ability or closing of that account;

20 (2) the obligation is not otherwise properly
21 chargeable to any current appropriation account of
22 the Department of Defense; and

23 (3) in the case of an expired account, the obli-
24 gation is not chargeable to a current appropriation
25 of the Department of Defense under the provisions

1 of section 1405(b)(8) of the National Defense Au-
2 thORIZATION Act for Fiscal Year 1991, Public Law
3 101-510, as amended (31 U.S.C. 1551 note): *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That in the case of an expired account, if sub-
5 sequent review or investigation discloses that there
6 was not in fact a negative unliquidated or unex-
7 pended balance in the account, any charge to a cur-
8 rent account under the authority of this section shall
9 be reversed and recorded against the expired ac-
10 count: *Provided further*, That the total amount
11 charged to a current appropriation under this sec-
12 tion may not exceed an amount equal to 1 percent
13 of the total appropriation for that account.

14 SEC. 8051. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
15 of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau may per-
16 mit the use of equipment of the National Guard Distance
17 Learning Project by any person or entity on a space-avail-
18 able, reimbursable basis. The Chief of the National Guard
19 Bureau shall establish the amount of reimbursement for
20 such use on a case-by-case basis.

21 (b) Amounts collected under subsection (a) shall be
22 credited to funds available for the National Guard Dis-
23 tance Learning Project and be available to defray the costs
24 associated with the use of equipment of the project under

1 that subsection. Such funds shall be available for such
2 purposes without fiscal year limitation.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 8052. Of the funds appropriated in this Act
5 under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-
6 wide”, \$25,000,000 shall be for continued implementation
7 and expansion of the Sexual Assault Special Victims’
8 Counsel Program: *Provided*, That the funds are made
9 available for transfer to the Department of the Army, the
10 Department of the Navy, and the Department of the Air
11 Force: *Provided further*, That funds transferred shall be
12 merged with and available for the same purposes and for
13 the same time period as the appropriations to which the
14 funds are transferred: *Provided further*, That this transfer
15 authority is in addition to any other transfer authority
16 provided in this Act.

17 SEC. 8053. None of the funds appropriated in title
18 IV of this Act may be used to procure end-items for deliv-
19 ery to military forces for operational training, operational
20 use or inventory requirements: *Provided*, That this restric-
21 tion does not apply to end-items used in development,
22 prototyping, and test activities preceding and leading to
23 acceptance for operational use: *Provided further*, That the
24 Secretary of Defense shall, with submission of the depart-
25 ment’s fiscal year 2020 budget request, submit a report

1 detailing the use of funds requested in research, develop-
2 ment, test and evaluation accounts for end-items used in
3 development, prototyping and test activities preceding and
4 leading to acceptance for operational use: *Provided further*,
5 That this restriction does not apply to programs funded
6 within the National Intelligence Program: *Provided fur-*
7 *ther*, That the Secretary of Defense may waive this restric-
8 tion on a case-by-case basis by certifying in writing to the
9 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
10 atives and the Senate that it is in the national security
11 interest to do so.

12 SEC. 8054. (a) The Secretary of Defense may, on a
13 case-by-case basis, waive with respect to a foreign country
14 each limitation on the procurement of defense items from
15 foreign sources provided in law if the Secretary determines
16 that the application of the limitation with respect to that
17 country would invalidate cooperative programs entered
18 into between the Department of Defense and the foreign
19 country, or would invalidate reciprocal trade agreements
20 for the procurement of defense items entered into under
21 section 2531 of title 10, United States Code, and the
22 country does not discriminate against the same or similar
23 defense items produced in the United States for that coun-
24 try.

25 (b) Subsection (a) applies with respect to—

1 (1) contracts and subcontracts entered into on
2 or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

3 (2) options for the procurement of items that
4 are exercised after such date under contracts that
5 are entered into before such date if the option prices
6 are adjusted for any reason other than the applica-
7 tion of a waiver granted under subsection (a).

8 (c) Subsection (a) does not apply to a limitation re-
9 garding construction of public vessels, ball and roller bear-
10 ings, food, and clothing or textile materials as defined by
11 section XI (chapters 50–65) of the Harmonized Tariff
12 Schedule of the United States and products classified
13 under headings 4010, 4202, 4203, 6401 through 6406,
14 6505, 7019, 7218 through 7229, 7304.41 through
15 7304.49, 7306.40, 7502 through 7508, 8105, 8108, 8109,
16 8211, 8215, and 9404.

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 8055. Of the amounts appropriated for “Oper-
19 ation and Maintenance, Navy”, up to \$1,000,000 shall be
20 available for transfer to the John C. Stennis Center for
21 Public Service Development Trust Fund established under
22 section 116 of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Serv-
23 ice Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1105).

24 SEC. 8056. Notwithstanding any other provision of
25 law, funds appropriated in this Act under the heading

1 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-
2 Wide” for any new start advanced concept technology
3 demonstration project or joint capability demonstration
4 project may only be obligated 45 days after a report, in-
5 cluding a description of the project, the planned acquisi-
6 tion and transition strategy and its estimated annual and
7 total cost, has been provided in writing to the congres-
8 sional defense committees: *Provided*, That the Secretary
9 of Defense may waive this restriction on a case-by-case
10 basis by certifying to the congressional defense committees
11 that it is in the national interest to do so.

12 SEC. 8057. The Secretary of Defense shall continue
13 to provide a classified quarterly report to the House and
14 Senate Appropriations Committees, Subcommittees on
15 Defense on certain matters as directed in the classified
16 annex accompanying this Act.

17 SEC. 8058. Notwithstanding section 12310(b) of title
18 10, United States Code, a Reserve who is a member of
19 the National Guard serving on full-time National Guard
20 duty under section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code,
21 may perform duties in support of the ground-based ele-
22 ments of the National Ballistic Missile Defense System.

23 SEC. 8059. None of the funds provided in this Act
24 may be used to transfer to any nongovernmental entity
25 ammunition held by the Department of Defense that has

1 a center-fire cartridge and a United States military no-
2 menclature designation of “armor penetrator”, “armor
3 piercing (AP)”, “armor piercing incendiary (API)”, or
4 “armor-piercing incendiary tracer (API-T)”, except to an
5 entity performing demilitarization services for the Depart-
6 ment of Defense under a contract that requires the entity
7 to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of
8 Defense that armor piercing projectiles are either: (1) ren-
9 dered incapable of reuse by the demilitarization process;
10 or (2) used to manufacture ammunition pursuant to a con-
11 tract with the Department of Defense or the manufacture
12 of ammunition for export pursuant to a License for Per-
13 manent Export of Unclassified Military Articles issued by
14 the Department of State.

15 SEC. 8060. Notwithstanding any other provision of
16 law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his des-
17 ignee, may waive payment of all or part of the consider-
18 ation that otherwise would be required under section 2667
19 of title 10, United States Code, in the case of a lease of
20 personal property for a period not in excess of 1 year to
21 any organization specified in section 508(d) of title 32,
22 United States Code, or any other youth, social, or fra-
23 ternal nonprofit organization as may be approved by the
24 Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his designee, on
25 a case-by-case basis.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 8061. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
3 under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Army”,
4 \$62,483,700 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law,
6 the Secretary of Defense is authorized to transfer such
7 funds to other activities of the Federal Government: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Defense is authorized
9 to enter into and carry out contracts for the acquisition
10 of real property, construction, personal services, and oper-
11 ations related to projects carrying out the purposes of this
12 section: *Provided further*, That contracts entered into
13 under the authority of this section may provide for such
14 indemnification as the Secretary determines to be nec-
15 essary: *Provided further*, That projects authorized by this
16 section shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and
17 local law to the maximum extent consistent with the na-
18 tional security, as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

19 SEC. 8062. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
20 or any other Act may be used to take any action to mod-
21 ify—

22 (1) the appropriations account structure for the
23 National Intelligence Program budget, including
24 through the creation of a new appropriation or new
25 appropriation account;

1 (2) how the National Intelligence Program
2 budget request is presented in the unclassified P-1,
3 R-1, and O-1 documents supporting the Depart-
4 ment of Defense budget request;

5 (3) the process by which the National Intel-
6 ligence Program appropriations are apportioned to
7 the executing agencies; or

8 (4) the process by which the National Intel-
9 ligence Program appropriations are allotted, obli-
10 gated and disbursed.

11 (b) Nothing in section (a) shall be construed to pro-
12 hibit the merger of programs or changes to the National
13 Intelligence Program budget at or below the Expenditure
14 Center level, provided such change is otherwise in accord-
15 ance with paragraphs (a)(1)–(3).

16 (c) The Director of National Intelligence and the Sec-
17 retary of Defense may jointly, only for the purposes of
18 achieving auditable financial statements and improving
19 fiscal reporting, study and develop detailed proposals for
20 alternative financial management processes. Such study
21 shall include a comprehensive counterintelligence risk as-
22 sessment to ensure that none of the alternative processes
23 will adversely affect counterintelligence.

1 (d) Upon development of the detailed proposals de-
2 fined under subsection (c), the Director of National Intel-
3 ligence and the Secretary of Defense shall—

4 (1) provide the proposed alternatives to all af-
5 fected agencies;

6 (2) receive certification from all affected agen-
7 cies attesting that the proposed alternatives will help
8 achieve auditability, improve fiscal reporting, and
9 will not adversely affect counterintelligence; and

10 (3) not later than 30 days after receiving all
11 necessary certifications under paragraph (2), present
12 the proposed alternatives and certifications to the
13 congressional defense and intelligence committees.

14 SEC. 8063. None of the funds available to the De-
15 partment of Defense may be obligated to modify command
16 and control relationships to give Fleet Forces Command
17 operational and administrative control of United States
18 Navy forces assigned to the Pacific fleet: *Provided*, That
19 the command and control relationships which existed on
20 October 1, 2004, shall remain in force until a written
21 modification has been proposed to the House and Senate
22 Appropriations Committees: *Provided further*, That the
23 proposed modification may be implemented 30 days after
24 the notification unless an objection is received from either
25 the House or Senate Appropriations Committees: *Provided*

1 *further*, That any proposed modification shall not preclude
2 the ability of the commander of United States Pacific
3 Command to meet operational requirements.

4 SEC. 8064. Any notice that is required to be sub-
5 mitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate
6 and the House of Representatives under section 806(c)(4)
7 of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for
8 Fiscal Year 2003 (10 U.S.C. 2302 note) after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act shall be submitted pursuant
10 to that requirement concurrently to the Subcommittees on
11 Defense of the Committees on Appropriations of the Sen-
12 ate and the House of Representatives.

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 SEC. 8065. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
15 under the headings “Procurement, Defense-Wide” and
16 “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-
17 Wide”, \$500,000,000 shall be for the Israeli Cooperative
18 Programs: *Provided*, That of this amount, \$70,000,000
19 shall be for the Secretary of Defense to provide to the Gov-
20 ernment of Israel for the procurement of the Iron Dome
21 defense system to counter short-range rocket threats, sub-
22 ject to the U.S.-Israel Iron Dome Procurement Agree-
23 ment, as amended; \$187,000,000 shall be for the Short
24 Range Ballistic Missile Defense (SRBMD) program, in-
25 cluding cruise missile defense research and development

1 under the SRBMD program, of which \$50,000,000 shall
2 be for co-production activities of SRBMD systems in the
3 United States and in Israel to meet Israel's defense re-
4 quirements consistent with each nation's laws, regulations,
5 and procedures, subject to the U.S.-Israeli co-production
6 agreement for SRBMD, as amended; \$80,000,000 shall
7 be for an upper-tier component to the Israeli Missile De-
8 fense Architecture, of which \$80,000,000 shall be for co-
9 production activities of Arrow 3 Upper Tier systems in
10 the United States and in Israel to meet Israel's defense
11 requirements consistent with each nation's laws, regula-
12 tions, and procedures, subject to the U.S.-Israeli co-pro-
13 duction agreement for Arrow 3 Upper Tier, as amended;
14 and \$163,000,000 shall be for the Arrow System Improve-
15 ment Program including development of a long range,
16 ground and airborne, detection suite: *Provided further,*
17 That the transfer authority provided under this provision
18 is in addition to any other transfer authority contained
19 in this Act.

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 8066. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
22 under the heading "Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy",
23 \$207,099,000 shall be available until September 30, 2019,
24 to fund prior year shipbuilding cost increases: *Provided,*
25 That upon enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the

1 Navy shall transfer funds to the following appropriations
2 in the amounts specified: *Provided further*, That the
3 amounts transferred shall be merged with and be available
4 for the same purposes as the appropriations to which
5 transferred to:

6 (1) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
7 version, Navy”, 2011/2019: LHA Replacement
8 \$25,100,000;

9 (2) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
10 version, Navy”, 2013/2019: DDG-51 Destroyer
11 \$53,966,000;

12 (3) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
13 version, Navy”, 2014/2019: Littoral Combat Ship
14 \$19,498,000;

15 (4) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
16 version, Navy”, 2015/2019: Littoral Combat Ship
17 \$83,686,000;

18 (5) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
19 version, Navy”, 2015/2019: LCAC \$9,400,000; and

20 (6) Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-
21 version, Navy”, 2016/2019: TAO Fleet Oiler
22 \$15,449,000.

23 SEC. 8067. Funds appropriated by this Act, or made
24 available by the transfer of funds in this Act, for intel-
25 ligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized

1 by the Congress for purposes of section 504 of the Na-
2 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3094) during fiscal
3 year 2019 until the enactment of the Intelligence Author-
4 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

5 SEC. 8068. None of the funds provided in this Act
6 shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a
7 reprogramming of funds that creates or initiates a new
8 program, project, or activity unless such program, project,
9 or activity must be undertaken immediately in the interest
10 of national security and only after written prior notifica-
11 tion to the congressional defense committees.

12 SEC. 8069. The budget of the President for fiscal
13 year 2020 submitted to the Congress pursuant to section
14 1105 of title 31, United States Code, shall include sepa-
15 rate budget justification documents for costs of United
16 States Armed Forces' participation in contingency oper-
17 ations for the Military Personnel accounts, the Operation
18 and Maintenance accounts, the Procurement accounts,
19 and the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation ac-
20 counts: *Provided*, That these documents shall include a de-
21 scription of the funding requested for each contingency op-
22 eration, for each military service, to include all Active and
23 Reserve components, and for each appropriations account:
24 *Provided further*, That these documents shall include esti-
25 mated costs for each element of expense or object class,

1 a reconciliation of increases and decreases for each contin-
2 gency operation, and programmatic data including, but
3 not limited to, troop strength for each Active and Reserve
4 component, and estimates of the major weapons systems
5 deployed in support of each contingency: *Provided further*,
6 That these documents shall include budget exhibits OP-
7 5 and OP-32 (as defined in the Department of Defense
8 Financial Management Regulation) for all contingency op-
9 erations for the budget year and the two preceding fiscal
10 years.

11 SEC. 8070. None of the funds in this Act may be
12 used for research, development, test, evaluation, procure-
13 ment or deployment of nuclear armed interceptors of a
14 missile defense system.

15 SEC. 8071. (a) None of the funds made available in
16 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
17 network unless such network is designed to block access
18 to pornography websites.

19 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
20 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
21 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
22 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities,
23 or for any activity necessary for the national defense, in-
24 cluding intelligence activities.

1 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 8072. The Secretary of Defense may transfer
3 up to \$800,000,000 of the amounts appropriated or other-
4 wise made available in this Act to the Department of De-
5 fense for the rapid acquisition and deployment of supplies
6 and associated support pursuant to section 806 of the Bob
7 Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
8 Year 2003 (Public Law 107-314; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note):
9 *Provided*, That the Secretary of Defense shall notify the
10 congressional defense committees promptly of all transfers
11 made pursuant to this authority or any other authority
12 in this Act: *Provided further*, That the transfer authority
13 provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer
14 authority provided elsewhere in this Act.

15 SEC. 8073. None of the funds appropriated or made
16 available in this Act shall be used to reduce or disestablish
17 the operation of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squad-
18 ron of the Air Force Reserve, if such action would reduce
19 the WC-130 Weather Reconnaissance mission below the
20 levels funded in this Act: *Provided*, That the Air Force
21 shall allow the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron to
22 perform other missions in support of national defense re-
23 quirements during the non-hurricane season.

24 SEC. 8074. None of the funds provided in this Act
25 shall be available for integration of foreign intelligence in-

1 formation unless the information has been lawfully col-
2 lected and processed during the conduct of authorized for-
3 eign intelligence activities: *Provided*, That information
4 pertaining to United States persons shall only be handled
5 in accordance with protections provided in the Fourth
6 Amendment of the United States Constitution as imple-
7 mented through Executive Order No. 12333.

8 SEC. 8075. (a) None of the funds appropriated by
9 this Act may be used to transfer research and develop-
10 ment, acquisition, or other program authority relating to
11 current tactical unmanned aerial vehicles (TUAVs) from
12 the Army.

13 (b) The Army shall retain responsibility for and oper-
14 ational control of the MQ-1C Gray Eagle Unmanned Aer-
15 ial Vehicle (UAV) in order to support the Secretary of De-
16 fense in matters relating to the employment of unmanned
17 aerial vehicles.

18 SEC. 8076. None of the funds appropriated by this
19 Act for programs of the Office of the Director of National
20 Intelligence shall remain available for obligation beyond
21 the current fiscal year, except for funds appropriated for
22 research and technology, which shall remain available until
23 September 30, 2020.

24 SEC. 8077. For purposes of section 1553(b) of title
25 31, United States Code, any subdivision of appropriations

1 made in this Act under the heading “Shipbuilding and
2 Conversion, Navy” shall be considered to be for the same
3 purpose as any subdivision under the heading “Ship-
4 building and Conversion, Navy” appropriations in any
5 prior fiscal year, and the 1 percent limitation shall apply
6 to the total amount of the appropriation.

7 SEC. 8078. (a) Not later than 60 days after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intel-
9 ligence shall submit a report to the congressional intel-
10 ligence committees to establish the baseline for application
11 of reprogramming and transfer authorities for fiscal year
12 2019: *Provided*, That the report shall include—

13 (1) a table for each appropriation with a sepa-
14 rate column to display the President’s budget re-
15 quest, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments
16 due to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the
17 fiscal year enacted level;

18 (2) a delineation in the table for each appro-
19 priation by Expenditure Center and project; and

20 (3) an identification of items of special congres-
21 sional interest.

22 (b) None of the funds provided for the National Intel-
23 ligence Program in this Act shall be available for re-
24 programming or transfer until the report identified in sub-
25 section (a) is submitted to the congressional intelligence

1 committees, unless the Director of National Intelligence
2 certifies in writing to the congressional intelligence com-
3 mittees that such reprogramming or transfer is necessary
4 as an emergency requirement.

5 SEC. 8079. None of the funds provided in this Act
6 for the TAO-205 program shall be used to award a new
7 contract that provides for the acquisition of the following
8 components unless those components are manufactured in
9 the United States: Auxiliary equipment (including pumps)
10 for shipboard services; propulsion equipment (including
11 engines, reduction gears, and propellers); shipboard
12 cranes; and spreaders for shipboard cranes.

13 SEC. 8080. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, any transfer of funds, appropriated or otherwise made
15 available by this Act, for support to friendly foreign coun-
16 tries in connection with the conduct of operations in which
17 the United States is not participating, pursuant to section
18 331(d) of title 10, United States Code, shall be made in
19 accordance with sections 8005 or 9002 of this Act, as ap-
20 plicable.

21 SEC. 8081. Any transfer of amounts appropriated to,
22 credited to, or deposited in the Department of Defense Ac-
23 quisition Workforce Development Fund in or for fiscal
24 year 2019 to a military department or Defense Agency
25 pursuant to section 1705(e)(1) of title 10, United States

1 Code, shall be covered by and subject to sections 8005 or
2 9002 of this Act, as applicable.

3 SEC. 8082. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act for excess defense articles, assistance under section
5 333 of title 10, United States Code, or peacekeeping oper-
6 ations for the countries designated annually to be in viola-
7 tion of the standards of the Child Soldiers Prevention Act
8 of 2008 (Public Law 110-457; 22 U.S.C. 2370c-1) may
9 be used to support any military training or operation that
10 includes child soldiers, as defined by the Child Soldiers
11 Prevention Act of 2008, unless such assistance is other-
12 wise permitted under section 404 of the Child Soldiers
13 Prevention Act of 2008.

14 SEC. 8083. (a) None of the funds provided for the
15 National Intelligence Program in this or any prior appro-
16 priations Act shall be available for obligation or expendi-
17 ture through a reprogramming or transfer of funds in ac-
18 cordance with section 102A(d) of the National Security
19 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(d)) that—

20 (1) creates a new start effort;

21 (2) terminates a program with appropriated
22 funding of \$10,000,000 or more;

23 (3) transfers funding into or out of the Na-
24 tional Intelligence Program; or

25 (4) transfers funding between appropriations,

1 unless the congressional intelligence committees are noti-
2 fied 30 days in advance of such reprogramming of funds;
3 this notification period may be reduced for urgent national
4 security requirements.

5 (b) None of the funds provided for the National Intel-
6 ligence Program in this or any prior appropriations Act
7 shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a
8 reprogramming or transfer of funds in accordance with
9 section 102A(d) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
10 U.S.C. 3024(d)) that results in a cumulative increase or
11 decrease of the levels specified in the classified annex ac-
12 companying the Act unless the congressional intelligence
13 committees are notified 30 days in advance of such re-
14 programming of funds; this notification period may be re-
15 duced for urgent national security requirements.

16 SEC. 8084. The Director of National Intelligence
17 shall submit to Congress each year, at or about the time
18 that the President's budget is submitted to Congress that
19 year under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
20 Code, a future-years intelligence program (including asso-
21 ciated annexes) reflecting the estimated expenditures and
22 proposed appropriations included in that budget. Any such
23 future-years intelligence program shall cover the fiscal
24 year with respect to which the budget is submitted and
25 at least the four succeeding fiscal years.

1 required to be submitted by the Congress in this or any
2 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-
3 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

4 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—

5 (1) the public posting of the report com-
6 promises national security; or

7 (2) the report contains proprietary information.

8 (c) The head of the agency posting such report shall
9 do so only after such report has been made available to
10 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for
11 no less than 45 days.

12 SEC. 8089. (a) None of the funds appropriated or
13 otherwise made available by this Act may be expended for
14 any Federal contract for an amount in excess of
15 \$1,000,000, unless the contractor agrees not to—

16 (1) enter into any agreement with any of its
17 employees or independent contractors that requires,
18 as a condition of employment, that the employee or
19 independent contractor agree to resolve through ar-
20 bitration any claim under title VII of the Civil
21 Rights Act of 1964 or any tort related to or arising
22 out of sexual assault or harassment, including as-
23 sault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional
24 distress, false imprisonment, or negligent hiring, su-
25 pervision, or retention; or

1 (2) take any action to enforce any provision of
2 an existing agreement with an employee or inde-
3 pendent contractor that mandates that the employee
4 or independent contractor resolve through arbitra-
5 tion any claim under title VII of the Civil Rights Act
6 of 1964 or any tort related to or arising out of sex-
7 ual assault or harassment, including assault and
8 battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress,
9 false imprisonment, or negligent hiring, supervision,
10 or retention.

11 (b) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise
12 made available by this Act may be expended for any Fed-
13 eral contract unless the contractor certifies that it requires
14 each covered subcontractor to agree not to enter into, and
15 not to take any action to enforce any provision of, any
16 agreement as described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
17 section (a), with respect to any employee or independent
18 contractor performing work related to such subcontract.
19 For purposes of this subsection, a “covered subcon-
20 tractor” is an entity that has a subcontract in excess of
21 \$1,000,000 on a contract subject to subsection (a).

22 (c) The prohibitions in this section do not apply with
23 respect to a contractor’s or subcontractor’s agreements
24 with employees or independent contractors that may not
25 be enforced in a court of the United States.

1 (d) The Secretary of Defense may waive the applica-
2 tion of subsection (a) or (b) to a particular contractor or
3 subcontractor for the purposes of a particular contract or
4 subcontract if the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary per-
5 sonally determines that the waiver is necessary to avoid
6 harm to national security interests of the United States,
7 and that the term of the contract or subcontract is not
8 longer than necessary to avoid such harm. The determina-
9 tion shall set forth with specificity the grounds for the
10 waiver and for the contract or subcontract term selected,
11 and shall state any alternatives considered in lieu of a
12 waiver and the reasons each such alternative would not
13 avoid harm to national security interests of the United
14 States. The Secretary of Defense shall transmit to Con-
15 gress, and simultaneously make public, any determination
16 under this subsection not less than 15 business days be-
17 fore the contract or subcontract addressed in the deter-
18 mination may be awarded.

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 SEC. 8090. From within the funds appropriated for
21 operation and maintenance for the Defense Health Pro-
22 gram in this Act, up to \$113,000,000, shall be available
23 for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense-Depart-
24 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration
25 Fund in accordance with the provisions of section 1704

1 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2 2010, Public Law 111–84: *Provided*, That for purposes
3 of section 1704(b), the facility operations funded are oper-
4 ations of the integrated Captain James A. Lovell Federal
5 Health Care Center, consisting of the North Chicago Vet-
6 erans Affairs Medical Center, the Navy Ambulatory Care
7 Center, and supporting facilities designated as a combined
8 Federal medical facility as described by section 706 of
9 Public Law 110–417: *Provided further*, That additional
10 funds may be transferred from funds appropriated for op-
11 eration and maintenance for the Defense Health Program
12 to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Vet-
13 erans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon
14 written notification by the Secretary of Defense to the
15 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
16 atives and the Senate.

17 SEC. 8091. None of the funds appropriated or other-
18 wise made available by this Act may be used by the De-
19 partment of Defense or a component thereof in contraven-
20 tion of the provisions of section 130h of title 10, United
21 States Code.

22 SEC. 8092. Appropriations available to the Depart-
23 ment of Defense may be used for the purchase of heavy
24 and light armored vehicles for the physical security of per-
25 sonnel or for force protection purposes up to a limit of

1 \$450,000 per vehicle, notwithstanding price or other limi-
2 tations applicable to the purchase of passenger carrying
3 vehicles.

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 8093. Upon a determination by the Director of
6 National Intelligence that such action is necessary and in
7 the national interest, the Director may, with the approval
8 of the Office of Management and Budget, transfer not to
9 exceed \$1,500,000,000 of the funds made available in this
10 Act for the National Intelligence Program: *Provided*, That
11 such authority to transfer may not be used unless for
12 higher priority items, based on unforeseen intelligence re-
13 quirements, than those for which originally appropriated
14 and in no case where the item for which funds are re-
15 quested has been denied by the Congress: *Provided further*,
16 That a request for multiple reprogrammings of funds
17 using authority provided in this section shall be made
18 prior to June 30, 2019.

19 SEC. 8094. None of the funds appropriated or other-
20 wise made available in this or any other Act may be used
21 to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release to
22 or within the United States, its territories, or possessions
23 Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee who—
24 (1) is not a United States citizen or a member
25 of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

1 (2) is or was held on or after June 24, 2009,
2 at United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
3 Cuba, by the Department of Defense.

4 SEC. 8095. (a) None of the funds appropriated or
5 otherwise made available in this or any other Act may be
6 used to construct, acquire, or modify any facility in the
7 United States, its territories, or possessions to house any
8 individual described in subsection (c) for the purposes of
9 detention or imprisonment in the custody or under the ef-
10 fective control of the Department of Defense.

11 (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply
12 to any modification of facilities at United States Naval
13 Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

14 (c) An individual described in this subsection is any
15 individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United
16 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and who—

17 (1) is not a citizen of the United States or a
18 member of the Armed Forces of the United States;
19 and

20 (2) is—

21 (A) in the custody or under the effective
22 control of the Department of Defense; or

23 (B) otherwise under detention at United
24 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

1 SEC. 8096. None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available in this Act may be used to transfer
3 any individual detained at United States Naval Station
4 Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to the custody or control of the
5 individual's country of origin, any other foreign country,
6 or any other foreign entity except in accordance with sec-
7 tion 1034 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
8 Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92) and section 1034
9 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
10 2017 (Public Law 114-328).

11 SEC. 8097. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act may be used in contravention of the War Powers Res-
13 olution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

14 SEC. 8098. (a) None of the funds appropriated or
15 otherwise made available by this or any other Act may
16 be used by the Secretary of Defense, or any other official
17 or officer of the Department of Defense, to enter into a
18 contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative
19 agreement with, or make a grant to, or provide a loan
20 or loan guarantee to Rosoboronexport or any subsidiary
21 of Rosoboronexport.

22 (b) The Secretary of Defense may waive the limita-
23 tion in subsection (a) if the Secretary, in consultation with
24 the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intel-
25 ligence, determines that it is in the vital national security

1 interest of the United States to do so, and certifies in writ-
2 ing to the congressional defense committees that, to the
3 best of the Secretary's knowledge:

4 (1) Rosoboronexport has ceased the transfer of
5 lethal military equipment to, and the maintenance of
6 existing lethal military equipment for, the Govern-
7 ment of the Syrian Arab Republic;

8 (2) The armed forces of the Russian Federation
9 have withdrawn from Crimea, other than armed
10 forces present on military bases subject to agree-
11 ments in force between the Government of the Rus-
12 sian Federation and the Government of Ukraine;
13 and

14 (3) Agents of the Russian Federation have
15 ceased taking active measures to destabilize the con-
16 trol of the Government of Ukraine over eastern
17 Ukraine.

18 (c) The Inspector General of the Department of De-
19 fense shall conduct a review of any action involving
20 Rosoboronexport with respect to a waiver issued by the
21 Secretary of Defense pursuant to subsection (b), and not
22 later than 90 days after the date on which such a waiver
23 is issued by the Secretary of Defense, the Inspector Gen-
24 eral shall submit to the congressional defense committees

1 a report containing the results of the review conducted
2 with respect to such waiver.

3 SEC. 8099. The Secretary of Defense, in consultation
4 with the Service Secretaries, shall submit two reports to
5 the congressional defense committees, not later than
6 March 1, 2019, and not later than September 1, 2019,
7 detailing the submission of records during the previous 6
8 months to databases accessible to the National Instant
9 Criminal Background Check System (NICS), including
10 the Interstate Identification Index (III), the National
11 Crime Information Center (NCIC), and the NICS Index,
12 as required by Public Law 110–180: *Provided*, That such
13 reports shall provide the number and category of records
14 submitted by month to each such database, by Service or
15 Component: *Provided further*, That such reports shall
16 identify the number and category of records submitted by
17 month to those databases for which the Identification for
18 Firearm Sales (IFFS) flag or other database flags were
19 used to pre-validate the records and indicate that such
20 persons are prohibited from receiving or possessing a fire-
21 arm: *Provided further*, That such reports shall describe the
22 steps taken during the previous 6 months, by Service or
23 Component, to ensure complete and accurate submission
24 and appropriate flagging of records of individuals prohib-
25 ited from gun possession or receipt pursuant to 18 U.S.C.

1 922(g) or (n) including applicable records involving pro-
2 ceedings under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

3 SEC. 8100. (a) Of the funds appropriated in this Act
4 for the Department of Defense, amounts should be made
5 available, under such regulations as the Secretary of De-
6 fense may prescribe, to local military commanders ap-
7 pointed by the Secretary, or by an officer or employee des-
8 ignated by the Secretary, to provide at their discretion ex
9 gratia payments in amounts consistent with subsection (d)
10 of this section for damage, personal injury, or death that
11 is incident to combat operations of the Armed Forces in
12 a foreign country.

13 (b) An ex gratia payment under this section may be
14 provided only if—

15 (1) the prospective foreign civilian recipient is
16 determined by the local military commander to be
17 friendly to the United States;

18 (2) a claim for damages would not be compen-
19 sable under chapter 163 of title 10, United States
20 Code (commonly known as the “Foreign Claims
21 Act”); and

22 (3) the property damage, personal injury, or
23 death was not caused by action by an enemy.

24 (c) NATURE OF PAYMENTS.—Any payments provided
25 under a program under subsection (a) shall not be consid-

1 ered an admission or acknowledgement of any legal obliga-
2 tion to compensate for any damage, personal injury, or
3 death.

4 (d) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—If the Secretary of De-
5 fense determines a program under subsection (a) to be ap-
6 propriate in a particular setting, the amounts of pay-
7 ments, if any, to be provided to civilians determined to
8 have suffered harm incident to combat operations of the
9 Armed Forces under the program should be determined
10 pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary and
11 based on an assessment, which should include such factors
12 as cultural appropriateness and prevailing economic condi-
13 tions.

14 (e) LEGAL ADVICE.—Local military commanders
15 shall receive legal advice before making ex gratia pay-
16 ments under this subsection. The legal advisor, under reg-
17 ulations of the Department of Defense, shall advise on
18 whether an ex gratia payment is proper under this section
19 and applicable Department of Defense regulations.

20 (f) WRITTEN RECORD.—A written record of any ex
21 gratia payment offered or denied shall be kept by the local
22 commander and on a timely basis submitted to the appro-
23 priate office in the Department of Defense as determined
24 by the Secretary of Defense.

1 (g) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall report
2 to the congressional defense committees on an annual
3 basis the efficacy of the ex gratia payment program in-
4 cluding the number of types of cases considered, amounts
5 offered, the response from ex gratia payment recipients,
6 and any recommended modifications to the program.

7 SEC. 8101. None of the funds available in this Act
8 to the Department of Defense, other than appropriations
9 made for necessary or routine refurbishments, upgrades
10 or maintenance activities, shall be used to reduce or to
11 prepare to reduce the number of deployed and non-de-
12 ployed strategic delivery vehicles and launchers below the
13 levels set forth in the report submitted to Congress in ac-
14 cordance with section 1042 of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

16 SEC. 8102. Amounts in working capital funds of the
17 Department of Defense established pursuant to section
18 2208 of title 10, United States Code, may be obligated
19 and expended in fiscal year 2020 for the payment of death
20 gratuities authorized by subchapter II of chapter 75 of
21 title 10, United States Code, that are payable during the
22 period in which the appropriations bill for fiscal year 2020
23 for the Department has not become law and an Act or
24 joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fis-
25 cal year 2020 for the Department is not in effect (a “lapse

1 in appropriations’): *Provided*, That, upon enactment of
2 the appropriations Act for fiscal year 2020 for the Depart-
3 ment, such obligations and expenditures shall be recorded
4 against the appropriations made available by such Act for
5 the payment of such death gratuities.

6 SEC. 8103. The Secretary of each military depart-
7 ment, in reducing each research, development, test and
8 evaluation and procurement account of the military de-
9 partment as required under paragraph (1) of section
10 828(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
11 cal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 2430 note),
12 as amended by section 825(a)(3) of the National Defense
13 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, shall allocate the
14 percentage reduction determined under paragraph (2) of
15 such section 828(d) proportionally from all programs,
16 projects, or activities under such account: *Provided*, That
17 the authority under section 804(d)(2) of the National De-
18 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
19 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note) to transfer amounts avail-
20 able in the Rapid Prototyping Fund shall be subject to
21 section 8005 or 9002 of this Act, as applicable.

22 SEC. 8104. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act may be used by the National Security Agency to—

24 (1) conduct an acquisition pursuant to section
25 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of

1 1978 for the purpose of targeting a United States
2 person; or

3 (2) acquire, monitor, or store the contents (as
4 such term is defined in section 2510(8) of title 18,
5 United States Code) of any electronic communica-
6 tion of a United States person from a provider of
7 electronic communication services to the public pur-
8 suant to section 501 of the Foreign Intelligence Sur-
9 veillance Act of 1978.

10 SEC. 8105. None of the funds made available in this
11 or any other Act may be used to pay the salary of any
12 officer or employee of any agency funded by this Act who
13 approves or implements the transfer of administrative re-
14 sponsibilities or budgetary resources of any program,
15 project, or activity financed by this Act to the jurisdiction
16 of another Federal agency not financed by this Act with-
17 out the express authorization of Congress: *Provided*, That
18 this limitation shall not apply to transfers of funds ex-
19 pressly provided for in Defense Appropriations Acts, or
20 provisions of Acts providing supplemental appropriations
21 for the Department of Defense.

22 SEC. 8106. None of the funds made available in this
23 Act may be obligated for activities authorized under sec-
24 tion 1208 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Au-
25 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 112-

1 81; 125 Stat. 1621) to initiate support for, or expand sup-
2 port to, foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or individ-
3 uals unless the congressional defense committees are noti-
4 fied in accordance with the direction contained in the clas-
5 sified annex accompanying this Act, not less than 15 days
6 before initiating such support: *Provided*, That none of the
7 funds made available in this Act may be used under sec-
8 tion 1208 for any activity that is not in support of an
9 ongoing military operation being conducted by United
10 States Special Operations Forces to combat terrorism:
11 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense may waive
12 the prohibitions in this section if the Secretary determines
13 that such waiver is required by extraordinary cir-
14 cumstances and, by not later than 72 hours after making
15 such waiver, notifies the congressional defense committees
16 of such waiver.

17 SEC. 8107. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
18 for “Operation and Maintenance, Navy”, \$310,805,000,
19 to remain available until expended, may be used for any
20 purposes related to the National Defense Reserve Fleet
21 established under section 11 of the Merchant Ship Sales
22 Act of 1946 (50 U.S.C. 4405): *Provided*, That such
23 amounts are available for reimbursements to the Ready
24 Reserve Force, Maritime Administration account of the
25 United States Department of Transportation for pro-

1 grams, projects, activities, and expenses related to the Na-
2 tional Defense Reserve Fleet.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 8108. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act,
5 the Secretary of Defense may use up to \$52,657,000
6 under the heading “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-
7 Wide”, and up to \$39,400,000 under the heading “Re-
8 search, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-
9 Wide” to develop, replace, and sustain Federal Govern-
10 ment security and suitability background investigation in-
11 formation technology systems of the Office of Personnel
12 Management or other Federal agency responsible for con-
13 ducting such investigations: *Provided*, That the Secretary
14 may transfer additional amounts into these headings or
15 into “Procurement, Defense-Wide” using established re-
16 programming procedures prescribed in the Department of
17 Defense Financial Management Regulation 7000.14, Vol-
18 ume 3, Chapter 6, dated September 2015: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That such funds shall supplement, not supplant any
20 other amounts made available to other Federal agencies
21 for such purposes.

22 SEC. 8109. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment
24 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
25 Cuba.

1 SEC. 8110. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, any transfer of funds appropriated or otherwise made
3 available by this Act to the Global Engagement Center es-
4 tablished by section 1287 of the National Defense Author-
5 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328;
6 130 Stat. 22 U.S.C. 2656 note) shall be made in accord-
7 ance with section 8005 or 9002 of this Act, as applicable.

8 SEC. 8111. No amounts credited or otherwise made
9 available in this or any other Act to the Department of
10 Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Fund may be
11 transferred to:

12 (1) the Rapid Prototyping Fund established
13 under section 804(d) of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (10 U.S.C.
15 2302 note); or

16 (2) credited to a military-department specific
17 fund established under section 804(d)(2) of the Na-
18 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2016 (as amended by section 897 of the National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017).

21 SEC. 8112. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, from funds made available to the Department of De-
23 fense in title II of this Act under the heading “Operation
24 and Maintenance, Defense-Wide”, \$15,000,000 shall be
25 available for a project in a country designated by the Sec-

1 retary of Defense: *Provided*, That in furtherance of the
2 project, the Department of Defense is authorized to ac-
3 quire services, including services performed pursuant to
4 a grant agreement, from another Federal agency, on an
5 advance of funds or reimbursable basis: *Provided further*,
6 That an order for services placed under this section is
7 deemed to be an obligation in the same manner that a
8 similar order placed under a contract with a private con-
9 tractor is an obligation.

10 SEC. 8113. None of the funds appropriated by this
11 Act may be made available to transfer, or to facilitate the
12 transfer of, F-35 aircraft to Turkey, including any de-
13 fense articles or services related to such aircraft, until the
14 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
15 of State, certifies to the appropriate congressional commit-
16 tees that the Government of Turkey is not purchasing the
17 S-400 missile defense system from Russia and will not
18 accept the delivery of such system.

19 TITLE IX

20 OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

21 MILITARY PERSONNEL

22 MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

23 For an additional amount for “Military Personnel,
24 Army”, \$2,929,154,000: *Provided*, That such amount is
25 designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Op-

1 erations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
2 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
3 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

5 For an additional amount for “Military Personnel,
6 Navy”, \$385,461,000: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
7 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
8 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
9 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

12 For an additional amount for “Military Personnel,
13 Marine Corps”, \$109,232,000: *Provided*, That such
14 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
15 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
16 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

19 For an additional amount for “Military Personnel,
20 Air Force”, \$964,508,000: *Provided*, That such amount
21 is designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency
22 Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
23 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
24 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 RESERVE PERSONNEL, ARMY

2 For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel,
3 Army”, \$37,007,000: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
4 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
5 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
6 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
7 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 RESERVE PERSONNEL, NAVY

9 For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel,
10 Navy”, \$11,100,000: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
11 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
12 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
13 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
14 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 RESERVE PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

16 For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel,
17 Marine Corps”, \$2,380,000: *Provided*, That such amount
18 is designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency
19 Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
20 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
21 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 RESERVE PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

23 For an additional amount for “Reserve Personnel,
24 Air Force”, \$21,076,000: *Provided*, That such amount is
25 designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Op-

1 erations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
2 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
3 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, ARMY

5 For an additional amount for “National Guard Per-
6 sonnel, Army”, \$195,283,000: *Provided*, That such
7 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
8 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
9 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
10 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

12 For an additional amount for “National Guard Per-
13 sonnel, Air Force”, \$5,460,000: *Provided*, That such
14 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
15 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
16 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

19 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

20 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
21 tenance, Army”, \$19,028,500,000: *Provided*, That such
22 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
23 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
24 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
25 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

2 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
3 tenance, Navy”, \$5,572,155,000: *Provided*, That such
4 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
5 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
6 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
7 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

9 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
10 tenance, Marine Corps”, \$1,475,800,000: *Provided*, That
11 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
12 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
13 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
14 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

16 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
17 tenance, Air Force”, \$10,055,789,000: *Provided*, That
18 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
19 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
20 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
21 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

23 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
24 tenance, Defense-Wide”, \$8,354,905,000: *Provided*, That
25 of the funds provided under this heading, not to exceed

1 \$900,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2 2020, shall be for payments to reimburse key cooperating
3 nations for logistical, military, and other support, includ-
4 ing access, provided to United States military and stability
5 operations in Afghanistan and to counter the Islamic
6 State of Iraq and Syria: *Provided further*, That such reim-
7 bursement payments may be made in such amounts as the
8 Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Sec-
9 retary of State, and in consultation with the Director of
10 the Office of Management and Budget, may determine,
11 based on documentation determined by the Secretary of
12 Defense to adequately account for the support provided,
13 and such determination is final and conclusive upon the
14 accounting officers of the United States, and 15 days fol-
15 lowing notification to the appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees: *Provided further*, That these funds may be used
17 for the purpose of providing specialized training and pro-
18 curing supplies and specialized equipment and providing
19 such supplies and loaning such equipment on a non-reim-
20 bursable basis to coalition forces supporting United States
21 military and stability operations in Afghanistan and to
22 counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and 15 days
23 following notification to the appropriate congressional
24 committees: *Provided further*, That these funds may be
25 used in accordance with section 1226 of the National De-

1 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
2 114–92), upon 15 days prior written notification to the
3 congressional defense committees outlining the amounts
4 intended to be provided and the nature of the expenses
5 incurred: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided
6 under this heading, not to exceed \$793,000,000, to remain
7 available until September 30, 2020, shall be available to
8 provide support and assistance to foreign security forces
9 or other groups or individuals to conduct, support or facili-
10 tate counterterrorism, crisis response, or other Depart-
11 ment of Defense security cooperation programs: *Provided*
12 *further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall provide quar-
13 terly reports to the congressional defense committees on
14 the use of funds provided in this paragraph: *Provided fur-*
15 *ther*, That such amount is designated by the Congress for
16 Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Ter-
17 rorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Bal-
18 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE

20 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
21 tenance, Army Reserve”, \$41,887,000: *Provided*, That
22 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
23 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
24 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
25 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

2 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
3 tenance, Navy Reserve”, \$25,637,000: *Provided*, That
4 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
5 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
6 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
7 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

9 RESERVE

10 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
11 tenance, Marine Corps Reserve”, \$3,345,000: *Provided*,
12 That such amount is designated by the Congress for Over-
13 seas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism
14 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced
15 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

16 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE

17 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
18 tenance, Air Force Reserve”, \$60,500,000: *Provided*, That
19 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
20 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
21 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
22 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL
2 GUARD

3 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
4 tenance, Army National Guard”, \$110,729,000: *Provided*,
5 That such amount is designated by the Congress for Over-
6 seas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism
7 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced
8 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

9 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

10 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
11 tenance, Air National Guard”, \$15,870,000: *Provided*,
12 That such amount is designated by the Congress for Over-
13 seas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism
14 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced
15 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

16 AFGHANISTAN SECURITY FORCES FUND

17 For the “Afghanistan Security Forces Fund”,
18 \$4,666,815,000, to remain available until September 30,
19 2020: *Provided*, That such funds shall be available to the
20 Secretary of Defense for the purpose of allowing the Com-
21 mander, Combined Security Transition Command—Af-
22 ghanistan, or the Secretary’s designee, to provide assist-
23 ance, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, to
24 the security forces of Afghanistan, including the provision
25 of equipment, supplies, services, training, facility and in-

1 frastructure repair, renovation, construction, and funding:
2 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense may obli-
3 gate and expend funds made available to the Department
4 of Defense in this title for additional costs associated with
5 existing projects previously funded with amounts provided
6 under the heading “Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund” in
7 prior Acts: *Provided further*, That such costs shall be lim-
8 ited to contract changes resulting from inflation, market
9 fluctuation, rate adjustments, and other necessary con-
10 tract actions to complete existing projects, and associated
11 supervision and administration costs and costs for design
12 during construction: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
13 may not use more than \$50,000,000 under the authority
14 provided in this section: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
15 retary shall notify in advance such contract changes and
16 adjustments in annual reports to the congressional defense
17 committees: *Provided further*, That the authority to pro-
18 vide assistance under this heading is in addition to any
19 other authority to provide assistance to foreign nations:
20 *Provided further*, That contributions of funds for the pur-
21 poses provided herein from any person, foreign govern-
22 ment, or international organization may be credited to this
23 Fund, to remain available until expended, and used for
24 such purposes: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of De-
25 fense shall notify the congressional defense committees in

1 writing upon the receipt and upon the obligation of any
2 contribution, delineating the sources and amounts of the
3 funds received and the specific use of such contributions:
4 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall, not
5 fewer than 15 days prior to obligating from this appro-
6 priation account, notify the congressional defense commit-
7 tees in writing of the details of any such obligation: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall notify
9 the congressional defense committees of any proposed new
10 projects or transfer of funds between budget sub-activity
11 groups in excess of \$20,000,000: *Provided further*, That
12 the United States may accept equipment procured using
13 funds provided under this heading in this or prior Acts
14 that was transferred to the security forces of Afghanistan
15 and returned by such forces to the United States: *Provided*
16 *further*, That equipment procured using funds provided
17 under this heading in this or prior Acts, and not yet trans-
18 ferred to the security forces of Afghanistan or transferred
19 to the security forces of Afghanistan and returned by such
20 forces to the United States, may be treated as stocks of
21 the Department of Defense upon written notification to
22 the congressional defense committees: *Provided further*,
23 That of the funds provided under this heading, not less
24 than \$10,000,000 shall be for recruitment and retention
25 of women in the Afghanistan National Security Forces,

1 and the recruitment and training of female security per-
2 sonnel: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated
3 by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/
4 Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
5 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
6 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

7 COUNTER-ISIS TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND

8 For the “Counter-Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
9 Train and Equip Fund”, \$994,000,000, to remain avail-
10 able until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That such funds
11 shall be available to the Secretary of Defense in coordina-
12 tion with the Secretary of State, to provide assistance, in-
13 cluding training; equipment; logistics support, supplies,
14 and services; stipends; infrastructure repair and renova-
15 tion; and sustainment, to foreign security forces, irregular
16 forces, groups, or individuals participating, or preparing
17 to participate in activities to counter the Islamic State of
18 Iraq and Syria, and their affiliated or associated groups:
19 *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this
20 heading shall be available to provide assistance only for
21 activities in a country designated by the Secretary of De-
22 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, as hav-
23 ing a security mission to counter the Islamic State of Iraq
24 and Syria, and following written notification to the con-
25 gressional defense committees of such designation: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
2 that prior to providing assistance to elements of any forces
3 or individuals, such elements or individuals are appro-
4 priately vetted, including at a minimum, assessing such
5 elements for associations with terrorist groups or groups
6 associated with the Government of Iran; and receiving
7 commitments from such elements to promote respect for
8 human rights and the rule of law: *Provided further*, That
9 the Secretary of Defense shall, not fewer than 15 days
10 prior to obligating from this appropriation account, notify
11 the congressional defense committees in writing of the de-
12 tails of any such obligation: *Provided further*, That the
13 Secretary of Defense may accept and retain contributions,
14 including assistance in-kind, from foreign governments,
15 including the Government of Iraq and other entities, to
16 carry out assistance authorized under this heading: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That contributions of funds for the purposes
18 provided herein from any foreign government or other en-
19 tity may be credited to this Fund, to remain available until
20 expended, and used for such purposes: *Provided further*,
21 That the Secretary of Defense may waive a provision of
22 law relating to the acquisition of items and support serv-
23 ices or sections 40 and 40A of the Arms Export Control
24 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780 and 2785) if the Secretary deter-
25 mines that such provision of law would prohibit, restrict,

1 delay or otherwise limit the provision of such assistance
2 and a notice of and justification for such waiver is sub-
3 mitted to the congressional defense committees, the Com-
4 mittees on Appropriations and Foreign Relations of the
5 Senate and the Committees on Appropriations and For-
6 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives: *Provided fur-*
7 *ther*, That the United States may accept equipment pro-
8 cured using funds provided under this heading, or under
9 the heading, “Iraq Train and Equip Fund” in prior Acts,
10 that was transferred to security forces, irregular forces,
11 or groups participating, or preparing to participate in ac-
12 tivities to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria and
13 returned by such forces or groups to the United States,
14 may be treated as stocks of the Department of Defense
15 upon written notification to the congressional defense
16 committees: *Provided further*, That equipment procured
17 using funds provided under this heading, or under the
18 heading, “Iraq Train and Equip Fund” in prior Acts, and
19 not yet transferred to security forces, irregular forces, or
20 groups participating, or preparing to participate in activi-
21 ties to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria may
22 be treated as stocks of the Department of Defense when
23 determined by the Secretary to no longer be required for
24 transfer to such forces or groups and upon written notifi-
25 cation to the congressional defense committees: *Provided*

1 *further*, That the Secretary of Defense shall provide quar-
2 terly reports to the congressional defense committees on
3 the use of funds provided under this heading, including,
4 but not limited to, the number of individuals trained, the
5 nature and scope of support and sustainment provided to
6 each group or individual, the area of operations for each
7 group, and the contributions of other countries, groups,
8 or individuals: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
9 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
10 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
11 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 PROCUREMENT

14 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY

15 For an additional amount for “Aircraft Procurement,
16 Army”, \$363,363,000, to remain available until Sep-
17 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
18 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
19 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
20 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
21 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY

23 For an additional amount for “Missile Procurement,
24 Army”, \$1,740,985,000, to remain available until Sep-
25 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-

1 main available until September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That
2 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
3 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
4 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
5 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY

7 For an additional amount for “Other Procurement,
8 Navy”, \$181,173,000, to remain available until September
9 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by
10 the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
11 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
12 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
13 of 1985.

14 PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS

15 For an additional amount for “Procurement, Marine
16 Corps”, \$58,023,000, to remain available until September
17 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by
18 the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
19 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
20 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
21 of 1985.

22 AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

23 For an additional amount for “Aircraft Procurement,
24 Air Force”, \$1,007,888,000, to remain available until
25 September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-

1 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
2 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
3 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
4 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

6 For an additional amount for “Missile Procurement,
7 Air Force”, \$493,526,000, to remain available until Sep-
8 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
9 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
10 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
11 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE

14 For an additional amount for “Procurement of Am-
15 munition, Air Force”, \$1,371,516,000, to remain available
16 until September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount
17 is designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency
18 Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
19 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

22 For an additional amount for “Other Procurement,
23 Air Force”, \$3,705,044,000, to remain available until
24 September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
25 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-

1 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
2 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
3 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

5 For an additional amount for “Procurement, De-
6 fense-Wide”, \$557,135,000, to remain available until Sep-
7 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
8 ignated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Oper-
9 ations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
10 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
11 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND
13 EVALUATION

14 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
15 ARMY

16 For an additional amount for “Research, Develop-
17 ment, Test and Evaluation, Army”, \$325,104,000, to re-
18 main available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That
19 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
20 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
21 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
22 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
2 NAVY

3 For an additional amount for “Research, Develop-
4 ment, Test and Evaluation, Navy”, \$167,812,000, to re-
5 main available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That
6 such amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas
7 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
8 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
9 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
11 AIR FORCE

12 For an additional amount for “Research, Develop-
13 ment, Test and Evaluation, Air Force”, \$287,971,000, to
14 remain available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*,
15 That such amount is designated by the Congress for Over-
16 seas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism
17 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced
18 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION,
20 DEFENSE-WIDE

21 For an additional amount for “Research, Develop-
22 ment, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide”,
23 \$394,883,000, to remain available until September 30,
24 2020: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
25 Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global

1 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
2 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
3 of 1985.

4 REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

5 DEFENSE WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS

6 For an additional amount for “Defense Working
7 Capital Funds”, \$15,190,000: *Provided*, That such
8 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
9 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
10 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
11 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

13 DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

14 For an additional amount for “Defense Health Pro-
15 gram”, \$352,068,000, which shall be for operation and
16 maintenance: *Provided*, That such amount is designated
17 by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/
18 Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
19 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES,

22 DEFENSE

23 For an additional amount for “Drug Interdiction and
24 Counter-Drug Activities, Defense”, \$143,100,000: *Pro-
25 vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress

1 for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Ter-
2 rorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Bal-
3 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

5 For an additional amount for the “Office of the In-
6 spector General”, \$24,692,000: *Provided*, That such
7 amount is designated by the Congress for Overseas Con-
8 tingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to
9 section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and
10 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

12 SEC. 9001. Notwithstanding any other provision of
13 law, funds made available in this title are in addition to
14 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the
15 Department of Defense for fiscal year 2019.

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 9002. Upon the determination of the Secretary
18 of Defense that such action is necessary in the national
19 interest, the Secretary may, with the approval of the Of-
20 fice of Management and Budget, transfer up to
21 \$2,000,000,000 between the appropriations or funds made
22 available to the Department of Defense in this title: *Pro-*
23 *vided*, That the Secretary shall notify the Congress
24 promptly of each transfer made pursuant to the authority
25 in this section: *Provided further*, That the authority pro-

1 vided in this section is in addition to any other transfer
2 authority available to the Department of Defense and is
3 subject to the same terms and conditions as the authority
4 provided in section 8005 of this Act.

5 SEC. 9003. Supervision and administration costs and
6 costs for design during construction associated with a con-
7 struction project funded with appropriations available for
8 operation and maintenance or the “Afghanistan Security
9 Forces Fund” provided in this Act and executed in direct
10 support of overseas contingency operations in Afghani-
11 stan, may be obligated at the time a construction contract
12 is awarded: *Provided*, That, for the purpose of this section,
13 supervision and administration costs and costs for design
14 during construction include all in-house Government costs.

15 SEC. 9004. From funds made available in this title,
16 the Secretary of Defense may purchase for use by military
17 and civilian employees of the Department of Defense in
18 the United States Central Command area of responsi-
19 bility: (1) passenger motor vehicles up to a limit of
20 \$75,000 per vehicle; and (2) heavy and light armored vehi-
21 cles for the physical security of personnel or for force pro-
22 tection purposes up to a limit of \$450,000 per vehicle, not-
23 withstanding price or other limitations applicable to the
24 purchase of passenger carrying vehicles.

1 SEC. 9005. Not to exceed \$5,000,000 of the amounts
2 appropriated by this title under the heading “Operation
3 and Maintenance, Army” may be used, notwithstanding
4 any other provision of law, to fund the Commanders’
5 Emergency Response Program (CERP), for the purpose
6 of enabling military commanders in Afghanistan to re-
7 spond to urgent, small-scale, humanitarian relief and re-
8 construction requirements within their areas of responsi-
9 bility: *Provided*, That each project (including any ancillary
10 or related elements in connection with such project) exe-
11 cuted under this authority shall not exceed \$2,000,000:
12 *Provided further*, That not later than 45 days after the
13 end of each 6 months of the fiscal year, the Secretary of
14 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
15 tees a report regarding the source of funds and the alloca-
16 tion and use of funds during that 6-month period that
17 were made available pursuant to the authority provided
18 in this section or under any other provision of law for the
19 purposes described herein: *Provided further*, That, not
20 later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal year quar-
21 ter, the Army shall submit to the congressional defense
22 committees quarterly commitment, obligation, and expend-
23 iture data for the CERP in Afghanistan: *Provided further*,
24 That, not less than 15 days before making funds available
25 pursuant to the authority provided in this section or under

1 any other provision of law for the purposes described here-
2 in for a project with a total anticipated cost for completion
3 of \$500,000 or more, the Secretary shall submit to the
4 congressional defense committees a written notice con-
5 taining each of the following:

6 (1) The location, nature and purpose of the
7 proposed project, including how the project is in-
8 tended to advance the military campaign plan for
9 the country in which it is to be carried out.

10 (2) The budget, implementation timeline with
11 milestones, and completion date for the proposed
12 project, including any other CERP funding that has
13 been or is anticipated to be contributed to the com-
14 pletion of the project.

15 (3) A plan for the sustainment of the proposed
16 project, including the agreement with either the host
17 nation, a non-Department of Defense agency of the
18 United States Government or a third-party contrib-
19 utor to finance the sustainment of the activities and
20 maintenance of any equipment or facilities to be pro-
21 vided through the proposed project.

22 SEC. 9006. Funds available to the Department of De-
23 fense for operation and maintenance may be used, not-
24 withstanding any other provision of law, to provide sup-
25 plies, services, transportation, including airlift and sealift,

1 and other logistical support to allied forces participating
2 in a combined operation with the armed forces of the
3 United States and coalition forces supporting military and
4 stability operations in Afghanistan and to counter the Is-
5 lamic State of Iraq and Syria: *Provided*, That the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall provide quarterly reports to the
7 congressional defense committees regarding support pro-
8 vided under this section.

9 SEC. 9007. None of the funds appropriated or other-
10 wise made available by this or any other Act shall be obli-
11 gated or expended by the United States Government for
12 a purpose as follows:

13 (1) To establish any military installation or
14 base for the purpose of providing for the permanent
15 stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq.

16 (2) To exercise United States control over any
17 oil resource of Iraq.

18 (3) To establish any military installation or
19 base for the purpose of providing for the permanent
20 stationing of United States Armed Forces in Af-
21 ghanistan.

22 SEC. 9008. None of the funds made available in this
23 Act may be used in contravention of the following laws
24 enacted or regulations promulgated to implement the
25 United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other

1 Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
2 (done at New York on December 10, 1984):

3 (1) Section 2340A of title 18, United States
4 Code.

5 (2) Section 2242 of the Foreign Affairs Reform
6 and Restructuring Act of 1998 (division G of Public
7 Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-822; 8 U.S.C. 1231
8 note) and regulations prescribed thereto, including
9 regulations under part 208 of title 8, Code of Fed-
10 eral Regulations, and part 95 of title 22, Code of
11 Federal Regulations.

12 (3) Sections 1002 and 1003 of the Department
13 of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations
14 to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and
15 Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-
16 148).

17 SEC. 9009. None of the funds provided for the “Af-
18 ghanistan Security Forces Fund” (ASFF) may be obli-
19 gated prior to the approval of a financial and activity plan
20 by the Afghanistan Resources Oversight Council (AROC)
21 of the Department of Defense: *Provided*, That the AROC
22 must approve the requirement and acquisition plan for any
23 service requirements in excess of \$50,000,000 annually
24 and any non-standard equipment requirements in excess
25 of \$100,000,000 using ASFF: *Provided further*, That the

1 Department of Defense must certify to the congressional
2 defense committees that the AROC has convened and ap-
3 proved a process for ensuring compliance with the require-
4 ments in the preceding proviso and accompanying report
5 language for the ASFF.

6 SEC. 9010. Funds made available in this title to the
7 Department of Defense for operation and maintenance
8 may be used to purchase items having an investment unit
9 cost of not more than \$250,000: *Provided*, That, upon de-
10 termination by the Secretary of Defense that such action
11 is necessary to meet the operational requirements of a
12 Commander of a Combatant Command engaged in contin-
13 gency operations overseas, such funds may be used to pur-
14 chase items having an investment item unit cost of not
15 more than \$500,000.

16 SEC. 9011. (a) None of the funds appropriated or
17 otherwise made available by this Act under the heading
18 “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide” for pay-
19 ments under section 1233 of Public Law 110–181 for re-
20 imbursement to the Government of Pakistan may be made
21 available unless the Secretary of Defense, in coordination
22 with the Secretary of State, certifies to the congressional
23 defense committees that the Government of Pakistan is—

24 (1) cooperating with the United States in
25 counterterrorism efforts against the Haqqani Net-

1 work, the Quetta Shura Taliban, Lashkar e-Tayyiba,
2 Jaish-e-Mohammed, Al Qaeda, and other domestic
3 and foreign terrorist organizations, including taking
4 steps to end support for such groups and prevent
5 them from basing and operating in Pakistan and
6 carrying out cross border attacks into neighboring
7 countries;

8 (2) not supporting terrorist activities against
9 United States or coalition forces in Afghanistan, and
10 Pakistan's military and intelligence agencies are not
11 intervening extra-judicially into political and judicial
12 processes in Pakistan;

13 (3) dismantling improvised explosive device
14 (IED) networks and interdicting precursor chemicals
15 used in the manufacture of IEDs;

16 (4) preventing the proliferation of nuclear-re-
17 lated material and expertise;

18 (5) implementing policies to protect judicial
19 independence and due process of law;

20 (6) issuing visas in a timely manner for United
21 States visitors engaged in counterterrorism efforts
22 and assistance programs in Pakistan; and

23 (7) providing humanitarian organizations access
24 to detainees, internally displaced persons, and other
25 Pakistani civilians affected by the conflict.

1 (b) The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with
2 the Secretary of State, may waive the restriction in sub-
3 section (a) on a case-by-case basis by certifying in writing
4 to the congressional defense committees that it is in the
5 national security interest to do so: *Provided*, That if the
6 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
7 of State, exercises such waiver authority, the Secretaries
8 shall report to the congressional defense committees on
9 both the justification for the waiver and on the require-
10 ments of this section that the Government of Pakistan was
11 not able to meet: *Provided further*, That such report may
12 be submitted in classified form if necessary.

13 SEC. 9012. None of the funds in this Act may be
14 made available for the transfer of additional C-130 cargo
15 aircraft to the Afghanistan National Security Forces or
16 the Afghanistan Air Force until the Department of De-
17 fense provides a report to the congressional defense com-
18 mittees of the Afghanistan Air Force's medium airlift re-
19 quirements. The report should identify Afghanistan's abil-
20 ity to utilize and maintain existing medium lift aircraft
21 in the inventory and the best alternative platform, if nec-
22 essary, to provide additional support to the Afghanistan
23 Air Force's current medium airlift capacity.

1 (RESCISSIONS)

2 SEC. 9013. Of the funds appropriated in Department
3 of Defense Appropriations Acts, the following funds are
4 hereby rescinded from the following accounts and pro-
5 grams in the specified amounts: *Provided*, That such
6 amounts are designated by the Congress for Overseas
7 Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursu-
8 ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget
9 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985:

10 “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide:
11 Coalition Support Funds”, 2018/2019,
12 \$800,000,000;

13 “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide:
14 DSCA Security Cooperation”, 2018/2019,
15 \$150,000,000;

16 “Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund”, 2018/
17 2019, \$400,000,000; and

18 “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force”, 2018/2020,
19 \$88,400,000.

20 SEC. 9014. Funds available for the Afghanistan Se-
21 curity Forces Fund may be used to provide limited train-
22 ing, equipment, and other assistance that would otherwise
23 be prohibited by 10 U.S.C. 362 to a unit of the security
24 forces of Afghanistan only if the Secretary certifies to the
25 congressional defense committees, within 30 days of a de-

1 cision to provide such assistance, that (1) a denial of such
2 assistance would present significant risk to U.S. or coali-
3 tion forces or significantly undermine United States na-
4 tional security objectives in Afghanistan; and (2) the Sec-
5 retary has sought a commitment by the Government of
6 Afghanistan to take all necessary corrective steps: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That such certification shall be accompanied by a
8 report describing: (1) the information relating to the gross
9 violation of human rights; (2) the circumstances that ne-
10 cessitated the provision of such assistance; (3) the Afghan
11 security force unit involved; (4) the assistance provided
12 and the assistance withheld; and (5) the corrective steps
13 to be taken by the Government of Afghanistan: *Provided*
14 *further*, That every 120 days after the initial report an
15 additional report shall be submitted detailing the status
16 of any corrective steps taken by the Government of Af-
17 ghanistan: *Provided further*, That if the Government of Af-
18 ghanistan has not initiated necessary corrective steps
19 within one year of the certification, the authority under
20 this section to provide assistance to such unit shall no
21 longer apply: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
22 submit a report to such committees detailing the final dis-
23 position of the case by the Government of Afghanistan.

24 SEC. 9015. Equipment procured using funds provided
25 in prior Acts under the heading “Counterterrorism Part-

1 nerships Fund” for the program authorized by section
2 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon
3 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015
4 (Public Law 113–291), and not yet transferred to author-
5 ized recipients may be transferred to foreign security
6 forces, irregular forces, groups, or individuals, authorized
7 to receive assistance using amounts provided under the
8 heading “Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund” in this
9 Act: *Provided*, That such equipment may be transferred
10 15 days following written notification to the congressional
11 defense committees.

12 SEC. 9016. Each amount designated in this Act by
13 the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
14 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of
15 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
16 of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded, if applicable) only
17 if the President subsequently so designates all such
18 amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

19 This division may be cited as the “Department of De-
20 fense Appropriations Act, 2019”.

1 **DIVISION B—DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,**
2 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND**
3 **EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES**
4 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019**

5 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
6 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
7 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and
8 Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending
9 September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, namely:

10 **TITLE I**

11 **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

12 **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION**

13 **TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

14 For necessary expenses of the Workforce Innovation
15 and Opportunity Act (referred to in this Act as “WIOA”),
16 the Second Chance Act of 2007, and the National Appren-
17 ticeship Act, \$3,501,200,000, plus reimbursements, shall
18 be available. Of the amounts provided:

19 (1) for grants to States for adult employment
20 and training activities, youth activities, and dis-
21 located worker employment and training activities,
22 \$2,789,832,000 as follows:

23 (A) \$845,556,000 for adult employment
24 and training activities, of which \$133,556,000
25 shall be available for the period July 1, 2019

1 through June 30, 2020, and of which
2 \$712,000,000 shall be available for the period
3 October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;

4 (B) \$903,416,000 for youth activities,
5 which shall be available for the period April 1,
6 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

7 (C) \$1,040,860,000 for dislocated worker
8 employment and training activities, of which
9 \$180,860,000 shall be available for the period
10 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and of
11 which \$860,000,000 shall be available for the
12 period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

13 *Provided*, That the funds available for allotment to
14 outlying areas to carry out subtitle B of title I of the
15 WIOA shall not be subject to the requirements of
16 section 127(b)(1)(B)(ii) of such Act; and

17 (2) for national programs, \$711,368,000 as fol-
18 lows:

19 (A) \$220,859,000 for the dislocated work-
20 ers assistance national reserve, of which
21 \$20,859,000 shall be available for the period
22 July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and
23 of which \$200,000,000 shall be available for the
24 period October 1, 2019 through September 30,
25 2020: *Provided*, That funds provided to carry

1 out section 132(a)(2)(A) of the WIOA may be
2 used to provide assistance to a State for state-
3 wide or local use in order to address cases
4 where there have been worker dislocations
5 across multiple sectors or across multiple local
6 areas and such workers remain dislocated; co-
7 ordinate the State workforce development plan
8 with emerging economic development needs; and
9 train such eligible dislocated workers: *Provided*
10 *further*, That funds provided to carry out sec-
11 tions 168(b) and 169(c) of the WIOA may be
12 used for technical assistance and demonstration
13 projects, respectively, that provide assistance to
14 new entrants in the workforce and incumbent
15 workers: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
16 section 168(b) of the WIOA, of the funds pro-
17 vided under this subparagraph, the Secretary of
18 Labor (referred to in this title as “Secretary”)
19 may reserve not more than 10 percent of such
20 funds to provide technical assistance and carry
21 out additional activities related to the transition
22 to the WIOA: *Provided further*, That of the
23 funds provided under this subparagraph,
24 \$30,000,000 shall be for training and employ-
25 ment assistance under sections 168(b), 169(c)

1 (notwithstanding the 10 percent limitation in
2 such section) and 170 of the WIOA for workers
3 in the Appalachian region, as defined by 40
4 U.S.C. 14102(a)(1) and workers in the Lower
5 Mississippi, as defined in section 4(2) of the
6 Delta Development Act (Public Law 100-460,
7 102 Stat. 2246; 7 U.S.C. 2009aa(2));

8 (B) \$54,000,000 for Native American pro-
9 grams under section 166 of the WIOA, which
10 shall be available for the period July 1, 2019
11 through June 30, 2020;

12 (C) \$87,896,000 for migrant and seasonal
13 farmworker programs under section 167 of the
14 WIOA, including \$81,447,000 for formula
15 grants (of which not less than 70 percent shall
16 be for employment and training services),
17 \$5,922,000 for migrant and seasonal housing
18 (of which not less than 70 percent shall be for
19 permanent housing), and \$527,000 for other
20 discretionary purposes, which shall be available
21 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30,
22 2020: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
23 other provision of law or related regulation, the
24 Department of Labor shall take no action lim-
25 iting the number or proportion of eligible par-

1 participants receiving related assistance services or
2 discouraging grantees from providing such serv-
3 ices;

4 (D) \$89,534,000 for YouthBuild activities
5 as described in section 171 of the WIOA, which
6 shall be available for the period April 1, 2019
7 through June 30, 2020;

8 (E) \$93,079,000 for ex-offender activities,
9 under the authority of section 169 of the WIOA
10 and section 212 of the Second Chance Act of
11 2007, which shall be available for the period
12 April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020: *Provided*,
13 That of this amount, \$25,000,000 shall be for
14 competitive grants to national and regional
15 intermediaries for activities that prepare young
16 ex-offenders and school dropouts for employ-
17 ment, with a priority for projects serving high-
18 crime, high-poverty areas;

19 (F) \$6,000,000 for the Workforce Data
20 Quality Initiative, under the authority of section
21 169 of the WIOA, which shall be available for
22 the period July 1, 2019 through June 30,
23 2020; and

24 (G) \$160,000,000 to expand opportunities
25 relating to apprenticeship programs registered

1 under the National Apprenticeship Act, to be
2 available to the Secretary to carry out activities
3 through grants, cooperative agreements, con-
4 tracts and other arrangements, with States and
5 other appropriate entities, which shall be avail-
6 able for the period April 1, 2019 through June
7 30, 2020.

8 JOB CORPS

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 To carry out subtitle C of title I of the WIOA, includ-
11 ing Federal administrative expenses, the purchase and
12 hire of passenger motor vehicles, the construction, alter-
13 ation, and repairs of buildings and other facilities, and the
14 purchase of real property for training centers as author-
15 ized by the WIOA, \$1,718,655,000, plus reimbursements,
16 as follows:

17 (1) \$1,603,325,000 for Job Corps Operations,
18 which shall be available for the period July 1, 2019
19 through June 30, 2020;

20 (2) \$83,000,000 for construction, rehabilitation
21 and acquisition of Job Corps Centers, which shall be
22 available for the period July 1, 2019 through June
23 30, 2022, and which may include the acquisition,
24 maintenance, and repair of major items of equip-
25 ment: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer up

1 to 15 percent of such funds to meet the operational
2 needs of such centers or to achieve administrative ef-
3 ficiencies: *Provided further*, That any funds trans-
4 ferred pursuant to the preceding provision shall not
5 be available for obligation after June 30, 2020: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That the Committees on Appropria-
7 tions of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
8 ate are notified at least 15 days in advance of any
9 transfer; and

10 (3) \$32,330,000 for necessary expenses of Job
11 Corps, which shall be available for obligation for the
12 period October 1, 2018 through September 30,
13 2019:

14 *Provided*, That no funds from any other appropriation
15 shall be used to provide meal services at or for Job Corps
16 centers.

17 COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT FOR OLDER
18 AMERICANS

19 To carry out title V of the Older Americans Act of
20 1965 (referred to in this Act as “OAA”), \$400,000,000,
21 which shall be available for the period April 1, 2019
22 through June 30, 2020, and may be recaptured and reobli-
23 gated in accordance with section 517(c) of the OAA.

1 FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES

2 For payments during fiscal year 2019 of trade ad-
3 justment benefit payments and allowances under part I
4 of subchapter B of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act
5 of 1974, and section 246 of that Act; and for training,
6 employment and case management services, allowances for
7 job search and relocation, and related State administrative
8 expenses under part II of subchapter B of chapter 2 of
9 title II of the Trade Act of 1974, and including benefit
10 payments, allowances, training, employment and case
11 management services, and related State administration
12 provided pursuant to section 231(a) of the Trade Adjust-
13 ment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 and section 405(a)
14 of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015,
15 \$790,000,000 together with such amounts as may be nec-
16 essary to be charged to the subsequent appropriation for
17 payments for any period subsequent to September 15,
18 2019: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 502 of this
19 Act, any part of the appropriation provided under this
20 heading may remain available for obligation beyond the
21 current fiscal year pursuant to the authorities of section
22 245(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2317(c)).

1 STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT
2 SERVICE OPERATIONS

3 For authorized administrative expenses,
4 \$84,066,000, together with not to exceed \$3,254,944,000
5 which may be expended from the Employment Security
6 Administration Account in the Unemployment Trust Fund
7 (“the Trust Fund”), of which:

8 (1) \$2,515,816,000 from the Trust Fund is for
9 grants to States for the administration of State un-
10 employment insurance laws as authorized under title
11 III of the Social Security Act (including not less
12 than \$150,000,000 to carry out reemployment serv-
13 ices and eligibility assessments under section 306 of
14 such Act, any claimants of regular compensation, as
15 defined in such section, including those who are
16 profiled as most likely to exhaust their benefits, may
17 be eligible for such services and assessments: *Pro-*
18 *vided*, That of such amount, \$117,000,000 is speci-
19 fied for grants under section 306 of the Social Secu-
20 rity Act and is provided to meet the terms of section
21 251(b)(2)(E)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
22 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, and
23 \$33,000,000 is additional new budget authority
24 specified for purposes of section 251(b)(2)(E)(i)(II)
25 of such Act; and \$9,000,000 for continued support

1 of the Unemployment Insurance Integrity Center of
2 Excellence), the administration of unemployment in-
3 surance for Federal employees and for ex-service
4 members as authorized under 5 U.S.C. 8501–8523,
5 and the administration of trade readjustment allow-
6 ances, reemployment trade adjustment assistance,
7 and alternative trade adjustment assistance under
8 the Trade Act of 1974 and under section 231(a) of
9 the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of
10 2011 and section 405(a) of the Trade Preferences
11 Extension Act of 2015, and shall be available for ob-
12 ligation by the States through December 31, 2019,
13 except that funds used for automation shall be avail-
14 able for Federal obligation through December 31,
15 2019, and for State obligation through September
16 30, 2021, or, if the automation is being carried out
17 through consortia of States, for State obligation
18 through September 30, 2024, and for expenditure
19 through September 30, 2025, and funds for competi-
20 tive grants awarded to States for improved oper-
21 ations and to conduct in-person reemployment and
22 eligibility assessments and unemployment insurance
23 improper payment reviews and provide reemploy-
24 ment services and referrals to training, as appro-
25 priate, shall be available for Federal obligation

1 through December 31, 2019, and for obligation by
2 the States through September 30, 2021, and funds
3 for the Unemployment Insurance Integrity Center of
4 Excellence shall be available for obligation by the
5 State through September 30, 2020, and funds used
6 for unemployment insurance workloads experienced
7 through September 30, 2019 shall be available for
8 Federal obligation through December 31, 2019;

9 (2) \$12,000,000 from the Trust Fund is for na-
10 tional activities necessary to support the administra-
11 tion of the Federal-State unemployment insurance
12 system;

13 (3) \$645,000,000 from the Trust Fund, to-
14 gether with \$21,413,000 from the General Fund of
15 the Treasury, is for grants to States in accordance
16 with section 6 of the Wagner-Peyser Act, and shall
17 be available for Federal obligation for the period
18 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;

19 (4) \$19,818,000 from the Trust Fund is for na-
20 tional activities of the Employment Service, includ-
21 ing administration of the work opportunity tax cred-
22 it under section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code of
23 1986, and the provision of technical assistance and
24 staff training under the Wagner-Peyser Act;

1 (5) \$62,310,000 from the Trust Fund is for the
2 administration of foreign labor certifications and re-
3 lated activities under the Immigration and Nation-
4 ality Act and related laws, of which \$48,028,000
5 shall be available for the Federal administration of
6 such activities, and \$14,282,000 shall be available
7 for grants to States for the administration of such
8 activities; and

9 (6) \$62,653,000 from the General Fund is to
10 provide workforce information, national electronic
11 tools, and one-stop system building under the Wag-
12 ner-Peyser Act and shall be available for Federal ob-
13 ligation for the period July 1, 2019 through June
14 30, 2020:

15 *Provided*, That to the extent that the Average Weekly In-
16 sured Unemployment (“AWIU”) for fiscal year 2019 is
17 projected by the Department of Labor to exceed
18 2,030,000, an additional \$28,600,000 from the Trust
19 Fund shall be available for obligation for every 100,000
20 increase in the AWIU level (including a pro rata amount
21 for any increment less than 100,000) to carry out title
22 III of the Social Security Act: *Provided further*, That
23 funds appropriated in this Act that are allotted to a State
24 to carry out activities under title III of the Social Security
25 Act may be used by such State to assist other States in

1 carrying out activities under such title III if the other
2 States include areas that have suffered a major disaster
3 declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford
4 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: *Provided*
5 *further*, That the Secretary may use funds appropriated
6 for grants to States under title III of the Social Security
7 Act to make payments on behalf of States for the use of
8 the National Directory of New Hires under section
9 453(j)(8) of such Act: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
10 retary may use funds appropriated for grants to States
11 under title III of the Social Security Act to make pay-
12 ments on behalf of States to the entity operating the State
13 Information Data Exchange System: *Provided further*,
14 That funds appropriated in this Act which are used to es-
15 tablish a national one-stop career center system, or which
16 are used to support the national activities of the Federal-
17 State unemployment insurance, employment service, or
18 immigration programs, may be obligated in contracts,
19 grants, or agreements with States and non-State entities:
20 *Provided further*, That States awarded competitive grants
21 for improved operations under title III of the Social Secu-
22 rity Act, or awarded grants to support the national activi-
23 ties of the Federal-State unemployment insurance system,
24 may award subgrants to other States and non-State enti-
25 ties under such grants, subject to the conditions applicable

1 to the grants: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated
2 under this Act for activities authorized under title III of
3 the Social Security Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act may
4 be used by States to fund integrated Unemployment In-
5 surance and Employment Service automation efforts, not-
6 withstanding cost allocation principles prescribed under
7 the final rule entitled “Uniform Administrative Require-
8 ments, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Fed-
9 eral Awards” at part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal Regu-
10 lations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary, at the re-
11 quest of a State participating in a consortium with other
12 States, may reallocate funds allotted to such State under title
13 III of the Social Security Act to other States participating
14 in the consortium in order to carry out activities that ben-
15 efit the administration of the unemployment compensation
16 law of the State making the request: *Provided further*,
17 That the Secretary may collect fees for the costs associ-
18 ated with additional data collection, analyses, and report-
19 ing services relating to the National Agricultural Workers
20 Survey requested by State and local governments, public
21 and private institutions of higher education, and nonprofit
22 organizations and may utilize such sums, in accordance
23 with the provisions of 29 U.S.C. 9a, for the National Agri-
24 cultural Workers Survey infrastructure, methodology, and
25 data to meet the information collection and reporting

1 needs of such entities, which shall be credited to this ap-
2 propriation and shall remain available until September 30,
3 2020, for such purposes.

4 ADVANCES TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND AND
5 OTHER FUNDS

6 For repayable advances to the Unemployment Trust
7 Fund as authorized by sections 905(d) and 1203 of the
8 Social Security Act, and to the Black Lung Disability
9 Trust Fund as authorized by section 9501(c)(1) of the In-
10 ternal Revenue Code of 1986; and for nonrepayable ad-
11 vances to the revolving fund established by section 901(e)
12 of the Social Security Act, to the Unemployment Trust
13 Fund as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 8509, and to the “Federal
14 Unemployment Benefits and Allowances” account, such
15 sums as may be necessary, which shall be available for
16 obligation through September 30, 2020.

17 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

18 For expenses of administering employment and train-
19 ing programs, \$108,674,000, together with not to exceed
20 \$49,982,000 which may be expended from the Employ-
21 ment Security Administration Account in the Unemploy-
22 ment Trust Fund.

1 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For necessary expenses for the Employee Benefits
4 Security Administration, \$186,500,000, of which up to
5 \$3,000,000 shall be made available through September 30,
6 2020, for the procurement of expert witnesses for enforce-
7 ment litigation.

8 PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION
9 PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION FUND

10 The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“Cor-
11 poration”) is authorized to make such expenditures, in-
12 cluding financial assistance authorized by subtitle E of
13 title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act
14 of 1974, within limits of funds and borrowing authority
15 available to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and
16 to make such contracts and commitments without regard
17 to fiscal year limitations, as provided by 31 U.S.C. 9104,
18 as may be necessary in carrying out the program, includ-
19 ing associated administrative expenses, through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2019, for the Corporation: *Provided*, That
21 none of the funds available to the Corporation for fiscal
22 year 2019 shall be available for obligations for administra-
23 tive expenses in excess of \$445,363,000: *Provided further*,
24 That to the extent that the number of new plan partici-
25 pants in plans terminated by the Corporation exceeds

1 100,000 in fiscal year 2019, an amount not to exceed an
2 additional \$9,200,000 shall be available through Sep-
3 tember 30, 2020, for obligation for administrative ex-
4 penses for every 20,000 additional terminated partici-
5 pants: *Provided further*, That obligations in excess of the
6 amounts provided in this paragraph may be incurred for
7 unforeseen and extraordinary pretermination expenses or
8 extraordinary multiemployer program related expenses
9 after approval by the Office of Management and Budget
10 and notification of the Committees on Appropriations of
11 the House of Representatives and the Senate.

12 WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For necessary expenses for the Wage and Hour Divi-
15 sion, including reimbursement to State, Federal, and local
16 agencies and their employees for inspection services ren-
17 dered, \$229,000,000.

18 OFFICE OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses for the Office of Labor-Man-
21 agement Standards, \$40,187,000.

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1 OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
2 PROGRAMS

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For necessary expenses for the Office of Federal Con-
5 tract Compliance Programs, \$103,476,000.

6 OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For necessary expenses for the Office of Workers'
9 Compensation Programs, \$115,424,000, together with
10 \$2,177,000 which may be expended from the Special Fund
11 in accordance with sections 39(c), 44(d), and 44(j) of the
12 Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

13 SPECIAL BENEFITS

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 For the payment of compensation, benefits, and ex-
16 penses (except administrative expenses) accruing during
17 the current or any prior fiscal year authorized by 5 U.S.C.
18 81; continuation of benefits as provided for under the
19 heading "Civilian War Benefits" in the Federal Security
20 Agency Appropriation Act, 1947; the Employees' Com-
21 pensation Commission Appropriation Act, 1944; section
22 5(f) of the War Claims Act (50 U.S.C. App. 2012); obliga-
23 tions incurred under the War Hazards Compensation Act
24 (42 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and 50 percent of the additional
25 compensation and benefits required by section 10(h) of the

1 Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act,
2 \$230,000,000, together with such amounts as may be nec-
3 essary to be charged to the subsequent year appropriation
4 for the payment of compensation and other benefits for
5 any period subsequent to August 15 of the current year,
6 for deposit into and to assume the attributes of the Em-
7 ployees' Compensation Fund established under 5 U.S.C.
8 8147(a): *Provided*, That amounts appropriated may be
9 used under 5 U.S.C. 8104 by the Secretary to reimburse
10 an employer, who is not the employer at the time of injury,
11 for portions of the salary of a re-employed, disabled bene-
12 ficiary: *Provided further*, That balances of reimbursements
13 unobligated on September 30, 2018, shall remain available
14 until expended for the payment of compensation, benefits,
15 and expenses: *Provided further*, That in addition there
16 shall be transferred to this appropriation from the Postal
17 Service and from any other corporation or instrumentality
18 required under 5 U.S.C. 8147(c) to pay an amount for
19 its fair share of the cost of administration, such sums as
20 the Secretary determines to be the cost of administration
21 for employees of such fair share entities through Sep-
22 tember 30, 2019: *Provided further*, That of those funds
23 transferred to this account from the fair share entities to
24 pay the cost of administration of the Federal Employees'

1 Compensation Act, \$74,777,000 shall be made available
2 to the Secretary as follows:

3 (1) For enhancement and maintenance of auto-
4 mated data processing systems operations and tele-
5 communications systems, \$24,540,000;

6 (2) For automated workload processing oper-
7 ations, including document imaging, centralized mail
8 intake, and medical bill processing, \$22,968,000;

9 (3) For periodic roll disability management and
10 medical review, \$25,535,000;

11 (4) For program integrity, \$1,734,000; and

12 (5) The remaining funds shall be paid into the
13 Treasury as miscellaneous receipts:

14 *Provided further*, That the Secretary may require that any
15 person filing a notice of injury or a claim for benefits
16 under 5 U.S.C. 81, or the Longshore and Harbor Work-
17 ers' Compensation Act, provide as part of such notice and
18 claim, such identifying information (including Social Secu-
19 rity account number) as such regulations may prescribe.

20 SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR DISABLED COAL MINERS

21 For carrying out title IV of the Federal Mine Safety
22 and Health Act of 1977, as amended by Public Law 107-
23 275, \$10,319,000, to remain available until expended.

24 For making after July 31 of the current fiscal year,
25 benefit payments to individuals under title IV of such Act,

1 for costs incurred in the current fiscal year, such amounts
2 as may be necessary.

3 For making benefit payments under title IV for the
4 first quarter of fiscal year 2020, \$14,000,000, to remain
5 available until expended.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, ENERGY EMPLOYEES

7 OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION FUND

8 For necessary expenses to administer the Energy
9 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
10 Act, \$59,098,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That the Secretary may require that any person fil-
12 ing a claim for benefits under the Act provide as part of
13 such claim such identifying information (including Social
14 Security account number) as may be prescribed.

15 BLACK LUNG DISABILITY TRUST FUND

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 Such sums as may be necessary from the Black Lung
18 Disability Trust Fund (the “Fund”), to remain available
19 until expended, for payment of all benefits authorized by
20 section 9501(d)(1), (2), (6), and (7) of the Internal Rev-
21 enue Code of 1986; and repayment of, and payment of
22 interest on advances, as authorized by section 9501(d)(4)
23 of that Act. In addition, the following amounts may be
24 expended from the Fund for fiscal year 2019 for expenses
25 of operation and administration of the Black Lung Bene-

1 fits program, as authorized by section 9501(d)(5): not to
2 exceed \$38,246,000 for transfer to the Office of Workers'
3 Compensation Programs, "Salaries and Expenses"; not to
4 exceed \$31,994,000 for transfer to Departmental Manage-
5 ment, "Salaries and Expenses"; not to exceed \$330,000
6 for transfer to Departmental Management, "Office of In-
7 spector General"; and not to exceed \$356,000 for pay-
8 ments into miscellaneous receipts for the expenses of the
9 Department of the Treasury.

10 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

12 For necessary expenses for the Occupational Safety
13 and Health Administration, \$556,787,000, including not
14 to exceed \$102,850,000 which shall be the maximum
15 amount available for grants to States under section 23(g)
16 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (the "Act"),
17 which grants shall be no less than 50 percent of the costs
18 of State occupational safety and health programs required
19 to be incurred under plans approved by the Secretary
20 under section 18 of the Act; and, in addition, notwith-
21 standing 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Occupational Safety and
22 Health Administration may retain up to \$499,000 per fis-
23 cal year of training institute course tuition and fees, other-
24 wise authorized by law to be collected, and may utilize
25 such sums for occupational safety and health training and

1 education: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C.
2 3302, the Secretary is authorized, during the fiscal year
3 ending September 30, 2019, to collect and retain fees for
4 services provided to Nationally Recognized Testing Lab-
5 oratories, and may utilize such sums, in accordance with
6 the provisions of 29 U.S.C. 9a, to administer national and
7 international laboratory recognition programs that ensure
8 the safety of equipment and products used by workers in
9 the workplace: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
10 appropriated under this paragraph shall be obligated or
11 expended to prescribe, issue, administer, or enforce any
12 standard, rule, regulation, or order under the Act which
13 is applicable to any person who is engaged in a farming
14 operation which does not maintain a temporary labor
15 camp and employs 10 or fewer employees: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That no funds appropriated under this paragraph
17 shall be obligated or expended to administer or enforce
18 any standard, rule, regulation, or order under the Act with
19 respect to any employer of 10 or fewer employees who is
20 included within a category having a Days Away, Re-
21 stricted, or Transferred (“DART”) occupational injury
22 and illness rate, at the most precise industrial classifica-
23 tion code for which such data are published, less than the
24 national average rate as such rates are most recently pub-
25 lished by the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of

1 Labor Statistics, in accordance with section 24 of the Act,
2 except—

3 (1) to provide, as authorized by the Act, con-
4 sultation, technical assistance, educational and train-
5 ing services, and to conduct surveys and studies;

6 (2) to conduct an inspection or investigation in
7 response to an employee complaint, to issue a cita-
8 tion for violations found during such inspection, and
9 to assess a penalty for violations which are not cor-
10 rected within a reasonable abatement period and for
11 any willful violations found;

12 (3) to take any action authorized by the Act
13 with respect to imminent dangers;

14 (4) to take any action authorized by the Act
15 with respect to health hazards;

16 (5) to take any action authorized by the Act
17 with respect to a report of an employment accident
18 which is fatal to one or more employees or which re-
19 sults in hospitalization of two or more employees,
20 and to take any action pursuant to such investiga-
21 tion authorized by the Act; and

22 (6) to take any action authorized by the Act
23 with respect to complaints of discrimination against
24 employees for exercising rights under the Act:

1 *Provided further*, That the foregoing proviso shall not
2 apply to any person who is engaged in a farming operation
3 which does not maintain a temporary labor camp and em-
4 ploys 10 or fewer employees: *Provided further*, That
5 \$10,537,000 shall be available for Susan Harwood train-
6 ing grants, of which the Secretary shall reserve not less
7 than \$4,500,000 for Susan Harwood Training Capacity
8 Building Developmental grants, as described in Funding
9 Opportunity Number SHTG-GY-16-02 (referenced in
10 the notice of availability of funds published in the Federal
11 Register on May 3, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 30568)) for pro-
12 gram activities starting not later than September 30, 2019
13 and lasting for a period of 12 months: *Provided further*,
14 That not less than \$3,500,000 shall be for Voluntary Pro-
15 tection Programs.

16 MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses for the Mine Safety and
19 Health Administration, \$373,816,000, including purchase
20 and bestowal of certificates and trophies in connection
21 with mine rescue and first-aid work, and the hire of pas-
22 senger motor vehicles, including up to \$2,000,000 for
23 mine rescue and recovery activities and not less than
24 \$10,537,000 for State assistance grants: *Provided*, That
25 amounts available for State assistance grants may be used

1 for the purchase and maintenance of new equipment re-
2 quired by the final rule entitled “Lowering Miners’ Expo-
3 sure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous
4 Personal Dust Monitors” published by the Department of
5 Labor in the Federal Register on May 1, 2014 (79 Fed.
6 Reg. 24813 et seq.), for operators that demonstrate finan-
7 cial need as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further,*
8 That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, not to exceed
9 \$750,000 may be collected by the National Mine Health
10 and Safety Academy for room, board, tuition, and the sale
11 of training materials, otherwise authorized by law to be
12 collected, to be available for mine safety and health edu-
13 cation and training activities: *Provided further,* That not-
14 withstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Mine Safety and Health
15 Administration is authorized to collect and retain up to
16 \$2,499,000 from fees collected for the approval and cer-
17 tification of equipment, materials, and explosives for use
18 in mines, and may utilize such sums for such activities:
19 *Provided further,* That the Secretary is authorized to ac-
20 cept lands, buildings, equipment, and other contributions
21 from public and private sources and to prosecute projects
22 in cooperation with other agencies, Federal, State, or pri-
23 vate: *Provided further,* That the Mine Safety and Health
24 Administration is authorized to promote health and safety
25 education and training in the mining community through

1 cooperative programs with States, industry, and safety as-
2 sociations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is author-
3 ized to recognize the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association
4 as a principal safety association and, notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law, may provide funds and, with or
6 without reimbursement, personnel, including service of
7 Mine Safety and Health Administration officials as offi-
8 cers in local chapters or in the national organization: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That any funds available to the Department
10 of Labor may be used, with the approval of the Secretary,
11 to provide for the costs of mine rescue and survival oper-
12 ations in the event of a major disaster.

13 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses for the Bureau of Labor Sta-
16 tistics, including advances or reimbursements to State,
17 Federal, and local agencies and their employees for serv-
18 ices rendered, \$550,000,000, together with not to exceed
19 \$65,000,000 which may be expended from the Employ-
20 ment Security Administration account in the Unemploy-
21 ment Trust Fund.

22 OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY

23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For necessary expenses for the Office of Disability
25 Employment Policy to provide leadership, develop policy

1 and initiatives, and award grants furthering the objective
2 of eliminating barriers to the training and employment of
3 people with disabilities, \$38,203,000.

4 DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 For necessary expenses for Departmental Manage-
8 ment, including the hire of three passenger motor vehicles,
9 \$337,536,000, together with not to exceed \$308,000,
10 which may be expended from the Employment Security
11 Administration account in the Unemployment Trust
12 Fund: *Provided*, That \$59,825,000 for the Bureau of
13 International Labor Affairs shall be available for obliga-
14 tion through December 31, 2019: *Provided further*, That
15 funds available to the Bureau of International Labor Af-
16 fairs may be used to administer or operate international
17 labor activities, bilateral and multilateral technical assist-
18 ance, and microfinance programs, by or through contracts,
19 grants, subgrants and other arrangements: *Provided fur-*
20 *ther*, That not more than \$53,825,000 shall be for pro-
21 grams to combat exploitative child labor internationally
22 and not less than \$6,000,000 shall be used to implement
23 model programs that address worker rights issues through
24 technical assistance in countries with which the United
25 States has free trade agreements or trade preference pro-

1 grams: *Provided further*, That \$8,040,000 shall be used
2 for program evaluation and shall be available for obliga-
3 tion through September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That
4 funds available for program evaluation may be used to ad-
5 minister grants for the purpose of evaluation: *Provided*
6 *further*, That grants made for the purpose of evaluation
7 shall be awarded through fair and open competition: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That funds available for program evaluation
9 may be transferred to any other appropriate account in
10 the Department for such purpose: *Provided further*, That
11 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days
13 in advance of any transfer: *Provided further*, That the
14 funds available to the Women's Bureau may be used for
15 grants to serve and promote the interests of women in the
16 workforce: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
17 available to the Women's Bureau, \$994,000 shall be used
18 for grants authorized by the Women in Apprenticeship
19 and Nontraditional Occupations Act.

20 VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

21 Not to exceed \$250,041,000 may be derived from the
22 Employment Security Administration account in the Un-
23 employment Trust Fund to carry out the provisions of
24 chapters 41, 42, and 43 of title 38, United States Code,
25 of which:

1 (1) \$180,000,000 is for Jobs for Veterans State
2 grants under 38 U.S.C. 4102A(b)(5) to support dis-
3 abled veterans' outreach program specialists under
4 section 4103A of such title and local veterans' em-
5 ployment representatives under section 4104(b) of
6 such title, and for the expenses described in section
7 4102A(b)(5)(C), which shall be available for obliga-
8 tion by the States through December 31, 2019, and
9 not to exceed 3 percent for the necessary Federal ex-
10 penditures for data systems and contract support to
11 allow for the tracking of participant and perform-
12 ance information: *Provided*, That, in addition, such
13 funds may be used to support such specialists and
14 representatives in the provision of services to
15 transitioning members of the Armed Forces who
16 have participated in the Transition Assistance Pro-
17 gram and have been identified as in need of inten-
18 sive services, to members of the Armed Forces who
19 are wounded, ill, or injured and receiving treatment
20 in military treatment facilities or warrior transition
21 units, and to the spouses or other family caregivers
22 of such wounded, ill, or injured members;

23 (2) \$24,500,000 is for carrying out the Transi-
24 tion Assistance Program under 38 U.S.C. 4113 and
25 10 U.S.C. 1144;

1 (3) \$42,127,000 is for Federal administration
2 of chapters 41, 42, and 43 of title 38, United States
3 Code: *Provided*, That, up to \$500,000 may be used
4 to carry out the Hire VETS Act (division O of Pub-
5 lic Law 115–31); and

6 (4) \$3,414,000 is for the National Veterans’
7 Employment and Training Services Institute under
8 38 U.S.C. 4109:

9 *Provided*, That the Secretary may reallocate among the
10 appropriations provided under paragraphs (1) through (4)
11 above an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the appropria-
12 tion from which such reallocation is made.

13 In addition, from the General Fund of the Treasury,
14 \$50,000,000 is for carrying out programs to assist home-
15 less veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness who are
16 transitioning from certain institutions under sections
17 2021, 2021A, and 2023 of title 38, United States Code:
18 *Provided*, That notwithstanding subsections (c)(3) and (d)
19 of section 2023, the Secretary may award grants through
20 September 30, 2019, to provide services under such sec-
21 tion: *Provided further*, That services provided under sec-
22 tion 2023 may include, in addition to services to the indi-
23 viduals described in subsection (e) of such section, services
24 to veterans recently released from incarceration who are
25 at risk of homelessness.

1 In addition, fees may be assessed and deposited in
2 the HIRE Vets Medallion Award Fund pursuant to sec-
3 tion 5(b) of the HIRE Vets Act, and such amounts shall
4 be available to the Secretary to carry out the HIRE Vets
5 Medallion Award Program, as authorized by such Act, and
6 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such
7 sums shall be in addition to any other funds available for
8 such purposes, including funds available under paragraph
9 (3) of this heading: *Provided further*, That section 2(d)
10 of division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017
11 (Public Law 115-31; 38 U.S.C. 4100 note) shall not
12 apply.

13 IT MODERNIZATION

14 For necessary expenses for Department of Labor cen-
15 tralized infrastructure technology investment activities re-
16 lated to support systems and modernization, \$20,769,000,
17 which shall be available until expended.

18 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector
20 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
21 General Act of 1978, \$83,487,000, together with not to
22 exceed \$5,660,000 which may be expended from the Em-
23 ployment Security Administration account in the Unem-
24 ployment Trust Fund.

1 manufactured, or harvested or services rendered, in whole
2 or in part, by forced or indentured child labor in industries
3 and host countries already identified by the United States
4 Department of Labor prior to enactment of this Act.

5 SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in this sec-
6 tion, none of the funds made available to the Department
7 of Labor for grants under section 414(c) of the American
8 Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998
9 (29 U.S.C. 2916a) may be used for any purpose other
10 than competitive grants for training individuals who are
11 older than 16 years of age and are not currently enrolled
12 in school within a local educational agency in the occupa-
13 tions and industries for which employers are using H-1B
14 visas to hire foreign workers, and the related activities
15 necessary to support such training.

16 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available by this
17 Act under the heading “Employment and Training Ad-
18 ministration” shall be used by a recipient or subrecipient
19 of such funds to pay the salary and bonuses of an indi-
20 vidual, either as direct costs or indirect costs, at a rate
21 in excess of Executive Level II. This limitation shall not
22 apply to vendors providing goods and services as defined
23 in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.
24 Where States are recipients of such funds, States may es-
25 tablish a lower limit for salaries and bonuses of those re-

1 ceiving salaries and bonuses from subrecipients of such
2 funds, taking into account factors including the relative
3 cost-of-living in the State, the compensation levels for
4 comparable State or local government employees, and the
5 size of the organizations that administer Federal pro-
6 grams involved including Employment and Training Ad-
7 ministration programs.

8 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 106. (a) Notwithstanding section 102, the Sec-
10 retary may transfer funds made available to the Employ-
11 ment and Training Administration by this Act, either di-
12 rectly or through a set-aside, for technical assistance serv-
13 ices to grantees to “Program Administration” when it is
14 determined that those services will be more efficiently per-
15 formed by Federal employees: *Provided*, That this section
16 shall not apply to section 171 of the WIOA.

17 (b) Notwithstanding section 102, the Secretary may
18 transfer not more than 0.5 percent of each discretionary
19 appropriation made available to the Employment and
20 Training Administration by this Act to “Program Admin-
21 istration” in order to carry out program integrity activities
22 relating to any of the programs or activities that are fund-
23 ed under any such discretionary appropriations: *Provided*,
24 That notwithstanding section 102 and the preceding pro-
25 viso, the Secretary may transfer not more than 0.5 percent

1 of funds made available in paragraphs (1) and (2) of the
2 “Office of Job Corps” account to paragraph (3) of such
3 account to carry out program integrity activities related
4 to the Job Corps program: *Provided further*, That funds
5 transferred under the authority provided by this sub-
6 section shall be available for obligation through September
7 30, 2020.

8 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 107. (a) The Secretary may reserve not more
10 than 0.75 percent from each appropriation made available
11 in this Act identified in subsection (b) in order to carry
12 out evaluations of any of the programs or activities that
13 are funded under such accounts. Any funds reserved under
14 this section shall be transferred to “Departmental Man-
15 agement” for use by the Office of the Chief Evaluation
16 Officer within the Department of Labor, and shall be
17 available for obligation through September 30, 2020: *Pro-*
18 *vided*, That such funds shall only be available if the Chief
19 Evaluation Officer of the Department of Labor submits
20 a plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
21 of Representatives and the Senate describing the evalua-
22 tions to be carried out 15 days in advance of any transfer.

23 (b) The accounts referred to in subsection (a) are:
24 “Training and Employment Services”, “Job Corps”,
25 “Community Service Employment for Older Americans”,

1 “State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service
2 Operations”, “Employee Benefits Security Administra-
3 tion”, “Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs”,
4 “Wage and Hour Division”, “Office of Federal Contract
5 Compliance Programs”, “Office of Labor Management
6 Standards”, “Occupational Safety and Health Adminis-
7 tration”, “Mine Safety and Health Administration”, “Of-
8 fice of Disability Employment Policy”, funding made
9 available to the “Bureau of International Labor Affairs”
10 and “Women’s Bureau” within the “Departmental Man-
11 agement, Salaries and Expenses” account, and “Veterans
12 Employment and Training”.

13 SEC. 108. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, beginning October 1, 2017, the Secretary of Labor,
15 in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture may se-
16 lect an entity to operate a Civilian Conservation Center
17 on a competitive basis in accordance with section 147 of
18 the WIOA, if the Secretary of Labor determines such Cen-
19 ter has had consistently low performance under the per-
20 formance accountability system in effect for the Job Corps
21 program prior to July 1, 2016, or with respect to expected
22 levels of performance established under section 159(c) of
23 such Act beginning July 1, 2016.

1 SEC. 109. (a) Section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards
2 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207) shall be applied as if the
3 following text is part of such section:

4 “(s)(1) The provisions of this section shall not apply
5 for a period of 2 years after the occurrence of a major
6 disaster to any employee—

7 “(A) employed to adjust or evaluate claims re-
8 sulting from or relating to such major disaster, by
9 an employer not engaged, directly or through an af-
10 filiate, in underwriting, selling, or marketing prop-
11 erty, casualty, or liability insurance policies or con-
12 tracts;

13 “(B) who receives from such employer on aver-
14 age weekly compensation of not less than \$591.00
15 per week or any minimum weekly amount estab-
16 lished by the Secretary, whichever is greater, for the
17 number of weeks such employee is engaged in any
18 of the activities described in subparagraph (C); and

19 “(C) whose duties include any of the following:

20 “(i) interviewing insured individuals, indi-
21 viduals who suffered injuries or other damages
22 or losses arising from or relating to a disaster,
23 witnesses, or physicians;

1 “(ii) inspecting property damage or review-
2 ing factual information to prepare damage esti-
3 mates;

4 “(iii) evaluating and making recommenda-
5 tions regarding coverage or compensability of
6 claims or determining liability or value aspects
7 of claims;

8 “(iv) negotiating settlements; or

9 “(v) making recommendations regarding
10 litigation.

11 “(2) The exemption in this subsection shall not affect
12 the exemption provided by section 13(a)(1).

13 “(3) For purposes of this subsection—

14 “(A) the term ‘major disaster’ means any dis-
15 aster or catastrophe declared or designated by any
16 State or Federal agency or department;

17 “(B) the term ‘employee employed to adjust or
18 evaluate claims resulting from or relating to such
19 major disaster’ means an individual who timely se-
20 cured or secures a license required by applicable law
21 to engage in and perform the activities described in
22 clauses (i) through (v) of paragraph (1)(C) relating
23 to a major disaster, and is employed by an employer
24 that maintains worker compensation insurance cov-
25 erage or protection for its employees, if required by

1 applicable law, and withholds applicable Federal,
2 State, and local income and payroll taxes from the
3 wages, salaries and any benefits of such employees;
4 and

5 “(C) the term ‘affiliate’ means a company that,
6 by reason of ownership or control of 25 percent or
7 more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting
8 securities of one or more companies, directly or indi-
9 rectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common
10 control with, another company.”.

11 (b) This section shall be effective on the date of en-
12 actment of this Act.

13 (RESCISSION)

14 SEC. 110. Of the funds made available under the
15 heading “Employment and Training Administration—
16 Training and Employment Services” in division H of Pub-
17 lic Law 115–141, \$34,000,000 is rescinded, to be derived
18 from the amount made available in paragraph (2)(A)
19 under such heading for the period October 1, 2018,
20 through September 30, 2019.

21 SEC. 111. (a) FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE
22 CROSSING OF H–2B NONIMMIGRANTS WORKING IN THE
23 SEAFOOD INDUSTRY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), if
25 a petition for H–2B nonimmigrants filed by an em-

1 employer in the seafood industry is granted, the em-
2 ployer may bring the nonimmigrants described in
3 the petition into the United States at any time dur-
4 ing the 120-day period beginning on the start date
5 for which the employer is seeking the services of the
6 nonimmigrants without filing another petition.

7 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR CROSSINGS AFTER
8 90TH DAY.—An employer in the seafood industry
9 may not bring H–2B nonimmigrants into the United
10 States after the date that is 90 days after the start
11 date for which the employer is seeking the services
12 of the nonimmigrants unless the employer—

13 (A) completes a new assessment of the
14 local labor market by—

15 (i) listing job orders in local news-
16 papers on 2 separate Sundays; and

17 (ii) posting the job opportunity on the
18 appropriate Department of Labor Elec-
19 tronic Job Registry and at the employer’s
20 place of employment; and

21 (B) offers the job to an equally or better
22 qualified United States worker who—

23 (i) applies for the job; and

24 (ii) will be available at the time and
25 place of need.

1 (3) EXEMPTION FROM RULES WITH RESPECT
2 TO STAGGERING.—The Secretary of Labor shall not
3 consider an employer in the seafood industry who
4 brings H–2B nonimmigrants into the United States
5 during the 120-day period specified in paragraph (1)
6 to be staggering the date of need in violation of sec-
7 tion 655.20(d) of title 20, Code of Federal Regula-
8 tions, or any other applicable provision of law.

9 (b) H–2B NONIMMIGRANTS DEFINED.—In this sec-
10 tion, the term “H–2B nonimmigrants” means aliens ad-
11 mitted to the United States pursuant to section
12 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality
13 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(B)).

14 SEC. 112. The determination of prevailing wage for
15 the purposes of the H–2B program shall be the greater
16 of—(1) the actual wage level paid by the employer to other
17 employees with similar experience and qualifications for
18 such position in the same location; or (2) the prevailing
19 wage level for the occupational classification of the posi-
20 tion in the geographic area in which the H–2B non-
21 immigrant will be employed, based on the best information
22 available at the time of filing the petition. In the deter-
23 mination of prevailing wage for the purposes of the H–
24 2B program, the Secretary shall accept private wage sur-
25 veys even in instances where Occupational Employment

1 Statistics survey data are available unless the Secretary
2 determines that the methodology and data in the provided
3 survey are not statistically supported.

4 SEC. 113. None of the funds in this Act shall be used
5 to enforce the definition of corresponding employment
6 found in 20 CFR 655.5 or the three-fourths guarantee
7 rule definition found in 20 CFR 655.20, or any references
8 thereto. Further, for the purpose of regulating admission
9 of temporary workers under the H-2B program, the defi-
10 nition of temporary need shall be that provided in 8 CFR
11 214.2(h)(6)(ii)(B).

12 SEC. 114. Notwithstanding any other provision of
13 law, the Secretary may furnish through grants, coopera-
14 tive agreements, contracts, and other arrangements, up to
15 \$2,000,000 of excess personal property to apprenticeship
16 programs for the purpose of training apprentices in those
17 programs.

18 SEC. 115. The proviso at the end of paragraph (1)
19 under the heading “Department of Labor—Employment
20 and Training Administration—State Unemployment In-
21 surance and Employment Service Operations” in title I
22 of division G of Public Law 113-235 shall be applied in
23 fiscal year 2019 by substituting “seven” for “six”.

24 SEC. 116. (a) The Act entitled “An Act to create a
25 Department of Labor”, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat.

1 736, chapter 141) shall be applied as if the following text
2 is part of such Act:

3 **“SEC. 12. SECURITY DETAIL.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor is au-
5 thorized to employ law enforcement officers or special
6 agents to—

7 “(1) provide protection for the Secretary of
8 Labor during the workday of the Secretary and dur-
9 ing any activity that is preliminary or postliminary
10 to the performance of official duties by the Sec-
11 retary;

12 “(2) provide protection, incidental to the protec-
13 tion provided to the Secretary, to a member of the
14 immediate family of the Secretary who is partici-
15 pating in an activity or event relating to the official
16 duties of the Secretary;

17 “(3) provide continuous protection to the Sec-
18 retary (including during periods not described in
19 paragraph (1)) and to the members of the imme-
20 diate family of the Secretary if there is a unique and
21 articulable threat of physical harm, in accordance
22 with guidelines established by the Secretary; and

23 “(4) provide protection to the Deputy Secretary
24 of Labor or another senior officer representing the
25 Secretary of Labor at a public event if there is a

1 unique and articulable threat of physical harm, in
2 accordance with guidelines established by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 “(b) AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary of Labor may
5 authorize a law enforcement officer or special agent em-
6 ployed under subsection (a), for the purpose of performing
7 the duties authorized under subsection (a), to—

8 “(1) carry firearms;

9 “(2) make arrests without a warrant for any of-
10 fense against the United States committed in the
11 presence of such officer or special agent;

12 “(3) perform protective intelligence work, in-
13 cluding identifying and mitigating potential threats
14 and conducting advance work to review security mat-
15 ters relating to sites and events;

16 “(4) coordinate with local law enforcement
17 agencies; and

18 “(5) initiate criminal and other investigations
19 into potential threats to the security of the Sec-
20 retary, in coordination with the Inspector General of
21 the Department of Labor.

22 “(c) COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES.—A law en-
23 forcement officer or special agent employed under sub-
24 section (a) shall exercise any authority provided under this
25 section in accordance with any—

1 “(1) guidelines issued by the Attorney General;
2 and
3 “(2) guidelines prescribed by the Secretary of
4 Labor.”.

5 (b) This section shall be effective on the date of en-
6 actment of this Act.

7 SEC. 117. The Secretary is authorized to dispose of
8 or divest, by any means the Secretary determines appro-
9 priate, including an agreement or partnership to construct
10 a new Job Corps center, all or a portion of the real prop-
11 erty on which the Treasure Island Job Corps Center is
12 situated. Any sale or other disposition will not be subject
13 to any requirement of any Federal law or regulation relat-
14 ing to the disposition of Federal real property, including
15 but not limited to subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 40
16 of the United States Code and subchapter V of chapter
17 119 of title 42 of the United States Code. The net pro-
18 ceeds of such a sale shall be transferred to the Secretary,
19 which shall be available until expended to carry out the
20 Job Corps Program.

21 This title may be cited as the “Department of Labor
22 Appropriations Act, 2019”.

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1 TITLE II
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES
4 HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
5 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

6 For carrying out titles II and III of the Public Health
7 Service Act (referred to in this Act as the “PHS Act”) *with respect to primary health care and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act of 1988, \$1,626,522,000: Provided,*
8 *That no more than \$1,000,000 shall be available until expended for carrying out the provisions of section 224(o) of the PHS Act: Provided further,* That no more than
9 *\$114,893,000 shall be available until expended for carrying out subsections (g) through (n) and (q) of section 224 of the PHS Act, and for expenses incurred by the*
10 *Department of Health and Human Services (referred to in this Act as “HHS”) pertaining to administrative claims made under such law: Provided further,* That of funds provided for the Health Centers program, as defined by section 330 of the PHS Act, by this Act or any other Act
11 *for fiscal year 2019, not less than \$200,000,000 shall be obligated in fiscal year 2019 for improving quality of care or expanded service grants under section 330 of the PHS Act to support and enhance behavioral health, mental health, or substance use disorder services.*

1 HEALTH WORKFORCE

2 For carrying out titles III, VII, and VIII of the PHS
3 Act with respect to the health workforce, sections 1128E
4 and 1921 of the Social Security Act, and the Health Care
5 Quality Improvement Act of 1986, \$1,072,695,000, of
6 which \$111,916,000 shall be available to carry out sec-
7 tions 755 and 756 of the PHS Act: *Provided*, That sec-
8 tions 747(c)(2), 751(j)(2), 762(k), and the proportional
9 funding amounts in paragraphs (1) through (4) of section
10 756(f) of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds made avail-
11 able under this heading: *Provided further*, That for any
12 program operating under section 751 of the PHS Act on
13 or before January 1, 2009, the Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services (referred to in this title as the “Sec-
15 retary”) may hereafter waive any of the requirements con-
16 tained in sections 751(d)(2)(A) and 751(d)(2)(B) of such
17 Act for the full project period of a grant under such sec-
18 tion: *Provided further*, That no funds shall be available
19 for section 340G–1 of the PHS Act: *Provided further*,
20 That fees collected for the disclosure of information under
21 section 427(b) of the Health Care Quality Improvement
22 Act of 1986 and sections 1128E(d)(2) and 1921 of the
23 Social Security Act shall be sufficient to recover the full
24 costs of operating the programs authorized by such sec-
25 tions and shall remain available until expended for the Na-

1 tional Practitioner Data Bank: *Provided further*, That
2 funds transferred to this account to carry out section 846
3 and subpart 3 of part D of title III of the PHS Act may
4 be used to make prior year adjustments to awards made
5 under such sections: *Provided further*, That \$105,000,000
6 shall remain available until expended for the purposes of
7 providing primary health services, be used to assign Na-
8 tional Health Service Corps (“NHSC”) members to ex-
9 pand the delivery of substance use disorder treatment
10 services, notwithstanding the assignment priorities and
11 limitations in or under sections 333(a)(1)(D), 333(b), and
12 333A(a)(1)(B)(ii) of the PHS Act, and to make NHSC
13 Loan Repayment Program awards under section 338B of
14 such Act: *Provided further*, That for purposes of the pre-
15 vious proviso, section 331(a)(3)(D) of the PHS Act shall
16 be applied as if the term “primary health services” in-
17 cludes clinical substance use disorder treatment services,
18 including those provided by masters level, licensed sub-
19 stance use disorder treatment counselors.

20 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

21 For carrying out titles III, XI, XII, and XIX of the
22 PHS Act with respect to maternal and child health, title
23 V of the Social Security Act, and section 712 of the Amer-
24 ican Jobs Creation Act of 2004, \$924,789,000, of which
25 \$10,000,000 shall be available for carrying out section

1 330M of the PHS Act: *Provided*, That notwithstanding
2 sections 502(a)(1) and 502(b)(1) of the Social Security
3 Act, not more than \$109,593,000 shall be available for
4 carrying out special projects of regional and national sig-
5 nificance pursuant to section 501(a)(2) of such Act and
6 \$10,276,000 shall be available for projects described in
7 subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section 501(a)(3) of
8 such Act.

9 RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

10 For carrying out title XXVI of the PHS Act with
11 respect to the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program,
12 \$2,318,781,000, of which \$1,970,881,000 shall remain
13 available to the Secretary through September 30, 2021,
14 for parts A and B of title XXVI of the PHS Act, and
15 of which not less than \$900,313,000 shall be for State
16 AIDS Drug Assistance Programs under the authority of
17 section 2616 or 311(c) of such Act.

18 HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

19 For carrying out titles III and XII of the PHS Act
20 with respect to health care systems, and the Stem Cell
21 Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, \$113,693,000, of
22 which \$122,000 shall be available until expended for facili-
23 ties renovations at the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease
24 Center.

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1 RURAL HEALTH

2 For carrying out titles III and IV of the PHS Act
3 with respect to rural health, section 427(a) of the Federal
4 Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, and sections
5 711 and 1820 of the Social Security Act, \$318,794,000,
6 of which \$49,609,000 from general revenues, notwith-
7 standing section 1820(j) of the Social Security Act, shall
8 be available for carrying out the Medicare rural hospital
9 flexibility grants program: *Provided*, That of the funds
10 made available under this heading for Medicare rural hos-
11 pital flexibility grants, \$15,942,000 shall be available for
12 the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program
13 for quality improvement and adoption of health informa-
14 tion technology and up to \$1,000,000 shall be to carry
15 out section 1820(g)(6) of the Social Security Act, with
16 funds provided for grants under section 1820(g)(6) avail-
17 able for the purchase and implementation of telehealth
18 services, including pilots and demonstrations on the use
19 of electronic health records to coordinate rural veterans
20 care between rural providers and the Department of Vet-
21 erans Affairs electronic health record system: *Provided*
22 *further*, That notwithstanding section 338J(k) of the PHS
23 Act, \$10,000,000 shall be available for State Offices of
24 Rural Health: *Provided further*, That \$15,000,000 shall
25 remain available through September 30, 2021 to support

1 the Rural Residency Development Program: *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That \$120,000,000 shall be for the Rural Commu-
3 nities Opioids Response Program.

4 FAMILY PLANNING

5 For carrying out the program under title X of the
6 PHS Act to provide for voluntary family planning
7 projects, \$286,479,000: *Provided*, That amounts provided
8 to said projects under such title shall not be expended for
9 abortions, that all pregnancy counseling shall be nondirec-
10 tive, and that such amounts shall not be expended for any
11 activity (including the publication or distribution of lit-
12 erature) that in any way tends to promote public support
13 or opposition to any legislative proposal or candidate for
14 public office.

15 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

16 For program support in the Health Resources and
17 Services Administration, \$155,000,000: *Provided*, That
18 funds made available under this heading may be used to
19 supplement program support funding provided under the
20 headings “Primary Health Care”, “Health Workforce”,
21 “Maternal and Child Health”, “Ryan White HIV/AIDS
22 Program”, “Health Care Systems”, and “Rural Health”.

23 VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM TRUST FUND

24 For payments from the Vaccine Injury Compensation
25 Program Trust Fund (the “Trust Fund”), such sums as

1 may be necessary for claims associated with vaccine-re-
2 lated injury or death with respect to vaccines administered
3 after September 30, 1988, pursuant to subtitle 2 of title
4 XXI of the PHS Act, to remain available until expended:
5 *Provided*, That for necessary administrative expenses, not
6 to exceed \$9,200,000 shall be available from the Trust
7 Fund to the Secretary.

8 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
9 IMMUNIZATION AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES

10 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII, and XXI, and
11 section 2821 of the PHS Act, titles II and IV of the Immi-
12 gration and Nationality Act, and section 501 of the Ref-
13 ugee Education Assistance Act, with respect to immuniza-
14 tion and respiratory diseases, \$474,055,000.

15 HIV/AIDS, VIRAL HEPATITIS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED
16 DISEASES, AND TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION

17 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII, and XXIII of
18 the PHS Act with respect to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis,
19 sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis prevention,
20 \$1,132,278,000.

21 EMERGING AND ZOO NOTIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES

22 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII, and section
23 2821 of the PHS Act, titles II and IV of the Immigration
24 and Nationality Act, and section 501 of the Refugee Edu-

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1 cation Assistance Act, with respect to emerging and
2 zoonotic infectious diseases, \$565,572,000.

3 CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH

4 PROMOTION

5 For carrying out titles II, III, XI, XV, XVII, and
6 XIX of the PHS Act with respect to chronic disease pre-
7 vention and health promotion, \$911,821,000: *Provided*,
8 That funds appropriated under this account may be avail-
9 able for making grants under section 1509 of the PHS
10 Act for not less than 21 States, tribes, or tribal organiza-
11 tions: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available
12 under this heading, \$15,000,000 shall be available to con-
13 tinue and expand community specific extension and out-
14 reach programs to combat obesity in counties with the
15 highest levels of obesity: *Provided further*, That the pro-
16 portional funding requirements under section 1503(a) of
17 the PHS Act shall not apply to funds made available
18 under this heading.

19 BIRTH DEFECTS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,

20 DISABILITIES AND HEALTH

21 For carrying out titles II, III, XI, and XVII of the
22 PHS Act with respect to birth defects, developmental dis-
23 abilities, disabilities and health, \$153,560,000.

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

2 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
3 Act with respect to health statistics, surveillance, health
4 informatics, and workforce development, \$492,397,000.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

6 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
7 Act with respect to environmental health, \$188,750,000.

8 INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL

9 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
10 Act with respect to injury prevention and control,
11 \$648,559,000, of which \$475,579,000 shall remain avail-
12 able until September 30, 2020 for an evidence-based
13 opioid drug overdose prevention program.

14 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND

15 HEALTH

16 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
17 Act, sections 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, 301, and 501
18 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, section 13
19 of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response
20 Act, and sections 20, 21, and 22 of the Occupational Safe-
21 ty and Health Act, with respect to occupational safety and
22 health, \$335,300,000.

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1 ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS
2 COMPENSATION PROGRAM

3 For necessary expenses to administer the Energy
4 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
5 Act, \$55,358,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
6 *vided*, That this amount shall be available consistent with
7 the provision regarding administrative expenses in section
8 151(b) of division B, title I of Public Law 106-554.

9 GLOBAL HEALTH

10 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
11 Act with respect to global health, \$488,621,000, of which:
12 (1) \$128,421,000 shall remain available through Sep-
13 tember 30, 2020 for international HIV/AIDS; and (2)
14 \$50,000,000 shall remain available through September
15 30, 2021 for Global Disease Detection and Emergency Re-
16 sponse: *Provided*, That funds may be used for purchase
17 and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign coun-
18 tries.

19 PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

20 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
21 Act with respect to public health preparedness and re-
22 sponse, and for expenses necessary to support activities
23 related to countering potential biological, nuclear, radio-
24 logical, and chemical threats to civilian populations,
25 \$1,470,000,000, of which \$610,000,000 shall remain

1 available until expended for the Strategic National Stock-
2 pile: *Provided*, That in the event the Director of the Cen-
3 ters for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in
4 this title as “CDC”) activates the Emergency Operations
5 Center, the Director of the CDC may detail CDC staff
6 without reimbursement for up to 90 days to support the
7 work of the CDC Emergency Operations Center, so long
8 as the Director provides a notice to the Committees on
9 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
10 Senate within 15 days of the use of this authority and
11 a full report within 30 days after use of this authority
12 which includes the number of staff and funding level bro-
13 ken down by the originating center and number of days
14 detailed: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under
15 this heading may be used to support a contract for the
16 operation and maintenance of an aircraft in direct support
17 of activities throughout CDC to ensure the agency is pre-
18 pared to address public health preparedness emergencies.

19 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 For acquisition of real property, equipment, construc-
22 tion, demolition, and renovation of facilities, \$30,000,000,
23 which shall remain available until September 30, 2023:
24 *Provided*, That funds previously set-aside by CDC for re-
25 pair and upgrade of the Lake Lynn Experimental Mine

1 and Laboratory shall be used to acquire a replacement
2 mine safety research facility: *Provided further*, That in ad-
3 dition, the prior year unobligated balance of any amounts
4 assigned to former employees in accounts of CDC made
5 available for Individual Learning Accounts shall be cred-
6 ited to and merged with the amounts made available under
7 this heading to support the replacement of the mine safety
8 research facility.

9 CDC-WIDE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

10 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII and XIX, and
11 section 2821 of the PHS Act and for cross-cutting activi-
12 ties and program support for activities funded in other
13 appropriations included in this Act for the Centers for
14 Disease Control and Prevention, \$113,570,000: *Provided*,
15 That paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (b) of sec-
16 tion 2821 of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds appro-
17 priated under this heading and in all other accounts of
18 the CDC: *Provided further*, That employees of CDC or the
19 Public Health Service, both civilian and commissioned of-
20 ficers, detailed to States, municipalities, or other organiza-
21 tions under authority of section 214 of the PHS Act, or
22 in overseas assignments, shall be treated as non-Federal
23 employees for reporting purposes only and shall not be in-
24 cluded within any personnel ceiling applicable to the Agen-
25 cy, Service, or HHS during the period of detail or assign-

1 ment: *Provided further*, That CDC may use up to \$10,000
2 from amounts appropriated to CDC in this Act for official
3 reception and representation expenses when specifically
4 approved by the Director of CDC: *Provided further*, That
5 in addition, such sums as may be derived from authorized
6 user fees, which shall be credited to the appropriation
7 charged with the cost thereof: *Provided further*, That with
8 respect to the previous proviso, authorized user fees from
9 the Vessel Sanitation Program and the Respirator Certifi-
10 cation Program shall be available through September 30,
11 2020.

12 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

13 NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

14 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
15 Act with respect to cancer, \$5,747,125,000, of which up
16 to \$30,000,000 may be used for facilities repairs and im-
17 provements at the National Cancer Institute—Frederick
18 Federally Funded Research and Development Center in
19 Frederick, Maryland.

20 NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

21 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
22 Act with respect to cardiovascular, lung, and blood dis-
23 eases, and blood and blood products, \$3,490,171,000.

207

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL AND CRANIOFACIAL
2 RESEARCH

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to dental and craniofacial diseases,
5 \$462,024,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND
7 KIDNEY DISEASES

8 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
9 Act with respect to diabetes and digestive and kidney dis-
10 ease, \$2,030,892,000.

11 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS
12 AND STROKE

13 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
14 Act with respect to neurological disorders and stroke,
15 \$2,218,080,000: *Provided*, That \$250,000,000 shall be for
16 research related to opioid addiction, development of opioid
17 alternatives, pain management, and addiction treatment:
18 *Provided further*, That each for-profit recipient of funds
19 provided in the previous proviso shall be subject to a
20 matching requirement of funds or documented in-kind
21 contributions of not less than 50 percent of the total funds
22 awarded to such entity.

208

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS
2 DISEASES

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to allergy and infectious diseases,
5 \$5,506,190,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

7 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
8 Act with respect to general medical sciences,
9 \$2,874,292,000, of which \$1,018,321,000 shall be from
10 funds available under section 241 of the PHS Act: *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That not less than \$361,763,000 is provided for
12 the Institutional Development Awards program.

13 EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
14 CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

15 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
16 Act with respect to child health and human development,
17 \$1,507,251,000.

18 NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

19 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
20 Act with respect to eye diseases and visual disorders,
21 \$796,955,000.

209

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
2 SCIENCES

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to environmental health sciences,
5 \$775,115,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

7 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
8 Act with respect to aging, \$3,084,809,000.

9 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND
10 MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES

11 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
12 Act with respect to arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin
13 diseases, \$605,383,000.

14 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER
15 COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

16 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
17 Act with respect to deafness and other communication dis-
18 orders, \$474,653,000.

19 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH

20 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
21 Act with respect to nursing research, \$163,076,000.

210

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND
2 ALCOHOLISM

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to alcohol abuse and alcoholism,
5 \$525,867,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

7 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
8 Act with respect to drug abuse, \$1,420,591,000: *Provided*,
9 That \$250,000,000 shall be for research related to opioid
10 addiction, development of opioid alternatives, pain man-
11 agement, and addiction treatment: *Provided further*, That
12 each for-profit recipient of funds provided in the previous
13 proviso shall be subject to a matching requirement of
14 funds or documented in-kind contributions of not less than
15 50 percent of the total funds awarded to such entity.

16 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

17 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
18 Act with respect to mental health, \$1,813,750,000.

19 NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE

20 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
21 Act with respect to human genome research,
22 \$575,882,000.

211

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOMEDICAL IMAGING AND
2 BIOENGINEERING

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to biomedical imaging and bioengineering
5 research, \$389,672,000.

6 NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND
7 INTEGRATIVE HEALTH

8 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
9 Act with respect to complementary and integrative health,
10 \$146,550,000.

11 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON MINORITY HEALTH AND
12 HEALTH DISPARITIES

13 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
14 Act with respect to minority health and health disparities
15 research, \$314,845,000.

16 JOHN E. FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

17 For carrying out the activities of the John E. Fogarty
18 International Center (described in subpart 2 of part E of
19 title IV of the PHS Act), \$78,150,000.

20 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

21 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
22 Act with respect to health information communications,
23 \$442,230,000: *Provided*, That of the amounts available for
24 improvement of information systems, \$4,000,000 shall be
25 available until September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That

1 in fiscal year 2019, the National Library of Medicine may
2 enter into personal services contracts for the provision of
3 services in facilities owned, operated, or constructed under
4 the jurisdiction of the National Institutes of Health (re-
5 ferred to in this title as “NIH”).

6 NATIONAL CENTER FOR ADVANCING TRANSLATIONAL
7 SCIENCES

8 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
9 Act with respect to translational sciences, \$806,787,000:
10 *Provided*, That up to \$80,000,000 shall be available to im-
11 plement section 480 of the PHS Act, relating to the Cures
12 Acceleration Network: *Provided further*, That at least
13 \$560,031,000 is provided to the Clinical and Translational
14 Sciences Awards program.

15 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

16 For carrying out the responsibilities of the Office of
17 the Director, NIH, \$1,910,060,000: *Provided*, That fund-
18 ing shall be available for the purchase of not to exceed
19 29 passenger motor vehicles for replacement only: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That all funds credited to the NIH Manage-
21 ment Fund shall remain available for one fiscal year after
22 the fiscal year in which they are deposited: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That \$606,885,000 shall be available for the Com-
24 mon Fund established under section 402A(c)(1) of the
25 PHS Act: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided,

1 \$10,000 shall be for official reception and representation
2 expenses when specifically approved by the Director of the
3 NIH: *Provided further*, That the Office of AIDS Research
4 within the Office of the Director of the NIH may spend
5 up to \$8,000,000 to make grants for construction or ren-
6 ovation of facilities as provided for in section
7 2354(a)(5)(B) of the PHS Act: *Provided further*, That
8 \$50,000,000 shall be used to carry out section 404I of
9 the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 283K), relating to biomedical and
10 behavioral research facilities.

11 In addition to other funds appropriated for the Com-
12 mon Fund established under section 402A(c) of the PHS
13 Act, \$12,600,000 is appropriated to the Common Fund
14 from the 10-year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund de-
15 scribed in section 9008 of title 26, United States Code,
16 for the purpose of carrying out section 402(b)(7)(B)(ii)
17 of the PHS Act (relating to pediatric research), as author-
18 ized in the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act.

19 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

20 For the study of, construction of, demolition of, ren-
21 ovation of, and acquisition of equipment for, facilities of
22 or used by NIH, including the acquisition of real property,
23 \$200,000,000, to remain available through September 30,
24 2023.

1 NIH INNOVATION ACCOUNT, CURES ACT

2 For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes de-
3 scribed in section 1001(b)(4) of the 21st Century Cures
4 Act, in addition to amounts available for such purposes
5 in the appropriations provided to the NIH in this Act,
6 \$711,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That such amounts are appropriated pursuant to
8 section 1001(b)(3) of such Act, are to be derived from
9 amounts transferred under section 1001(b)(2)(A) of such
10 Act, and may be transferred by the Director of the Na-
11 tional Institutes of Health to other accounts of the Na-
12 tional Institutes of Health solely for the purposes provided
13 in such Act: *Provided further*, That upon a determination
14 by the Director that funds transferred pursuant to the
15 previous proviso are not necessary for the purposes pro-
16 vided, such amounts may be transferred back to the Ac-
17 count: *Provided further*, That the transfer authority pro-
18 vided under this heading is in addition to any other trans-
19 fer authority provided by law.

20 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

21 ADMINISTRATION

22 MENTAL HEALTH

23 For carrying out titles III, V, and XIX of the PHS
24 Act with respect to mental health, and the Protection and
25 Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act,

1 \$1,532,972,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
2 520A(f)(2) of the PHS Act, no funds appropriated for car-
3 rying out section 520A shall be available for carrying out
4 section 1971 of the PHS Act: *Provided further*, That in
5 addition to amounts provided herein, \$21,039,000 shall be
6 available under section 241 of the PHS Act to carry out
7 subpart I of part B of title XIX of the PHS Act to fund
8 section 1920(b) technical assistance, national data, data
9 collection and evaluation activities, and further that the
10 total available under this Act for section 1920(b) activities
11 shall not exceed 5 percent of the amounts appropriated
12 for subpart I of part B of title XIX: *Provided further*, That
13 up to 10 percent of the amounts made available to carry
14 out the Children's Mental Health Services program may
15 be used to carry out demonstration grants or contracts
16 for early interventions with persons not more than 25
17 years of age at clinical high risk of developing a first epi-
18 sode of psychosis: *Provided further*, That section
19 520E(b)(2) of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds ap-
20 propriated in this Act for fiscal year 2019: *Provided fur-*
21 *ther*, That States shall expend at least 10 percent of the
22 amount each receives for carrying out section 1911 of the
23 PHS Act to support evidence-based programs that address
24 the needs of individuals with early serious mental illness,
25 including psychotic disorders, regardless of the age of the

1 individual at onset: *Provided further*, That \$150,000,000
2 shall be available until September 30, 2021 for grants to
3 communities and community organizations who meet cri-
4 teria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
5 pursuant to section 223(a) of Public Law 113–93: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That none of the funds provided for section
7 1911 of the PHS Act shall be subject to section 241 of
8 such Act: *Provided further*, That of the funds made avail-
9 able under this heading, \$15,000,000 shall be to carry out
10 section 224 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of
11 2014 (Public Law 113–93; 42 U.S.C. 290aa 22 note).

12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

13 For carrying out titles III and V of the PHS Act
14 with respect to substance abuse treatment and title XIX
15 of such Act with respect to substance abuse treatment and
16 prevention, \$3,730,806,000: *Provided*, That
17 \$1,500,000,000 shall be for State Opioid Response Grants
18 for carrying out activities pertaining to opioids undertaken
19 by the State agency responsible for administering the sub-
20 stance abuse prevention and treatment block grant under
21 subpart II of part B of title XIX of the PHS Act (42
22 U.S.C. 300x–21 et seq.): *Provided further*, That of such
23 amount \$50,000,000 shall be made available to Indian
24 Tribes or tribal organizations: *Provided further*, That 15
25 percent of the remaining amount shall be for the States

1 with the highest mortality rate related to opioid use dis-
2 orders: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided for
3 State Opioid Response Grants not more than 2 percent
4 shall be available for Federal administrative expenses,
5 training, technical assistance, and evaluation: *Provided*
6 *further*, That of the amount not reserved by the previous
7 three provisos, the Secretary shall make allocations to
8 States, territories, and the District of Columbia according
9 to a formula using national survey results that the Sec-
10 retary determines are the most objective and reliable
11 measure of drug use and drug-related deaths: *Provided*
12 *further*, That the Secretary shall submit the formula meth-
13 odology to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
14 of Representatives and the Senate not less than 15 days
15 prior to publishing a Funding Opportunity Announce-
16 ment: *Provided further*, That prevention and treatment ac-
17 tivities funded through such grants may include education,
18 treatment (including the provision of medication), behav-
19 ioral health services for individuals in treatment programs,
20 referral to treatment services, recovery support, and med-
21 ical screening associated with such treatment: *Provided*
22 *further*, That each State, as well as the District of Colum-
23 bia, shall receive not less than \$4,000,000: *Provided fur-*
24 *ther*, That in addition to amounts provided herein, the fol-
25 lowing amounts shall be available under section 241 of the

1 PHS Act: (1) \$79,200,000 to carry out subpart II of part
2 B of title XIX of the PHS Act to fund section 1935(b)
3 technical assistance, national data, data collection and
4 evaluation activities, and further that the total available
5 under this Act for section 1935(b) activities shall not ex-
6 ceed 5 percent of the amounts appropriated for subpart
7 II of part B of title XIX; and (2) \$2,000,000 to evaluate
8 substance abuse treatment programs: *Provided further*,
9 That none of the funds provided for section 1921 of the
10 PHS Act or State Opioid Response Grants shall be subject
11 to section 241 of such Act.

12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

13 For carrying out titles III and V of the PHS Act
14 with respect to substance abuse prevention, \$200,219,000.

15 HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

16 For program support and cross-cutting activities that
17 supplement activities funded under the headings “Mental
18 Health”, “Substance Abuse Treatment”, and “Substance
19 Abuse Prevention” in carrying out titles III, V, and XIX
20 of the PHS Act and the Protection and Advocacy for Indi-
21 viduals with Mental Illness Act in the Substance Abuse
22 and Mental Health Services Administration,
23 \$128,830,000: *Provided*, That in addition to amounts pro-
24 vided herein, \$31,428,000 shall be available under section
25 241 of the PHS Act to supplement funds available to

1 carry out national surveys on drug abuse and mental
2 health, to collect and analyze program data, and to con-
3 duct public awareness and technical assistance activities:
4 *Provided further*, That, in addition, fees may be collected
5 for the costs of publications, data, data tabulations, and
6 data analysis completed under title V of the PHS Act and
7 provided to a public or private entity upon request, which
8 shall be credited to this appropriation and shall remain
9 available until expended for such purposes: *Provided fur-*
10 *ther*, That amounts made available in this Act for carrying
11 out section 501(m) of the PHS Act shall remain available
12 through September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That funds
13 made available under this heading may be used to supple-
14 ment program support funding provided under the head-
15 ings “Mental Health”, “Substance Abuse Treatment”,
16 and “Substance Abuse Prevention”.

17 AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

18 HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

19 For carrying out titles III and IX of the PHS Act,
20 part A of title XI of the Social Security Act, and section
21 1013 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement,
22 and Modernization Act of 2003, \$334,000,000: *Provided*,
23 That section 947(c) of the PHS Act shall not apply in
24 fiscal year 2019: *Provided further*, That in addition,
25 amounts received from Freedom of Information Act fees,

1 reimbursable and interagency agreements, and the sale of
2 data shall be credited to this appropriation and shall re-
3 main available until September 30, 2020.

4 CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
5 GRANTS TO STATES FOR MEDICAID

6 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
7 XI and XIX of the Social Security Act, \$276,236,212,000,
8 to remain available until expended.

9 For making, after May 31, 2019, payments to States
10 under title XIX or in the case of section 1928 on behalf
11 of States under title XIX of the Social Security Act for
12 the last quarter of fiscal year 2019 for unanticipated costs
13 incurred for the current fiscal year, such sums as may be
14 necessary.

15 For making payments to States or in the case of sec-
16 tion 1928 on behalf of States under title XIX of the Social
17 Security Act for the first quarter of fiscal year 2020,
18 \$137,931,797,000, to remain available until expended.

19 Payment under such title XIX may be made for any
20 quarter with respect to a State plan or plan amendment
21 in effect during such quarter, if submitted in or prior to
22 such quarter and approved in that or any subsequent
23 quarter.

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1 PAYMENTS TO THE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUNDS

2 For payment to the Federal Hospital Insurance
3 Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical In-
4 surance Trust Fund, as provided under sections 217(g),
5 1844, and 1860D-16 of the Social Security Act, sections
6 103(e) and 111(d) of the Social Security Amendments of
7 1965, section 278(d)(3) of Public Law 97-248, and for
8 administrative expenses incurred pursuant to section
9 201(g) of the Social Security Act, \$378,343,800,000.

10 In addition, for making matching payments under
11 section 1844 and benefit payments under section 1860D-
12 16 of the Social Security Act that were not anticipated
13 in budget estimates, such sums as may be necessary.

14 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

15 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
16 XI, XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act, titles
17 XIII and XXVII of the PHS Act, the Clinical Laboratory
18 Improvement Amendments of 1988, and other responsibil-
19 ities of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,
20 not to exceed \$3,669,744,000, to be transferred from the
21 Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal
22 Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, as author-
23 ized by section 201(g) of the Social Security Act; together
24 with all funds collected in accordance with section 353 of
25 the PHS Act and section 1857(e)(2) of the Social Security

1 Act, funds retained by the Secretary pursuant to section
2 1893(h) of the Social Security Act, and such sums as may
3 be collected from authorized user fees and the sale of data,
4 which shall be credited to this account and remain avail-
5 able until expended: *Provided*, That all funds derived in
6 accordance with 31 U.S.C. 9701 from organizations estab-
7 lished under title XIII of the PHS Act shall be credited
8 to and available for carrying out the purposes of this ap-
9 propriation: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is di-
10 rected to collect fees in fiscal year 2019 from Medicare
11 Advantage organizations pursuant to section 1857(e)(2)
12 of the Social Security Act and from eligible organizations
13 with risk-sharing contracts under section 1876 of that Act
14 pursuant to section 1876(k)(4)(D) of that Act.

15 HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE CONTROL ACCOUNT

16 In addition to amounts otherwise available for pro-
17 gram integrity and program management, \$765,000,000,
18 to remain available through September 30, 2020, to be
19 transferred from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
20 Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance
21 Trust Fund, as authorized by section 201(g) of the Social
22 Security Act, of which \$600,464,000 shall be for the Cen-
23 ters for Medicare and Medicaid Services Program integrity
24 activities, of which \$86,664,000 shall be for the Depart-
25 ment of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector

1 General to carry out fraud and abuse activities authorized
2 by section 1817(k)(3) of such Act, and of which
3 \$77,872,000 shall be for the Department of Justice to
4 carry out fraud and abuse activities authorized by section
5 1817(k)(3) of such Act: *Provided*, That the report re-
6 quired by section 1817(k)(5) of the Social Security Act
7 for fiscal year 2019 shall include measures of the oper-
8 ational efficiency and impact on fraud, waste, and abuse
9 in the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs for the
10 funds provided by this appropriation: *Provided further*,
11 That of the amount provided under this heading,
12 \$311,000,000 is provided to meet the terms of section
13 251(b)(2)(C)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
14 Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, and
15 \$454,000,000 is additional new budget authority specified
16 for purposes of section 251(b)(2)(C) of such Act: *Provided*
17 *further*, That the Secretary shall provide not less than
18 \$17,621,000 for the Senior Medicare Patrol program to
19 combat health care fraud and abuse from the funds pro-
20 vided to this account.

21 ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

22 PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR CHILD SUPPORT

23 ENFORCEMENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

24 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
25 I, IV–D, X, XI, XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act

1 and the Act of July 5, 1960, \$2,922,247,000, to remain
2 available until expended; and for such purposes for the
3 first quarter of fiscal year 2020, \$1,400,000,000, to re-
4 main available until expended.

5 For carrying out, after May 31 of the current fiscal
6 year, except as otherwise provided, titles I, IV–D, X, XI,
7 XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act and the Act of
8 July 5, 1960, for the last 3 months of the current fiscal
9 year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the current fiscal
10 year, such sums as may be necessary.

11 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

12 For making payments under subsections (b) and (d)
13 of section 2602 of the Low Income Home Energy Assist-
14 ance Act of 1981, \$3,690,304,000: *Provided*, That all but
15 \$716,000,000 of this amount shall be allocated as though
16 the total appropriation for such payments for fiscal year
17 2019 was less than \$1,975,000,000: *Provided further*,
18 That notwithstanding section 2609A(a), of the amounts
19 appropriated under section 2602(b), not more than
20 \$2,988,000 of such amounts may be reserved by the Sec-
21 retary for technical assistance, training, and monitoring
22 of program activities for compliance with internal controls,
23 policies and procedures and may, in addition to the au-
24 thorities provided in section 2609A(a)(1), use such funds

1 through contracts with private entities that do not qualify
2 as nonprofit organizations.

3 REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE
4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For necessary expenses for refugee and entrant as-
6 sistance activities authorized by section 414 of the Immi-
7 gration and Nationality Act and section 501 of the Ref-
8 ugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, and for carrying
9 out section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002,
10 section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims
11 Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, the Trafficking
12 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (“TVPA”), and the Tor-
13 ture Victims Relief Act of 1998, \$1,905,201,000, of which
14 \$1,864,446,000 shall remain available through September
15 30, 2021 for carrying out such sections 414, 501, 462,
16 and 235: *Provided*, That amounts available under this
17 heading to carry out the TVPA shall also be available for
18 research and evaluation with respect to activities under
19 such Act: *Provided further*, That the limitation in section
20 205 of this Act regarding transfers increasing any appro-
21 priation shall apply to transfers to appropriations under
22 this heading by substituting “15 percent” for “3 percent”.

1 PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND
2 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

3 For carrying out the Child Care and Development
4 Block Grant Act of 1990 (“CCDBG Act”),
5 \$5,226,000,000 shall be used to supplement, not supplant
6 State general revenue funds for child care assistance for
7 low-income families: *Provided*, That technical assistance
8 under section 658I(a)(3) of such Act may be provided di-
9 rectly, or through the use of contracts, grants, cooperative
10 agreements, or interagency agreements: *Provided further*,
11 That all funds made available to carry out section 418
12 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 618), including
13 funds appropriated for that purpose in such section 418
14 or any other provision of law, shall be subject to the res-
15 ervation of funds authority in paragraphs (4) and (5) of
16 section 658O(a) of the CCDBG Act: *Provided further*,
17 That in addition to the amounts required to be reserved
18 by the Secretary under section 658O(a)(2)(A) of such Act,
19 \$156,780,000 shall be for Indian tribes and tribal organi-
20 zations.

21 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

22 For making grants to States pursuant to section
23 2002 of the Social Security Act, \$1,700,000,000: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of section
25 404(d)(2) of such Act, the applicable percent specified

1 under such subparagraph for a State to carry out State
2 programs pursuant to title XX–A of such Act shall be 10
3 percent.

4 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

5 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, the
6 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the Head Start Act,
7 the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Child Abuse Preven-
8 tion and Treatment Act, sections 303 and 313 of the
9 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Native
10 American Programs Act of 1974, title II of the Child
11 Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform
12 Act of 1978 (adoption opportunities), part B–1 of title IV
13 and sections 429, 473A, 477(i), 1110, 1114A, and 1115
14 of the Social Security Act, and the Community Services
15 Block Grant Act (“CSBG Act”); and for necessary admin-
16 istrative expenses to carry out titles I, IV, V, X, XI, XIV,
17 XVI, and XX–A of the Social Security Act, the Act of
18 July 5, 1960, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
19 Act of 1981, the Child Care and Development Block Grant
20 Act of 1990, the Assets for Independence Act, title IV of
21 the Immigration and Nationality Act, and section 501 of
22 the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980,
23 \$12,288,225,000, of which \$75,000,000, to remain avail-
24 able through September 30, 2020, shall be for grants to
25 States for adoption and legal guardianship incentive pay-

1 ments, as defined by section 473A of the Social Security
2 Act and may be made for adoptions and legal
3 guardianships completed before September 30, 2019: *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That \$10,113,095,000, of which \$132,000,000
5 shall be available through March 31, 2020, shall be for
6 making payments under the Head Start Act, of which:

7 (1) \$215,000,000 shall be available for a cost
8 of living adjustment notwithstanding section
9 640(a)(3)(A) of such Act, and with respect to any
10 continuing appropriations act, funding available for
11 a cost of living adjustment shall not be construed as
12 an authority or condition under this Act;

13 (2) \$16,000,000 shall be available to supple-
14 ment funding otherwise available for research, eval-
15 uation, and Federal administrative costs;

16 (3) \$25,000,000 shall be available for allocation
17 by the Secretary to supplement activities described
18 in paragraphs (7)(B) and (9) of section 641(c) of
19 the Head Start Act under the Designation Renewal
20 System, established under the authority of sections
21 641(c)(7), 645A(b)(12), and 645A(d) of such Act,
22 and such funds shall not be included in the calcula-
23 tion of “base grant” in subsequent fiscal years, as
24 such term is used in section 640(a)(7)(A) of such
25 Act; and

1 (4) \$35,000,000 of the amount available
2 through March 31, 2020 shall be available for award
3 by the Secretary to grantees that apply for supple-
4 mental funding to increase their hours of program
5 operations and for training and technical assistance
6 for such activities (of which up to one percent may
7 be reserved for research and evaluation in addition
8 to amounts described in paragraph (2)):

9 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the sixth proviso
10 under this heading in division H of Public Law 115–141,
11 any amount issued through a grant for the purposes de-
12 scribed in the following proviso shall be included in any
13 calculation of “base grant”, as such term is used in section
14 640(a)(7)(A) of the Head Start Act, that affects the allo-
15 cation of funds appropriated in this Act: *Provided further*,
16 That the previous proviso applies to funds granted for
17 Early Head Start programs as described in section 645A
18 of the Head Start Act, for conversion of Head Start serv-
19 ices to Early Head Start services as described in section
20 645(a)(5)(A) of such Act, and for discretionary grants for
21 high quality infant and toddler care through Early Head
22 Start-Child Care Partnerships, to entities defined as eligi-
23 ble under section 645A(d) of such Act: *Provided further*,
24 That the Secretary may reduce the reservation of funds
25 under section 640(a)(2)(C) of such Act in lieu of reducing

1 the reservation of funds under sections 640(a)(2)(B),
2 640(a)(2)(D), and 640(a)(2)(E) of such Act: *Provided fur-*
3 *ther*, That \$250,000,000 shall be available until December
4 31, 2019 for carrying out sections 9212 and 9213 of the
5 Every Student Succeeds Act: *Provided further*, That up
6 to 3 percent of the funds in the preceding proviso shall
7 be available for technical assistance and evaluation related
8 to grants awarded under such section 9212: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That \$752,883,000 shall be for making payments
10 under the CSBG Act: *Provided further*, That \$28,233,000
11 shall be for sections 680 and 678E(b)(2) of the CSBG
12 Act, of which not less than \$19,883,000 shall be for sec-
13 tion 680(a)(2) and not less than \$8,000,000 shall be for
14 section 680(a)(3)(B) of such Act: *Provided further*, That,
15 notwithstanding section 675C(a)(3) of such Act, to the ex-
16 tent Community Services Block Grant funds are distrib-
17 uted as grant funds by a State to an eligible entity as
18 provided under such Act, and have not been expended by
19 such entity, they shall remain with such entity for carry-
20 over into the next fiscal year for expenditure by such enti-
21 ty consistent with program purposes: *Provided further*,
22 That the Secretary shall establish procedures regarding
23 the disposition of intangible assets and program income
24 that permit such assets acquired with, and program in-
25 come derived from, grant funds authorized under section

1 680 of the CSBG Act to become the sole property of such
2 grantees after a period of not more than 12 years after
3 the end of the grant period for any activity consistent with
4 section 680(a)(2)(A) of the CSBG Act: *Provided further,*
5 That intangible assets in the form of loans, equity invest-
6 ments and other debt instruments, and program income
7 may be used by grantees for any eligible purpose con-
8 sistent with section 680(a)(2)(A) of the CSBG Act: *Pro-*
9 *vided further,* That these procedures shall apply to such
10 grant funds made available after November 29, 1999: *Pro-*
11 *vided further,* That funds appropriated for section
12 680(a)(2) of the CSBG Act shall be available for financing
13 construction and rehabilitation and loans or investments
14 in private business enterprises owned by community devel-
15 opment corporations: *Provided further,* That
16 \$165,000,000 shall be for carrying out section 303(a) of
17 the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, of which
18 \$5,000,000 shall be allocated notwithstanding section
19 303(a)(2) of such Act for carrying out section 309 of such
20 Act: *Provided further,* That the percentages specified in
21 section 112(a)(2) of the Child Abuse Prevention and
22 Treatment Act shall not apply to funds appropriated
23 under this heading: *Provided further* That \$1,864,000
24 shall be for a human services case management system
25 for federally declared disasters, to include a comprehensive

1 national case management contract and Federal costs of
2 administering the system: *Provided further*, That up to
3 \$2,000,000 shall be for improving the Public Assistance
4 Reporting Information System, including grants to States
5 to support data collection for a study of the system's effec-
6 tiveness.

7 PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

8 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, sec-
9 tion 436 of the Social Security Act, \$345,000,000 and,
10 for carrying out, except as otherwise provided, section 437
11 of such Act, \$99,765,000: *Provided*, That of the funds
12 available to carry out section 437, \$59,765,000 shall be
13 allocated consistent with subsections (b) through (d) of
14 such section: *Provided further*, That of the funds available
15 to carry out section 437, to assist in meeting the require-
16 ments described in section 471(e)(4)(C), \$20,000,000
17 shall be for grants to each State, territory, and Indian
18 tribe operating title IV–E plans for developing, enhancing,
19 or evaluating kinship navigator programs, as described in
20 section 427(a)(1) of such Act, and \$20,000,000, in addi-
21 tion to funds otherwise appropriated in section 436 for
22 such purposes, shall be for competitive grants to regional
23 partnerships as described in section 437(f) and for devel-
24 oping enhancing, or evaluating family-focused residential
25 treatment programs: *Provided further*, That section

1 437(b)(1) shall be applied to amounts in the previous pro-
2 viso by substituting “5 percent” for “3.3 percent”, and
3 notwithstanding section 436(b)(1), such reserved amounts
4 may be used for identifying, establishing, and dissemi-
5 nating practices to meet the criteria specified in section
6 471(e)(4)(C): *Provided further*, That the reservation in
7 section 437(b)(2) and the limitations in section 437(d)
8 shall not apply to funds specified in the second proviso:
9 *Provided further*, That the minimum grant award for kin-
10 ship navigator programs in the case of States and terri-
11 tories shall be \$200,000, and, in the case of tribes, shall
12 be \$25,000.

13 PAYMENTS FOR FOSTER CARE AND PERMANENCY

14 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, title
15 IV–E of the Social Security Act, \$6,035,000,000.

16 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, title
17 IV–E of the Social Security Act, for the first quarter of
18 fiscal year 2020, \$2,800,000,000.

19 For carrying out, after May 31 of the current fiscal
20 year, except as otherwise provided, section 474 of title IV–
21 E of the Social Security Act, for the last 3 months of the
22 current fiscal year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the
23 current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

1 ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
2 AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
5 vided, the Older Americans Act of 1965 (“OAA”), titles
6 III and XXIX of the PHS Act, sections 1252 and 1253
7 of the PHS Act, section 119 of the Medicare Improve-
8 ments for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, title XX-
9 B of the Social Security Act, the Developmental Disabil-
10 ities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, parts 2 and 5 of
11 subtitle D of title II of the Help America Vote Act of
12 2002, the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, titles II and
13 VII (and section 14 with respect to such titles) of the Re-
14 habilitation Act of 1973, and for Department-wide coordi-
15 nation of policy and program activities that assist individ-
16 uals with disabilities, \$2,100,400,000, together with
17 \$49,115,000 to be transferred from the Federal Hospital
18 Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary
19 Medical Insurance Trust Fund to carry out section 4360
20 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That amounts appropriated under this heading may
22 be used for grants to States under section 361 of the OAA
23 only for disease prevention and health promotion pro-
24 grams and activities which have been demonstrated
25 through rigorous evaluation to be evidence-based and ef-

1 fective: *Provided further*, That of amounts made available
2 under this heading to carry out sections 311, 331, and
3 336 of the OAA, up to one percent of such amounts shall
4 be available for developing and implementing evidence-
5 based practices for enhancing senior nutrition: *Provided*
6 *further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of this
7 Act, funds made available under this heading to carry out
8 section 311 of the OAA may be transferred to the Sec-
9 retary of Agriculture in accordance with such section: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That \$2,000,000 shall be for competitive
11 grants to support alternative financing programs that pro-
12 vide for the purchase of assistive technology devices, such
13 as a low-interest loan fund; an interest buy-down program;
14 a revolving loan fund; a loan guarantee; or an insurance
15 program: *Provided further*, That applicants shall provide
16 an assurance that, and information describing the manner
17 in which, the alternative financing program will expand
18 and emphasize consumer choice and control: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That State agencies and community-based disability
20 organizations that are directed by and operated for indi-
21 viduals with disabilities shall be eligible to compete: *Pro-*
22 *vided further*, That none of the funds made available under
23 this heading may be used by an eligible system (as defined
24 in section 102 of the Protection and Advocacy for Individ-
25 uals with Mental Illness Act (42 U.S.C. 10802)) to con-

1 tinue to pursue any legal action in a Federal or State
2 court on behalf of an individual or group of individuals
3 with a developmental disability (as defined in section
4 102(8)(A) of the Developmental Disabilities and Assist-
5 ance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (20 U.S.C.
6 15002(8)(A)) that is attributable to a mental impairment
7 (or a combination of mental and physical impairments),
8 that has as the requested remedy the closure of State op-
9 erated intermediate care facilities for people with intellec-
10 tual or developmental disabilities, unless reasonable public
11 notice of the action has been provided to such individuals
12 (or, in the case of mental incapacitation, the legal guard-
13 ians who have been specifically awarded authority by the
14 courts to make healthcare and residential decisions on be-
15 half of such individuals) who are affected by such action,
16 within 90 days of instituting such legal action, which in-
17 forms such individuals (or such legal guardians) of their
18 legal rights and how to exercise such rights consistent with
19 current Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: *Provided further,*
20 That the limitations in the immediately preceding proviso
21 shall not apply in the case of an individual who is neither
22 competent to consent nor has a legal guardian, nor shall
23 the proviso apply in the case of individuals who are a ward
24 of the State or subject to public guardianship.

1 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
2 GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

3 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided, for
4 general departmental management, including hire of six
5 passenger motor vehicles, and for carrying out titles III,
6 XVII, XXI, and section 229 of the PHS Act, the United
7 States-Mexico Border Health Commission Act, and re-
8 search studies under section 1110 of the Social Security
9 Act, \$480,629,000, together with \$64,828,000 from the
10 amounts available under section 241 of the PHS Act to
11 carry out national health or human services research and
12 evaluation activities: *Provided*, That of this amount,
13 \$53,900,000 shall be for minority AIDS prevention and
14 treatment activities: *Provided further*, That of the funds
15 made available under this heading, \$101,000,000 shall be
16 for making competitive contracts and grants to public and
17 private entities to fund medically accurate and age appro-
18 priate programs that reduce teen pregnancy and for the
19 Federal costs associated with administering and evalu-
20 ating such contracts and grants, of which not more than
21 10 percent of the available funds shall be for training and
22 technical assistance, evaluation, outreach, and additional
23 program support activities, and of the remaining amount
24 75 percent shall be for replicating programs that have
25 been proven effective through rigorous evaluation to re-

1 duce teenage pregnancy, behavioral risk factors underlying
2 teenage pregnancy, or other associated risk factors, and
3 25 percent shall be available for research and demonstra-
4 tion grants to develop, replicate, refine, and test additional
5 models and innovative strategies for preventing teenage
6 pregnancy: *Provided further*, That of the amounts pro-
7 vided under this heading from amounts available under
8 section 241 of the PHS Act, \$6,800,000 shall be available
9 to carry out evaluations (including longitudinal evalua-
10 tions) of teenage pregnancy prevention approaches: *Pro-*
11 *vided further*, That of the funds made available under this
12 heading, \$35,000,000 shall be for making competitive
13 grants which exclusively implement education in sexual
14 risk avoidance (defined as voluntarily refraining from non-
15 marital sexual activity): *Provided further*, That funding for
16 such competitive grants for sexual risk avoidance shall use
17 medically accurate information referenced to peer-re-
18 viewed publications by educational, scientific, govern-
19 mental, or health organizations; implement an evidence-
20 based approach integrating research findings with prac-
21 tical implementation that aligns with the needs and de-
22 sired outcomes for the intended audience; and teach the
23 benefits associated with self-regulation, success sequenc-
24 ing for poverty prevention, healthy relationships, goal set-
25 ting, and resisting sexual coercion, dating violence, and

1 other youth risk behaviors such as underage drinking or
2 illicit drug use without normalizing teen sexual activity:
3 *Provided further*, That no more than 10 percent of the
4 funding for such competitive grants for sexual risk avoid-
5 ance shall be available for technical assistance and admin-
6 istrative costs of such programs: *Provided further*, That
7 funds provided in this Act for embryo adoption activities
8 may be used to provide to individuals adopting embryos,
9 through grants and other mechanisms, medical and ad-
10 ministrative services deemed necessary for such adoptions:
11 *Provided further*, That such services shall be provided con-
12 sistent with 42 CFR 59.5(a)(4).

13 OFFICE OF MEDICARE HEARINGS AND APPEALS

14 For expenses necessary for the Office of Medicare
15 Hearings and Appeals, \$182,381,000 shall remain avail-
16 able until September 30, 2020, to be transferred in appro-
17 priate part from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
18 Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance
19 Trust Fund.

20 OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH
21 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

22 For expenses necessary for the Office of the National
23 Coordinator for Health Information Technology, including
24 grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for the de-

1 velopment and advancement of interoperable health infor-
2 mation technology, \$60,367,000.

3 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
5 General, including the hire of passenger motor vehicles for
6 investigations, in carrying out the provisions of the Inspec-
7 tor General Act of 1978, \$80,000,000: *Provided*, That of
8 such amount, necessary sums shall be available for pro-
9 viding protective services to the Secretary and inves-
10 tigating non-payment of child support cases for which non-
11 payment is a Federal offense under 18 U.S.C. 228.

12 OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

13 For expenses necessary for the Office for Civil
14 Rights, \$38,798,000.

15 RETIREMENT PAY AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR

16 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

17 For retirement pay and medical benefits of Public
18 Health Service Commissioned Officers as authorized by
19 law, for payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family
20 Protection Plan and Survivor Benefit Plan, and for med-
21 ical care of dependents and retired personnel under the
22 Dependents' Medical Care Act, such amounts as may be
23 required during the current fiscal year.

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY

2 FUND

3 For expenses necessary to support activities related
4 to countering potential biological, nuclear, radiological,
5 chemical, and cybersecurity threats to civilian populations,
6 and for other public health emergencies, \$1,026,458,000,
7 of which \$561,700,000 shall remain available through
8 September 30, 2020, for expenses necessary to support
9 advanced research and development pursuant to section
10 319L of the PHS Act and other administrative expenses
11 of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development
12 Authority: *Provided*, That funds provided under this head-
13 ing for the purpose of acquisition of security counter-
14 measures shall be in addition to any other funds available
15 for such purpose: *Provided further*, That products pur-
16 chased with funds provided under this heading may, at
17 the discretion of the Secretary, be deposited in the Stra-
18 tegic National Stockpile pursuant to section 319F-2 of
19 the PHS Act: *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 of the
20 amounts made available to support emergency operations
21 shall remain available through September 30, 2021.

22 For expenses necessary for procuring security coun-
23 termeasures (as defined in section 319F-2(c)(1)(B) of the
24 PHS Act), \$735,000,000, to remain available until ex-
25 pended.

1 For an additional amount for expenses necessary to
2 prepare for or respond to an influenza pandemic,
3 \$285,000,000; of which \$250,000,000 shall be available
4 until expended, for activities including the development
5 and purchase of vaccine, antivirals, necessary medical sup-
6 plies, diagnostics, and other surveillance tools: *Provided*,
7 That notwithstanding section 496(b) of the PHS Act,
8 funds may be used for the construction or renovation of
9 privately owned facilities for the production of pandemic
10 influenza vaccines and other biologics, if the Secretary
11 finds such construction or renovation necessary to secure
12 sufficient supplies of such vaccines or biologics.

13 GENERAL PROVISIONS

14 SEC. 201. Funds appropriated in this title shall be
15 available for not to exceed \$50,000 for official reception
16 and representation expenses when specifically approved by
17 the Secretary.

18 SEC. 202. None of the funds appropriated in this title
19 shall be used to pay the salary of an individual, through
20 a grant or other extramural mechanism, at a rate in excess
21 of Executive Level II.

22 SEC. 203. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
23 may be expended pursuant to section 241 of the PHS Act,
24 except for funds specifically provided for in this Act, or
25 for other taps and assessments made by any office located

1 in HHS, prior to the preparation and submission of a re-
2 port by the Secretary to the Committees on Appropria-
3 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate de-
4 tailing the planned uses of such funds.

5 SEC. 204. Notwithstanding section 241(a) of the
6 PHS Act, such portion as the Secretary shall determine,
7 but not more than 2.6 percent, of any amounts appro-
8 priated for programs authorized under such Act shall be
9 made available for the evaluation (directly, or by grants
10 or contracts) and the implementation and effectiveness of
11 programs funded in this title.

12 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 205. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-
14 tionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
15 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) which are appro-
16 priated for the current fiscal year for HHS in this Act
17 may be transferred between appropriations, but no such
18 appropriation shall be increased by more than 3 percent
19 by any such transfer: *Provided*, That the transfer author-
20 ity granted by this section shall not be used to create any
21 new program or to fund any project or activity for which
22 no funds are provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That
23 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days
25 in advance of any transfer.

1 SEC. 206. In lieu of the timeframe specified in section
2 338E(c)(2) of the PHS Act, terminations described in
3 such section may occur up to 60 days after the execution
4 of a contract awarded in fiscal year 2019 under section
5 338B of such Act.

6 SEC. 207. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
7 may be made available to any entity under title X of the
8 PHS Act unless the applicant for the award certifies to
9 the Secretary that it encourages family participation in
10 the decision of minors to seek family planning services and
11 that it provides counseling to minors on how to resist at-
12 tempts to coerce minors into engaging in sexual activities.

13 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, no provider of services under title X of the PHS Act
15 shall be exempt from any State law requiring notification
16 or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual
17 abuse, rape, or incest.

18 SEC. 209. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
19 (including funds appropriated to any trust fund) may be
20 used to carry out the Medicare Advantage program if the
21 Secretary denies participation in such program to an oth-
22 erwise eligible entity (including a Provider Sponsored Or-
23 ganization) because the entity informs the Secretary that
24 it will not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or provide
25 referrals for abortions: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall

1 make appropriate prospective adjustments to the capita-
2 tion payment to such an entity (based on an actuarially
3 sound estimate of the expected costs of providing the serv-
4 ice to such entity's enrollees): *Provided further*, That noth-
5 ing in this section shall be construed to change the Medi-
6 care program's coverage for such services and a Medicare
7 Advantage organization described in this section shall be
8 responsible for informing enrollees where to obtain infor-
9 mation about all Medicare covered services.

10 SEC. 210. None of the funds made available in this
11 title may be used, in whole or in part, to advocate or pro-
12 mote gun control.

13 SEC. 211. The Secretary shall make available through
14 assignment not more than 60 employees of the Public
15 Health Service to assist in child survival activities and to
16 work in AIDS programs through and with funds provided
17 by the Agency for International Development, the United
18 Nations International Children's Emergency Fund or the
19 World Health Organization.

20 SEC. 212. In order for HHS to carry out inter-
21 national health activities, including HIV/AIDS and other
22 infectious disease, chronic and environmental disease, and
23 other health activities abroad during fiscal year 2019:

24 (1) The Secretary may exercise authority equiv-
25 alent to that available to the Secretary of State in

1 section 2(c) of the State Department Basic Authori-
2 ties Act of 1956. The Secretary shall consult with
3 the Secretary of State and relevant Chief of Mission
4 to ensure that the authority provided in this section
5 is exercised in a manner consistent with section 207
6 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 and other appli-
7 cable statutes administered by the Department of
8 State.

9 (2) The Secretary is authorized to provide such
10 funds by advance or reimbursement to the Secretary
11 of State as may be necessary to pay the costs of ac-
12 quisition, lease, alteration, renovation, and manage-
13 ment of facilities outside of the United States for
14 the use of HHS. The Department of State shall co-
15 operate fully with the Secretary to ensure that HHS
16 has secure, safe, functional facilities that comply
17 with applicable regulation governing location, set-
18 back, and other facilities requirements and serve the
19 purposes established by this Act. The Secretary is
20 authorized, in consultation with the Secretary of
21 State, through grant or cooperative agreement, to
22 make available to public or nonprofit private institu-
23 tions or agencies in participating foreign countries,
24 funds to acquire, lease, alter, or renovate facilities in
25 those countries as necessary to conduct programs of

1 assistance for international health activities, includ-
2 ing activities relating to HIV/AIDS and other infec-
3 tious diseases, chronic and environmental diseases,
4 and other health activities abroad.

5 (3) The Secretary is authorized to provide to
6 personnel appointed or assigned by the Secretary to
7 serve abroad, allowances and benefits similar to
8 those provided under chapter 9 of title I of the For-
9 eign Service Act of 1980, and 22 U.S.C. 4081
10 through 4086 and subject to such regulations pre-
11 scribed by the Secretary. The Secretary is further
12 authorized to provide locality-based comparability
13 payments (stated as a percentage) up to the amount
14 of the locality-based comparability payment (stated
15 as a percentage) that would be payable to such per-
16 sonnel under section 5304 of title 5, United States
17 Code if such personnel's official duty station were in
18 the District of Columbia. Leaves of absence for per-
19 sonnel under this subsection shall be on the same
20 basis as that provided under subchapter I of chapter
21 63 of title 5, United States Code, or section 903 of
22 the Foreign Service Act of 1980, to individuals serv-
23 ing in the Foreign Service.

1 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 213. The Director of the NIH, jointly with the
3 Director of the Office of AIDS Research, may transfer up
4 to 3 percent among institutes and centers from the total
5 amounts identified by these two Directors as funding for
6 research pertaining to the human immunodeficiency virus:
7 *Provided*, That the Committees on Appropriations of the
8 House of Representatives and the Senate are notified at
9 least 15 days in advance of any transfer.

10 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 214. Of the amounts made available in this Act
12 for NIH, the amount for research related to the human
13 immunodeficiency virus, as jointly determined by the Di-
14 rector of NIH and the Director of the Office of AIDS Re-
15 search, shall be made available to the “Office of AIDS
16 Research” account. The Director of the Office of AIDS
17 Research shall transfer from such account amounts nec-
18 essary to carry out section 2353(d)(3) of the PHS Act.

19 SEC. 215. (a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any
20 other provision of law, the Director of NIH (“Director”)
21 may use funds authorized under section 402(b)(12) of the
22 PHS Act to enter into transactions (other than contracts,
23 cooperative agreements, or grants) to carry out research
24 identified pursuant to or research and activities described
25 in such section 402(b)(12).

1 (b) PEER REVIEW.—In entering into transactions
2 under subsection (a), the Director may utilize such peer
3 review procedures (including consultation with appropriate
4 scientific experts) as the Director determines to be appro-
5 priate to obtain assessments of scientific and technical
6 merit. Such procedures shall apply to such transactions
7 in lieu of the peer review and advisory council review pro-
8 cedures that would otherwise be required under sections
9 301(a)(3), 405(b)(1)(B), 405(b)(2), 406(a)(3)(A), 492,
10 and 494 of the PHS Act.

11 SEC. 216. Not to exceed \$45,000,000 of funds appro-
12 priated by this Act to the institutes and centers of the
13 National Institutes of Health may be used for alteration,
14 repair, or improvement of facilities, as necessary for the
15 proper and efficient conduct of the activities authorized
16 herein, at not to exceed \$3,500,000 per project.

17 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 217. Of the amounts made available for NIH,
19 1 percent of the amount made available for National Re-
20 search Service Awards (“NRSA”) shall be made available
21 to the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
22 Administration to make NRSA awards for research in pri-
23 mary medical care to individuals affiliated with entities
24 who have received grants or contracts under sections 736,
25 739, or 747 of the PHS Act, and 1 percent of the amount

1 made available for NRSA shall be made available to the
2 Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Qual-
3 ity to make NRSA awards for health service research.

4 SEC. 218. (a) The Biomedical Advanced Research
5 and Development Authority (“BARDA”) may enter into
6 a contract, for more than one but no more than 10 pro-
7 gram years, for purchase of research services or of security
8 countermeasures, as that term is defined in section 319F-
9 2(c)(1)(B) of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6b(c)(1)(B)),
10 if—

11 (1) funds are available and obligated—

12 (A) for the full period of the contract or
13 for the first fiscal year in which the contract is
14 in effect; and

15 (B) for the estimated costs associated with
16 a necessary termination of the contract; and

17 (2) the Secretary determines that a multi-year
18 contract will serve the best interests of the Federal
19 Government by encouraging full and open competi-
20 tion or promoting economy in administration, per-
21 formance, and operation of BARDA’s programs.

22 (b) A contract entered into under this section—

23 (1) shall include a termination clause as de-
24 scribed by subsection (c) of section 3903 of title 41,
25 United States Code; and

1 (2) shall be subject to the congressional notice
2 requirement stated in subsection (d) of such section.

3 SEC. 219. (a) The Secretary shall publish in the fiscal
4 year 2020 budget justification and on Departmental Web
5 sites information concerning the employment of full-time
6 equivalent Federal employees or contractors for the pur-
7 poses of implementing, administering, enforcing, or other-
8 wise carrying out the provisions of the ACA, and the
9 amendments made by that Act, in the proposed fiscal year
10 and each fiscal year since the enactment of the ACA.

11 (b) With respect to employees or contractors sup-
12 ported by all funds appropriated for purposes of carrying
13 out the ACA (and the amendments made by that Act),
14 the Secretary shall include, at a minimum, the following
15 information:

16 (1) For each such fiscal year, the section of
17 such Act under which such funds were appropriated,
18 a statement indicating the program, project, or ac-
19 tivity receiving such funds, the Federal operating di-
20 vision or office that administers such program, and
21 the amount of funding received in discretionary or
22 mandatory appropriations.

23 (2) For each such fiscal year, the number of
24 full-time equivalent employees or contracted employ-

1 ees assigned to each authorized and funded provision
2 detailed in accordance with paragraph (1).

3 (c) In carrying out this section, the Secretary may
4 exclude from the report employees or contractors who—

5 (1) are supported through appropriations en-
6 acted in laws other than the ACA and work on pro-
7 grams that existed prior to the passage of the ACA;

8 (2) spend less than 50 percent of their time on
9 activities funded by or newly authorized in the ACA;
10 or

11 (3) work on contracts for which FTE reporting
12 is not a requirement of their contract, such as fixed-
13 price contracts.

14 SEC. 220. The Secretary shall publish, as part of the
15 fiscal year 2020 budget of the President submitted under
16 section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, informa-
17 tion that details the uses of all funds used by the Centers
18 for Medicare and Medicaid Services specifically for Health
19 Insurance Exchanges for each fiscal year since the enact-
20 ment of the ACA and the proposed uses for such funds
21 for fiscal year 2020. Such information shall include, for
22 each such fiscal year, the amount of funds used for each
23 activity specified under the heading “Health Insurance
24 Exchange Transparency” in the report accompanying this
25 Act.

1 SEC. 221. (a) The Secretary shall provide to the
2 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
3 atives and the Senate:

4 (1) Detailed monthly enrollment figures from
5 the Exchanges established under the Patient Protec-
6 tion and Affordable Care Act of 2010 pertaining to
7 enrollments during the open enrollment period; and

8 (2) Notification of any new or competitive grant
9 awards, including supplements, authorized under
10 section 330 of the Public Health Service Act.

11 (b) The Committees on Appropriations of the House
12 and Senate must be notified at least 2 business days in
13 advance of any public release of enrollment information
14 or the award of such grants.

15 SEC. 222. None of the funds made available by this
16 Act from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund or
17 the Federal Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Fund,
18 or transferred from other accounts funded by this Act to
19 the “Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services—Pro-
20 gram Management” account, may be used for payments
21 under section 1342(b)(1) of Public Law 111–148 (relating
22 to risk corridors).

23 SEC. 223. The Secretary shall include in the fiscal
24 year 2020 budget justification an analysis of how section

1 2713 of the PHS Act will impact eligibility for discre-
2 tionary HHS programs.

3 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 224. (a) Within 45 days of enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary shall transfer funds appropriated under
6 section 4002 of the ACA to the accounts specified, in the
7 amounts specified, and for the activities specified under
8 the heading “Prevention and Public Health Fund” in the
9 report accompanying this Act.

10 (b) Notwithstanding section 4002(c) of the ACA, the
11 Secretary may not further transfer these amounts.

12 (c) Funds transferred for activities authorized under
13 section 2821 of the PHS Act shall be made available with-
14 out reference to section 2821(b) of such Act.

15 SEC. 225. Effective during the period beginning on
16 November 1, 2015 and ending January 1, 2021, any pro-
17 vision of law that refers (including through cross-reference
18 to another provision of law) to the current recommenda-
19 tions of the United States Preventive Services Task Force
20 with respect to breast cancer screening, mammography,
21 and prevention shall be administered by the Secretary in-
22 volved as if—

23 (1) such reference to such current recommenda-
24 tions were a reference to the recommendations of
25 such Task Force with respect to breast cancer

1 screening, mammography, and prevention last issued
2 before 2009; and

3 (2) such recommendations last issued before
4 2009 applied to any screening mammography modal-
5 ity under section 1861(jj) of the Social Security Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jj)).

7 SEC. 226. In making Federal financial assistance, the
8 provisions relating to indirect costs in part 75 of title 45,
9 Code of Federal Regulations, including with respect to the
10 approval of deviations from negotiated rates, shall con-
11 tinue to apply to the National Institutes of Health to the
12 same extent and in the same manner as such provisions
13 were applied in the third quarter of fiscal year 2017. None
14 of the funds appropriated in this or prior Acts or otherwise
15 made available to the Department of Health and Human
16 Services or to any department or agency may be used to
17 develop or implement a modified approach to such provi-
18 sions, or to intentionally or substantially expand the fiscal
19 effect of the approval of such deviations from negotiated
20 rates beyond the proportional effect of such approvals in
21 such quarter.

22 SEC. 227. In addition to the amounts otherwise avail-
23 able for “Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,
24 Program Management”, the Secretary of Health and
25 Human Services may transfer up to \$305,000,000 to such

1 account from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund
2 and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust
3 Fund to support program management activity related to
4 the Medicare Program: *Provided*, That except for the fore-
5 going purpose, such funds may not be used to support any
6 provision of Public Law 111–148 or Public Law 111–152
7 (or any amendment made by either such Public Law) or
8 to supplant any other amounts within such account.

9 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 SEC. 228. The NIH Director may transfer funds spe-
11 cifically appropriated for opioid addiction, opioid alter-
12 natives, pain management, and addiction treatment to
13 other Institutes and Centers of the NIH to be used for
14 the same purpose 15 days after notifying the Committees
15 on Appropriations: *Provided*, That the transfer authority
16 provided in the previous proviso is in addition to any other
17 transfer authority provided by law.

18 SEC. 229. None of the funds made available by this
19 Act to carry out the Child Care and Development Block
20 Grant Act of 1990 may be provided to any child care pro-
21 vider if a list of providers (as mentioned in part 98 of
22 title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, applicable to
23 the Department of Health and Human Services, Adminis-
24 tration of Children and Families, and in the final rule pub-
25 lished in the Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 190, on Sept.

1 30, 2016) indicates that a serious injury or death occurred
2 at the provider due to a substantiated health or safety vio-
3 lation.

4 (RESCISSION)

5 SEC. 230. Of the unobligated balances available in
6 the “Nonrecurring Expenses Fund” established in section
7 223 of division G of Public Law 110–161, \$350,000,000
8 are hereby rescinded.

9 SEC. 231. Not later than the 15th day of each month,
10 the Department of Health and Human Services shall pro-
11 vide the Committees on Appropriations of the House of
12 Representatives and Senate a report on staffing described
13 in the report accompanying this Act.

14 SEC. 232. Funds appropriated in this Act that are
15 available for salaries and expenses of employees of the De-
16 partment of Health and Human Services shall also be
17 available to pay travel and related expenses of such an
18 employee or of a member of his or her family, when such
19 employee is assigned to duty, in the United States or in
20 a U.S. territory, during a period and in a location that
21 are the subject of a determination of a public health emer-
22 gency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act
23 and such travel is necessary to obtain medical care for
24 an illness, injury, or medical condition that cannot be ade-
25 quately addressed in that location at that time. For pur-

1 poses of this section, the term “U.S. territory” means
2 Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern
3 Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or
4 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

5 This title may be cited as the “Department of Health
6 and Human Services Appropriations Act, 2019”.

1 TITLE III
2 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
3 EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED
4 For carrying out title I and subpart 2 of part B of
5 title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
6 of 1965 (referred to in this Act as “ESEA”) and section
7 418A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (referred to
8 in this Act as “HEA”), \$16,568,790,000, of which
9 \$5,650,990,000 shall become available on July 1, 2019,
10 and shall remain available through September 30, 2020,
11 and of which \$10,841,177,000 shall become available on
12 October 1, 2019, and shall remain available through Sep-
13 tember 30, 2020, for academic year 2019–2020: *Provided*,
14 That \$6,459,401,000 shall be for basic grants under sec-
15 tion 1124 of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That up to
16 \$5,000,000 of these funds shall be available to the Sec-
17 retary of Education (referred to in this title as “Sec-
18 retary”) on October 1, 2018, to obtain annually updated
19 local educational agency-level census poverty data from
20 the Bureau of the Census: *Provided further*, That
21 \$1,362,301,000 shall be for concentration grants under
22 section 1124A of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That
23 \$4,031,550,000 shall be for targeted grants under section
24 1125 of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That
25 \$4,031,550,000 shall be for education finance incentive

1 grants under section 1125A of the ESEA: *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That \$217,000,000 shall be for carrying out subpart
3 2 of part B of title II: *Provided further*, That \$44,623,000
4 shall be for carrying out section 418A of the HEA.

5 IMPACT AID

6 For carrying out programs of financial assistance to
7 federally affected schools authorized by title VII of the
8 ESEA, \$1,439,112,000, of which \$1,294,242,000 shall be
9 for basic support payments under section 7003(b),
10 \$48,316,000 shall be for payments for children with dis-
11 abilities under section 7003(d), \$17,406,000, to remain
12 available for obligation through September 30, 2020, shall
13 be for construction under section 7007(b), \$74,313,000
14 shall be for Federal property payments under section
15 7002, and \$4,835,000, to remain available until expended,
16 shall be for facilities maintenance under section 7008:
17 *Provided*, That for purposes of computing the amount of
18 a payment for an eligible local educational agency under
19 section 7003(a) for school year 2018–2019, children en-
20 rolled in a school of such agency that would otherwise be
21 eligible for payment under section 7003(a)(1)(B) of such
22 Act, but due to the deployment of both parents or legal
23 guardians, or a parent or legal guardian having sole cus-
24 tody of such children, or due to the death of a military
25 parent or legal guardian while on active duty (so long as

1 such children reside on Federal property as described in
2 section 7003(a)(1)(B)), are no longer eligible under such
3 section, shall be considered as eligible students under such
4 section, provided such students remain in average daily
5 attendance at a school in the same local educational agen-
6 cy they attended prior to their change in eligibility status.

7 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

8 For carrying out school improvement activities au-
9 thorized by part B of title I, part A of title II, subpart
10 1 of part A of title IV, part B of title IV, part B of title
11 V, and parts B and C of title VI of the ESEA; the McKin-
12 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; section 203 of the
13 Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002; the Com-
14 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003; and
15 the Civil Rights Act of 1964, \$5,291,967,000, of which
16 \$3,463,402,000 shall become available on July 1, 2019,
17 and remain available through September 30, 2020, and
18 of which \$1,681,441,000 shall become available on Octo-
19 ber 1, 2019, and shall remain available through September
20 30, 2020, for academic year 2019–2020: *Provided*, That
21 \$378,000,000 shall be for part B of title I: *Provided fur-*
22 *ther*, That \$1,211,673,000 shall be for part B of title IV:
23 *Provided further*, That \$36,397,000 shall be for part B
24 of title VI and may be used for construction, renovation,
25 and modernization of any elementary school, secondary

1 school, or structure related to an elementary school or sec-
2 ondary school, run by the Department of Education of the
3 State of Hawaii, that serves a predominantly Native Ha-
4 waiian student body: *Provided further*, That \$35,453,000
5 shall be for part C of title VI and shall be awarded on
6 a competitive basis, and also may be used for construction:
7 *Provided further*, That \$52,000,000 shall be available to
8 carry out section 203 of the Educational Technical Assist-
9 ance Act of 2002 and the Secretary shall make such ar-
10 rangements as determined to be necessary to ensure that
11 the Bureau of Indian Education has access to services pro-
12 vided under this section: *Provided further*, That
13 \$16,699,000 shall be available to carry out the Supple-
14 mental Education Grants program for the Federated
15 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Is-
16 lands: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may reserve
17 up to 5 percent of the amount referred to in the previous
18 proviso to provide technical assistance in the implementa-
19 tion of these grants: *Provided further*, That \$180,840,000
20 shall be for part B of title V: *Provided further*, That
21 \$1,225,000,000 shall be available for grants under sub-
22 part 1 of part A of title IV.

23 INDIAN EDUCATION

24 For expenses necessary to carry out, to the extent
25 not otherwise provided, title VI, part A of the ESEA,

1 \$180,239,000, of which \$67,993,000 shall be for subpart
2 2 of part A of title VI and \$6,865,000 shall be for subpart
3 3 of part A of title VI.

4 INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT

5 For carrying out activities authorized by subparts 1,
6 3 and 4 of part B of title II, and parts C, D, and E and
7 subparts 1 and 4 of part F of title IV of the ESEA,
8 \$1,042,256,000: *Provided*, That \$278,515,000 shall be for
9 subparts 1, 3 and 4 of part B of title II and shall be made
10 available without regard to sections 2201, 2231(b) and
11 2241: *Provided further*, That \$628,741,000 shall be for
12 parts C, D, and E and subpart 4 of part F of title IV,
13 and shall be made available without regard to sections
14 4311, 4409(a), and 4601 of the ESEA: *Provided further*,
15 That section 4303(d)(3)(A)(i) shall not apply to the funds
16 available for part C of title IV: *Provided further*, That of
17 the funds available for part C of title IV, the Secretary
18 shall use \$55,000,000 to carry out section 4304, of which
19 not more than \$10,000,000 shall be available to carry out
20 section 4304(k), \$140,000,000, to remain available
21 through March 31, 2020, to carry out section 4305(b),
22 and not more than \$15,000,000 to carry out the activities
23 in section 4305(a)(3): *Provided further*, That notwith-
24 standing section 4601(b), \$135,000,000 shall be available

1 through December 31, 2019 for subpart 1 of part F of
2 title IV.

3 SAFE SCHOOLS AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

4 For carrying out activities authorized by subparts 2
5 and 3 of part F of title IV of the ESEA, \$190,754,000:
6 *Provided*, That \$95,000,000 shall be available for section
7 4631, of which up to \$5,000,000, to remain available until
8 expended, shall be for the Project School Emergency Re-
9 sponse to Violence (“Project SERV”) program: *Provided*
10 *further*, That \$17,500,000 shall be available for section
11 4625: *Provided further*, That \$78,254,000 shall be avail-
12 able through December 31, 2019, for section 4624.

13 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

14 For carrying out part A of title III of the ESEA,
15 \$737,400,000, which shall become available on July 1,
16 2019, and shall remain available through September 30,
17 2020, except that 6.5 percent of such amount shall be
18 available on October 1, 2018, and shall remain available
19 through September 30, 2020, to carry out activities under
20 section 3111(c)(1)(C).

21 SPECIAL EDUCATION

22 For carrying out the Individuals with Disabilities
23 Education Act (IDEA) and the Special Olympics Sport
24 and Empowerment Act of 2004, \$13,493,684,000, of
25 which \$3,970,585,000 shall become available on July 1,

1 2019, and shall remain available through September 30,
2 2020, and of which \$9,283,383,000 shall become available
3 on October 1, 2019, and shall remain available through
4 September 30, 2020, for academic year 2019–2020: *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That the amount for section 611(b)(2) of the IDEA
6 shall be equal to the lesser of the amount available for
7 that activity during fiscal year 2018, increased by the
8 amount of inflation as specified in section 619(d)(2)(B)
9 of the IDEA, or the percent change in the funds appro-
10 priated under section 611(i) of the IDEA, but not less
11 than the amount for that activity during fiscal year 2018:
12 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall, without regard
13 to section 611(d) of the IDEA, distribute to all other
14 States (as that term is defined in section 611(g)(2)), sub-
15 ject to the third proviso, any amount by which a State’s
16 allocation under section 611, from funds appropriated
17 under this heading, is reduced under section
18 612(a)(18)(B), according to the following: 85 percent on
19 the basis of the States’ relative populations of children
20 aged 3 through 21 who are of the same age as children
21 with disabilities for whom the State ensures the avail-
22 ability of a free appropriate public education under this
23 part, and 15 percent to States on the basis of the States’
24 relative populations of those children who are living in pov-
25 erty: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may not dis-

1 tribute any funds under the previous proviso to any State
2 whose reduction in allocation from funds appropriated
3 under this heading made funds available for such a dis-
4 tribution: *Provided further*, That the States shall allocate
5 such funds distributed under the second proviso to local
6 educational agencies in accordance with section 611(f):
7 *Provided further*, That the amount by which a State's allo-
8 cation under section 611(d) of the IDEA is reduced under
9 section 612(a)(18)(B) and the amounts distributed to
10 States under the previous provisos in fiscal year 2012 or
11 any subsequent year shall not be considered in calculating
12 the awards under section 611(d) for fiscal year 2013 or
13 for any subsequent fiscal years: *Provided further*, That,
14 notwithstanding the provision in section 612(a)(18)(B) re-
15 garding the fiscal year in which a State's allocation under
16 section 611(d) is reduced for failure to comply with the
17 requirement of section 612(a)(18)(A), the Secretary may
18 apply the reduction specified in section 612(a)(18)(B) over
19 a period of consecutive fiscal years, not to exceed five,
20 until the entire reduction is applied: *Provided further*,
21 That the Secretary may, in any fiscal year in which a
22 State's allocation under section 611 is reduced in accord-
23 ance with section 612(a)(18)(B), reduce the amount a
24 State may reserve under section 611(e)(1) by an amount
25 that bears the same relation to the maximum amount de-

1 scribed in that paragraph as the reduction under section
2 612(a)(18)(B) bears to the total allocation the State
3 would have received in that fiscal year under section
4 611(d) in the absence of the reduction: *Provided further*,
5 That the Secretary shall either reduce the allocation of
6 funds under section 611 for any fiscal year following the
7 fiscal year for which the State fails to comply with the
8 requirement of section 612(a)(18)(A) as authorized by
9 section 612(a)(18)(B), or seek to recover funds under sec-
10 tion 452 of the General Education Provisions Act (20
11 U.S.C. 1234a): *Provided further*, That the funds reserved
12 under 611(c) of the IDEA may be used to provide tech-
13 nical assistance to States to improve the capacity of the
14 States to meet the data collection requirements of sections
15 616 and 618 and to administer and carry out other serv-
16 ices and activities to improve data collection, coordination,
17 quality, and use under parts B and C of the IDEA: *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That the Secretary may use funds made
19 available for the State Personnel Development Grants pro-
20 gram under part D, subpart 1 of IDEA to evaluate pro-
21 gram performance under such subpart.

22 REHABILITATION SERVICES

23 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
24 vided, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Helen Keller
25 National Center Act, \$3,656,189,000, of which

1 \$3,521,990,000 shall be for grants for vocational rehabili-
2 tation services under title I of the Rehabilitation Act: *Pro-*
3 *vided*, That the Secretary may use amounts provided in
4 this Act that remain available subsequent to the reallocot-
5 ment of funds to States pursuant to section 110(b) of the
6 Rehabilitation Act for innovative activities aimed at im-
7 proving the outcomes of individuals with disabilities as de-
8 fined in section 7(20)(B) of the Rehabilitation Act, includ-
9 ing activities aimed at improving the education and post-
10 school outcomes of children receiving Supplemental Secu-
11 rity Income (“SSI”) and their families that may result
12 in long-term improvement in the SSI child recipient’s eco-
13 nomic status and self-sufficiency: *Provided further*, That
14 States may award subgrants for a portion of the funds
15 to other public and private, nonprofit entities: *Provided*
16 *further*, That any funds made available subsequent to real-
17 lotment for innovative activities aimed at improving the
18 outcomes of individuals with disabilities shall remain avail-
19 able until September 30, 2020.

20 SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH
21 DISABILITIES

22 AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

23 For carrying out the Act to promote the Education
24 of the Blind of March 3, 1879, \$30,431,000.

1 NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

2 For the National Technical Institute for the Deaf
3 under titles I and II of the Education of the Deaf Act
4 of 1986, \$76,500,000: *Provided*, That from the total
5 amount available, the Institute may at its discretion use
6 funds for the endowment program as authorized under
7 section 207 of such Act.

8 GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

9 For the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School,
10 the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and the partial
11 support of Gallaudet University under titles I and II of
12 the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986, \$133,000,000:
13 *Provided*, That from the total amount available, the Uni-
14 versity may at its discretion use funds for the endowment
15 program as authorized under section 207 of such Act.

16 CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION

17 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
18 vided, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-
19 cation Act of 2006 and the Adult Education and Family
20 Literacy Act (“AEFLA”), \$1,855,686,000, of which
21 \$1,064,686,000 shall become available on July 1, 2019,
22 and shall remain available through September 30, 2020,
23 and of which \$791,000,000 shall become available on Oc-
24 tober 1, 2019, and shall remain available through Sep-
25 tember 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of the amounts made

1 available for AEFLA, \$13,712,000 shall be for national
2 leadership activities under section 242.

3 STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

4 For carrying out subparts 1, 3, and 10 of part A,
5 and part C of title IV of the HEA, \$24,445,352,000,
6 which shall remain available through September 30, 2020.

7 The maximum Pell Grant for which a student shall
8 be eligible during award year 2019–2020 shall be \$5,135.

9 STUDENT AID ADMINISTRATION

10 For Federal administrative expenses to carry out part
11 D of title I, and subparts 1, 3, 9, and 10 of part A, and
12 parts B, C, D, and E of title IV of the HEA, and subpart
13 1 of part A of title VII of the Public Health Service Act,
14 \$1,678,943,000, to remain available through September
15 30, 2020: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall allocate new
16 student loan borrower accounts to eligible student loan
17 servicers on the basis of their performance compared to
18 all loan servicers utilizing established common metrics,
19 and on the basis of the capacity of each servicer to process
20 new and existing accounts: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
21 retary shall allow student loan borrowers who are consoli-
22 dating Federal student loans to select from any student
23 loan servicer to service their new consolidated student loan
24 under the current student loan servicing contracts: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That in order to promote accountability and

1 high-quality service to borrowers, the Secretary shall not
2 award funding for any contract solicitation for a new Fed-
3 eral student loan servicing environment, including the so-
4 licitation for the FSA Next Generation Processing and
5 Servicing Environment as amended by the Department of
6 Education on February 20, 2018, unless such an environ-
7 ment provides for the participation of multiple student
8 loan servicers that contract directly with the Department
9 of Education to manage a unique portfolio of borrower ac-
10 counts and the full life-cycle of loans from disbursement
11 to pay-off with certain limited exceptions, and allocates
12 student loan borrower accounts to eligible student loan
13 servicers based on performance: *Provided further*, That
14 such servicers described in the previous proviso shall be
15 evaluated based on their ability to meet contract require-
16 ments, future performance on the contracts, and history
17 of compliance with applicable consumer protections laws:
18 *Provided further*, That to the extent Federal Student Aid
19 (FSA) permits student loan servicing subcontracting, FSA
20 shall hold such subcontractors accountable for meeting the
21 requirements of the contract: *Provided further*, That FSA
22 shall create a fee structure with contractors that provides
23 more support to borrowers at risk of being distressed.

1 HIGHER EDUCATION

2 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
3 vided, titles II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII of the HEA, the
4 Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961,
5 and section 117 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-
6 nical Education Act of 2006, \$2,260,551,000: *Provided*,
7 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds
8 made available in this Act to carry out title VI of the HEA
9 and section 102(b)(6) of the Mutual Educational and Cul-
10 tural Exchange Act of 1961 may be used to support visits
11 and study in foreign countries by individuals who are par-
12 ticipating in advanced foreign language training and inter-
13 national studies in areas that are vital to United States
14 national security and who plan to apply their language
15 skills and knowledge of these countries in the fields of gov-
16 ernment, the professions, or international development:
17 *Provided further*, That of the funds referred to in the pre-
18 ceding proviso up to 1 percent may be used for program
19 evaluation, national outreach, and information dissemina-
20 tion activities: *Provided further*, That up to 1.5 percent
21 of the funds made available under chapter 2 of subpart
22 2 of part A of title IV of the HEA may be used for evalua-
23 tion.

1 HOWARD UNIVERSITY

2 For partial support of Howard University,
3 \$236,518,000, of which not less than \$3,405,000 shall be
4 for a matching endowment grant pursuant to the Howard
5 University Endowment Act and shall remain available
6 until expended.

7 COLLEGE HOUSING AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES LOANS
8 PROGRAM

9 For Federal administrative expenses to carry out ac-
10 tivities related to existing facility loans pursuant to section
11 121 of the HEA, \$435,000.

12 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
13 CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM ACCOUNT

14 For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$20,150,000, as au-
15 thorized pursuant to part D of title III of the HEA, which
16 shall remain available through September 30, 2020: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying
18 such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Con-
19 gressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That
20 these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal,
21 any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed
22 \$580,000,000: *Provided further*, That these funds may be
23 used to support loans to public and private Historically
24 Black Colleges and Universities without regard to the limi-
25 tations within section 344(a) of the HEA.

1 In addition, \$10,000,000 shall be made available to
2 provide for the deferment of loans made under part D of
3 title III of the HEA to eligible institutions that are private
4 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, which apply
5 for the deferment of such a loan and demonstrate financial
6 need for such deferment by having a score of 2.6 or less
7 on the Department of Education's financial responsibility
8 test: *Provided*, That during the period of deferment of
9 such a loan, interest on the loan will not accrue or be cap-
10 italized, and the period of deferment shall be for at least
11 a period of 3-fiscal years and not more than 6-fiscal years:
12 *Provided further*, That when determining priority for such
13 institutions to receive such a deferment, the Secretary
14 shall give priority to institutions that operated in a finan-
15 cial deficit for at least one of the previous 5 years accord-
16 ing to audits provided to the Department, or were sanc-
17 tioned for financial related reasons by the agency or asso-
18 ciation that accredited such institutions: *Provided further*,
19 That the Secretary shall create and execute an outreach
20 plan to work with States and the Capital Financing Advi-
21 sory Board to improve outreach to States and help addi-
22 tional public Historically Black Colleges and Universities
23 participate in the program.

24 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
25 the Historically Black College and University Capital Fi-

1 nancing Program entered into pursuant to part D of title
2 III of the HEA, \$334,000.

3 INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

4 For carrying out activities authorized by the Edu-
5 cation Sciences Reform Act of 2002, the National Assess-
6 ment of Educational Progress Authorization Act, section
7 208 of the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002,
8 and section 664 of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-
9 cation Act, \$615,462,000, which shall remain available
10 through September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That funds avail-
11 able to carry out section 208 of the Educational Technical
12 Assistance Act may be used to link Statewide elementary
13 and secondary data systems with early childhood, postsec-
14 ondary, and workforce data systems, or to further develop
15 such systems: *Provided further*, That up to \$6,000,000 of
16 the funds available to carry out section 208 of the Edu-
17 cational Technical Assistance Act may be used for awards
18 to public or private organizations or agencies to support
19 activities to improve data coordination, quality, and use
20 at the local, State, and national levels.

21 DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

22 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

23 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
24 vided, the Department of Education Organization Act, in-
25 cluding rental of conference rooms in the District of Co-

1 lumbia and hire of three passenger motor vehicles,
2 \$430,000,000: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other
3 provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act
4 or provided by previous Appropriations Acts to the De-
5 partment of Education available for obligation or expendi-
6 ture in the current fiscal year may be used for any activity
7 relating to implementing a reorganization that decentral-
8 izes, reduces the staffing level, or alters the responsibil-
9 ities, structure, authority, or functionality of the Budget
10 Service of the Department of Education, relative to the
11 organization and operation of the Budget Service as in
12 effect on January 1, 2018.

13 OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

14 For expenses necessary for the Office for Civil
15 Rights, as authorized by section 203 of the Department
16 of Education Organization Act, \$125,000,000.

17 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

18 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
19 General, as authorized by section 212 of the Department
20 of Education Organization Act, \$61,143,000.

21 GENERAL PROVISIONS

22 SEC. 301. No funds appropriated in this Act may be
23 used to prevent the implementation of programs of vol-
24 untary prayer and meditation in the public schools.

1 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 302. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-
3 tionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
4 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) which are appro-
5 priated for the Department of Education in this Act may
6 be transferred between appropriations, but no such appro-
7 priation shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any
8 such transfer: *Provided*, That the transfer authority
9 granted by this section shall not be used to create any
10 new program or to fund any project or activity for which
11 no funds are provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That
12 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days
14 in advance of any transfer.

15 SEC. 303. Section 105(f)(1)(B)(ix) of the Compact
16 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
17 1921d(f)(1)(B)(ix)) shall be applied by substituting
18 “2019” for “2009”.

19 SEC. 304. Funds appropriated in this Act and con-
20 solidated for evaluation purposes under section 8601(c) of
21 the ESEA shall be available from July 1, 2019, through
22 September 30, 2020.

23 SEC. 305. (a) An institution of higher education that
24 maintains an endowment fund supported with funds ap-
25 propriated for title III or V of the HEA for fiscal year

1 2019 may use the income from that fund to award schol-
2 arships to students, subject to the limitation in section
3 331(e)(3)(B)(i) of the HEA. The use of such income for
4 such purposes, prior to the enactment of this Act, shall
5 be considered to have been an allowable use of that in-
6 come, subject to that limitation.

7 (b) Subsection (a) shall be in effect until titles III
8 and V of the HEA are reauthorized.

9 SEC. 306. Section 114(f) of the HEA (20 U.S.C.
10 1011c(f)) is amended by striking “2018” and inserting
11 “2019”.

12 SEC. 307. Section 458(a) of the HEA (20 U.S.C.
13 1087h(a)) is amended in paragraph (4) by striking
14 “2018” and inserting “2019”.

15 (RESCISSION)

16 SEC. 308. Of the unobligated balances available
17 under the heading “Student Financial Assistance” for car-
18 rying out subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the HEA,
19 \$600,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

20 SEC. 309. Section 401(b)(7)(A)(iv)(IX) of the Higher
21 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
22 1070a(b)(7)(A)(iv)(IX)) is amended by striking
23 “\$1,409,000,000” and inserting “\$1,370,000,000”.

24 SEC. 310. (a) An institution of higher education may,
25 with explicit written consent of an applicant who has com-

1 pleted a FAFSA under such section 483(a), provide such
2 information collected from the applicant's FAFSA as is
3 necessary to a scholarship granting organization, includ-
4 ing a tribal organization (defined in section 4 of the Indian
5 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25
6 U.S.C. 5304)), or to an organization assisting the appli-
7 cant in applying for and receiving Federal, State, local,
8 or tribal assistance, that is designated by the applicant
9 to assist the applicant in applying for and receiving finan-
10 cial assistance for any component of the applicant's cost
11 of attendance (defined in section 472 of the HEA) at that
12 institution.

13 (b) An organization that receives information pursu-
14 ant to subsection (a) shall not sell or otherwise share such
15 information.

16 (c) This section shall be in effect until title IV of the
17 HEA is reauthorized.

18 SEC. 311. For an additional amount for "Department
19 of Education—Federal Direct Student Loan Program Ac-
20 count", \$350,000,000, to remain available until expended,
21 shall be for the cost, as defined under section 502 of the
22 Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of the Secretary of
23 Education providing loan cancellation in the same manner
24 as under section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of
25 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)), for borrowers of loans made

1 under part D of title IV of such Act who would qualify
2 for loan cancellation under section 455(m) except some,
3 or all, of the 120 required payments under section
4 455(m)(1)(A) do not qualify for purposes of the program
5 because they were monthly payments made in accordance
6 with graduated or extended repayment plans as described
7 under subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 455(d)(1) or
8 the corresponding repayment plan for a consolidation loan
9 made under section 455(g) and that were less than the
10 amount calculated under section 455(d)(1)(A), based on
11 a 10-year repayment period: *Provided*, That the monthly
12 payment made 12 months before the borrower applied for
13 loan cancellation as described in the matter preceding this
14 proviso and the most recent monthly payment made by
15 the borrower at the time of such application were each
16 not less than the monthly amount that would be calculated
17 under, and for which the borrower would otherwise qualify
18 for, clause (i) or (iv) of section 455(m)(1)(A) regarding
19 income-based or income-contingent repayment plans, with
20 exception for a borrower who would have otherwise been
21 eligible under this section but demonstrates an unusual
22 fluctuation of income over the past 5 years: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That the total loan volume, including outstanding
24 principal, fees, capitalized interest, or accrued interest, at
25 application that is eligible for such loan cancellation by

1 such borrowers shall not exceed \$500,000,000: *Provided*
2 *further*, That the Secretary shall develop and make avail-
3 able a simple method for borrowers to apply for loan can-
4 cellation under this section within 60 days of enactment
5 of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall pro-
6 vide loan cancellation under this section to eligible bor-
7 rowers on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on the date
8 of application and subject to both the limitation on total
9 loan volume at application for such loan cancellation speci-
10 fied in the second proviso and the availability of appropria-
11 tions under this section: *Provided further*, That no bor-
12 rower may, for the same service, receive a reduction of
13 loan obligations under both this section and section 428J,
14 428K, 428L, or 460 of such Act.

15 SEC. 312. Of the amounts made available under this
16 title under the heading “Student Aid Administration”,
17 \$2,300,000 shall be used by the Secretary of Education
18 to conduct outreach to borrowers of loans made under part
19 D of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 who
20 may intend to qualify for loan cancellation under section
21 455(m) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)), to ensure that
22 borrowers are meeting the terms and conditions of such
23 loan cancellation: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall spe-
24 cifically conduct outreach to assist borrowers who would
25 qualify for loan cancellation under section 455(m) of such

1 Act except that the borrower has made some, or all, of
2 the 120 required payments under a repayment plan that
3 is not described under section 455(m)(A) of such Act, to
4 encourage borrowers to enroll in a qualifying repayment
5 plan: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall also com-
6 municate to all Direct Loan borrowers the full require-
7 ments of section 455(m) of such Act and improve the fil-
8 ing of employment certification by providing improved out-
9 reach and information such as outbound calls, electronic
10 communications, ensuring prominent access to program
11 requirements and benefits on each servicer’s website, and
12 creating an option for all borrowers to complete the entire
13 payment certification process electronically and on a cen-
14 tralized website.

15 This title may be cited as the “Department of Edu-
16 cation Appropriations Act, 2019”.

1 TITLE IV
2 RELATED AGENCIES
3 COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE
4 BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED
5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 For expenses necessary for the Committee for Pur-
7 chase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
8 established under section 8502 of title 41, United States
9 Code, \$8,250,000: *Provided*, That in order to authorize
10 any central nonprofit agency designated pursuant to sec-
11 tion 8503(e) of title 41, United States Code, to perform
12 contract requirements of the Committee as prescribed
13 under section 51-3.2 of title 41, Code of Federal Regula-
14 tions, the Committee shall enter into a written agreement
15 with any such central nonprofit agency: *Provided further*,
16 That such agreement entered into under the preceding
17 proviso shall contain such auditing, oversight, and report-
18 ing provisions as necessary to implement chapter 85 of
19 title 41, United States Code: *Provided further*, That such
20 agreement shall include the elements listed under this
21 heading in the explanatory statement accompanying Pub-
22 lic Law 114-113: *Provided further*, That a fee may not
23 be charged under section 51-3.5 of title 41, Code of Fed-
24 eral Regulations, unless such fee is under the terms of
25 the written agreement between the Committee and any

1 such central nonprofit agency: *Provided further*, That no
2 less than \$1,250,000 shall be available for the Office of
3 Inspector General.

4 CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
5 OPERATING EXPENSES

6 For necessary expenses for the Corporation for Na-
7 tional and Community Service (referred to in this title as
8 “CNCS”) to carry out the Domestic Volunteer Service Act
9 of 1973 (referred to in this title as “1973 Act”) and the
10 National and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred
11 to in this title as “1990 Act”), \$770,629,000, notwith-
12 standing sections 198B(b)(3), 198S(g), 501(a)(4)(C), and
13 501(a)(4)(F) of the 1990 Act: *Provided*, That of the
14 amounts provided under this heading: (1) up to 1 percent
15 of program grant funds may be used to defray the costs
16 of conducting grant application reviews, including the use
17 of outside peer reviewers and electronic management of
18 the grants cycle; (2) \$17,538,000 shall be available to pro-
19 vide assistance to State commissions on national and com-
20 munity service, under section 126(a) of the 1990 Act and
21 notwithstanding section 501(a)(5)(B) of the 1990 Act; (3)
22 \$32,000,000 shall be available to carry out subtitle E of
23 the 1990 Act; and (4) \$5,400,000 shall be available for
24 expenses authorized under section 501(a)(4)(F) of the
25 1990 Act, which, notwithstanding the provisions of section

1 198P shall be awarded by CNCS on a competitive basis:
2 *Provided further*, That for the purposes of carrying out
3 the 1990 Act, satisfying the requirements in section
4 122(c)(1)(D) may include a determination of need by the
5 local community.

6 PAYMENT TO THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 For payment to the National Service Trust estab-
9 lished under subtitle D of title I of the 1990 Act,
10 \$198,163,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That CNCS may transfer additional funds from the
12 amount provided within “Operating Expenses” allocated
13 to grants under subtitle C of title I of the 1990 Act to
14 the National Service Trust upon determination that such
15 transfer is necessary to support the activities of national
16 service participants and after notice is transmitted to the
17 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
18 atives and the Senate: *Provided further*, That amounts ap-
19 propriated for or transferred to the National Service Trust
20 may be invested under section 145(b) of the 1990 Act
21 without regard to the requirement to apportion funds
22 under 31 U.S.C. 1513(b).

23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For necessary expenses of administration as provided
25 under section 501(a)(5) of the 1990 Act and under section

1 504(a) of the 1973 Act, including payment of salaries, au-
2 thorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rental
3 of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, the em-
4 ployment of experts and consultants authorized under 5
5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,500 for official recep-
6 tion and representation expenses, \$83,737,000.

7 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
9 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
10 \$5,750,000.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

12 SEC. 401. CNCS shall make any significant changes
13 to program requirements, service delivery or policy only
14 through public notice and comment rulemaking. For fiscal
15 year 2019, during any grant selection process, an officer
16 or employee of CNCS shall not knowingly disclose any cov-
17 ered grant selection information regarding such selection,
18 directly or indirectly, to any person other than an officer
19 or employee of CNCS that is authorized by CNCS to re-
20 ceive such information.

21 SEC. 402. AmeriCorps programs receiving grants
22 under the National Service Trust program shall meet an
23 overall minimum share requirement of 24 percent for the
24 first 3 years that they receive AmeriCorps funding, and
25 thereafter shall meet the overall minimum share require-

1 ment as provided in section 2521.60 of title 45, Code of
2 Federal Regulations, without regard to the operating costs
3 match requirement in section 121(e) or the member sup-
4 port Federal share limitations in section 140 of the 1990
5 Act, and subject to partial waiver consistent with section
6 2521.70 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.

7 SEC. 403. Donations made to CNCS under section
8 196 of the 1990 Act for the purposes of financing pro-
9 grams and operations under titles I and II of the 1973
10 Act or subtitle B, C, D, or E of title I of the 1990 Act
11 shall be used to supplement and not supplant current pro-
12 grams and operations.

13 SEC. 404. In addition to the requirements in section
14 146(a) of the 1990 Act, use of an educational award for
15 the purpose described in section 148(a)(4) shall be limited
16 to individuals who are veterans as defined under section
17 101 of the Act.

18 SEC. 405. For the purpose of carrying out section
19 189D of the 1990 Act—

20 (1) entities described in paragraph (a) of such
21 section shall be considered “qualified entities” under
22 section 3 of the National Child Protection Act of
23 1993 (“NCPA”);

1 (2) individuals described in such section shall
2 be considered “volunteers” under section 3 of
3 NCPA; and

4 (3) State Commissions on National and Com-
5 munity Service established pursuant to section 178
6 of the 1990 Act, are authorized to receive criminal
7 history record information, consistent with Public
8 Law 92–544.

9 SEC. 406. Notwithstanding sections 139(b), 146 and
10 147 of the 1990 Act, an individual who successfully com-
11 pletes a term of service of not less than 1,200 hours dur-
12 ing a period of not more than one year may receive a na-
13 tional service education award having a value of 70 per-
14 cent of the value of a national service education award
15 determined under section 147(a) of the Act.

16 CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

17 For payment to the Corporation for Public Broad-
18 casting (“CPB”), as authorized by the Communications
19 Act of 1934, an amount which shall be available within
20 limitations specified by that Act, for the fiscal year 2021,
21 \$445,000,000: *Provided*, That none of the funds made
22 available to CPB by this Act shall be used to pay for re-
23 ceptions, parties, or similar forms of entertainment for
24 Government officials or employees: *Provided further*, That
25 none of the funds made available to CPB by this Act shall

1 be available or used to aid or support any program or ac-
2 tivity from which any person is excluded, or is denied ben-
3 efits, or is discriminated against, on the basis of race,
4 color, national origin, religion, or sex: *Provided further*,
5 That none of the funds made available to CPB by this
6 Act shall be used to apply any political test or qualification
7 in selecting, appointing, promoting, or taking any other
8 personnel action with respect to officers, agents, and em-
9 ployees of CPB: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
10 made available to CPB by this Act shall be used to support
11 the Television Future Fund or any similar purpose.

12 In addition, for the costs associated with replacing
13 and upgrading the public broadcasting interconnection
14 system and other technologies and services that create in-
15 frastructure and efficiencies within the public media sys-
16 tem, \$20,000,000.

17 FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For expenses necessary for the Federal Mediation
20 and Conciliation Service (“Service”) to carry out the func-
21 tions vested in it by the Labor-Management Relations Act,
22 1947, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; for ex-
23 penses necessary for the Labor-Management Cooperation
24 Act of 1978; and for expenses necessary for the Service
25 to carry out the functions vested in it by the Civil Service

1 Reform Act, \$46,650,000, including up to \$900,000 to re-
2 main available through September 30, 2020, for activities
3 authorized by the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of
4 1978: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302,
5 fees charged, up to full-cost recovery, for special training
6 activities and other conflict resolution services and tech-
7 nical assistance, including those provided to foreign gov-
8 ernments and international organizations, and for arbitra-
9 tion services shall be credited to and merged with this ac-
10 count, and shall remain available until expended: *Provided*
11 *further*, That fees for arbitration services shall be available
12 only for education, training, and professional development
13 of the agency workforce: *Provided further*, That the Direc-
14 tor of the Service is authorized to accept and use on behalf
15 of the United States gifts of services and real, personal,
16 or other property in the aid of any projects or functions
17 within the Director's jurisdiction.

18 FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW

19 COMMISSION

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For expenses necessary for the Federal Mine Safety
22 and Health Review Commission, \$17,184,000.

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1 INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

2 OFFICE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES: GRANTS

3 AND ADMINISTRATION

4 For carrying out the Museum and Library Services
5 Act of 1996 and the National Museum of African Amer-
6 ican History and Culture Act, \$242,000,000.

7 MEDICAID AND CHIP PAYMENT AND ACCESS

8 COMMISSION

9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For expenses necessary to carry out section 1900 of
11 the Social Security Act, \$8,480,000.

12 MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For expenses necessary to carry out section 1805 of
15 the Social Security Act, \$12,545,000, to be transferred to
16 this appropriation from the Federal Hospital Insurance
17 Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical In-
18 surance Trust Fund.

19 NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For expenses necessary for the National Council on
22 Disability as authorized by title IV of the Rehabilitation
23 Act of 1973, \$3,250,000.

1 NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For expenses necessary for the National Labor Rela-
4 tions Board to carry out the functions vested in it by the
5 Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, and other laws,
6 \$274,224,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropria-
7 tion shall be available to organize or assist in organizing
8 agricultural laborers or used in connection with investiga-
9 tions, hearings, directives, or orders concerning bargaining
10 units composed of agricultural laborers as referred to in
11 section 2(3) of the Act of July 5, 1935, and as amended
12 by the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, and as de-
13 fined in section 3(f) of the Act of June 25, 1938, and
14 including in said definition employees engaged in the
15 maintenance and operation of ditches, canals, reservoirs,
16 and waterways when maintained or operated on a mutual,
17 nonprofit basis and at least 95 percent of the water stored
18 or supplied thereby is used for farming purposes.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

20 SEC. 407. None of the funds provided by this Act
21 or previous Acts making appropriations for the National
22 Labor Relations Board may be used to issue any new ad-
23 ministrative directive or regulation that would provide em-
24 ployees any means of voting through any electronic means

1 in an election to determine a representative for the pur-
2 poses of collective bargaining.

3 NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions
6 of the Railway Labor Act, including emergency boards ap-
7 pointed by the President, \$13,800,000.

8 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW

9 COMMISSION

10 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11 For expenses necessary for the Occupational Safety
12 and Health Review Commission, \$13,225,000.

13 RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

14 DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

15 For payment to the Dual Benefits Payments Ac-
16 count, authorized under section 15(d) of the Railroad Re-
17 tirement Act of 1974, \$19,000,000, which shall include
18 amounts becoming available in fiscal year 2019 pursuant
19 to section 224(e)(1)(B) of Public Law 98-76; and in addi-
20 tion, an amount, not to exceed 2 percent of the amount
21 provided herein, shall be available proportional to the
22 amount by which the product of recipients and the average
23 benefit received exceeds the amount available for payment
24 of vested dual benefits: *Provided*, That the total amount
25 provided herein shall be credited in 12 approximately

1 equal amounts on the first day of each month in the fiscal
2 year.

3 FEDERAL PAYMENTS TO THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT

4 ACCOUNTS

5 For payment to the accounts established in the
6 Treasury for the payment of benefits under the Railroad
7 Retirement Act for interest earned on unnegotiated
8 checks, \$150,000, to remain available through September
9 30, 2020, which shall be the maximum amount available
10 for payment pursuant to section 417 of Public Law 98–
11 76.

12 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

13 For necessary expenses for the Railroad Retirement
14 Board (“Board”) for administration of the Railroad Re-
15 tirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance
16 Act, \$123,500,000, to be derived in such amounts as de-
17 termined by the Board from the railroad retirement ac-
18 counts and from moneys credited to the railroad unem-
19 ployment insurance administration fund: *Provided*, That
20 notwithstanding section 7(b)(9) of the Railroad Retire-
21 ment Act this limitation may be used to hire attorneys
22 only through the excepted service: *Provided further*, That
23 the previous proviso shall not change the status under
24 Federal employment laws of any attorney hired by the
25 Railroad Retirement Board prior to January 1, 2013: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That \$10,000,000, to remain available until
2 expended, shall be used to supplement, not supplant, exist-
3 ing resources devoted to operations and improvements for
4 the Board's Information Technology Investment Initia-
5 tives.

6 LIMITATION ON THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

7 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
8 General for audit, investigatory and review activities, as
9 authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, not more
10 than \$11,000,000, to be derived from the railroad retire-
11 ment accounts and railroad unemployment insurance ac-
12 count.

13 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

14 PAYMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS

15 For payment to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors
16 Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-
17 ance Trust Fund, as provided under sections 201(m) and
18 1131(b)(2) of the Social Security Act, \$11,000,000.

19 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

20 For carrying out titles XI and XVI of the Social Se-
21 curity Act, section 401 of Public Law 92-603, section 212
22 of Public Law 93-66, as amended, and section 405 of
23 Public Law 95-216, including payment to the Social Secu-
24 rity trust funds for administrative expenses incurred pur-
25 suant to section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act,

1 \$41,390,721,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
2 *vided*, That any portion of the funds provided to a State
3 in the current fiscal year and not obligated by the State
4 during that year shall be returned to the Treasury: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That not more than \$101,000,000 shall be
6 available for research and demonstrations under sections
7 1110, 1115, and 1144 of the Social Security Act, and re-
8 main available through September 30, 2021.

9 For making, after June 15 of the current fiscal year,
10 benefit payments to individuals under title XVI of the So-
11 cial Security Act, for unanticipated costs incurred for the
12 current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

13 For making benefit payments under title XVI of the
14 Social Security Act for the first quarter of fiscal year
15 2020, \$19,700,000,000, to remain available until ex-
16 pended.

17 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses, including the hire of two pas-
19 senger motor vehicles, and not to exceed \$20,000 for offi-
20 cial reception and representation expenses, not more than
21 \$12,816,945,000 may be expended, as authorized by sec-
22 tion 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act, from any one
23 or all of the trust funds referred to in such section: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That not less than \$2,300,000 shall be for the So-
25 cial Security Advisory Board: *Provided further*, That

1 \$85,000,000 shall remain available until expended for in-
2 formation technology modernization, including related
3 hardware and software infrastructure and equipment, and
4 for administrative expenses directly associated with infor-
5 mation technology modernization: *Provided further*, That
6 \$100,000,000 shall remain available through September
7 30, 2020, for activities to address the disability hearings
8 backlog within the Office of Hearings Operations: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That unobligated balances of funds provided
10 under this paragraph at the end of fiscal year 2019 not
11 needed for fiscal year 2019 shall remain available until
12 expended to invest in the Social Security Administration
13 information technology and telecommunications hardware
14 and software infrastructure, including related equipment
15 and non-payroll administrative expenses associated solely
16 with this information technology and telecommunications
17 infrastructure: *Provided further*, That the Commissioner
18 of Social Security shall notify the Committees on Appro-
19 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
20 prior to making unobligated balances available under the
21 authority in the previous proviso: *Provided further*, That
22 reimbursement to the trust funds under this heading for
23 expenditures for official time for employees of the Social
24 Security Administration pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7131, and
25 for facilities or support services for labor organizations

1 pursuant to policies, regulations, or procedures referred
2 to in section 7135(b) of such title shall be made by the
3 Secretary of the Treasury, with interest, from amounts in
4 the general fund not otherwise appropriated, as soon as
5 possible after such expenditures are made.

6 Of the total amount made available under this head-
7 ing, not more than \$1,683,000,000, to remain available
8 through March 31, 2020, is for the costs associated with
9 continuing disability reviews under titles II and XVI of
10 the Social Security Act, including work-related continuing
11 disability reviews to determine whether earnings derived
12 from services demonstrate an individual's ability to engage
13 in substantial gainful activity, for the cost associated with
14 conducting redeterminations of eligibility under title XVI
15 of the Social Security Act, for the cost of co-operative dis-
16 ability investigation units, and for the cost associated with
17 the prosecution of fraud in the programs and operations
18 of the Social Security Administration by Special Assistant
19 United States Attorneys: *Provided*, That, of such amount,
20 \$273,000,000 is provided to meet the terms of section
21 251(b)(2)(B)(ii)(III) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
22 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, and
23 \$1,410,000,000 is additional new budget authority speci-
24 fied for purposes of section 251(b)(2)(B) of such Act: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That the Commissioner shall provide to the

1 Congress (at the conclusion of the fiscal year) a report
2 on the obligation and expenditure of these funds, similar
3 to the reports that were required by section 103(d)(2) of
4 Public Law 104–121 for fiscal years 1996 through 2002.

5 In addition, \$134,000,000 to be derived from admin-
6 istration fees in excess of \$5.00 per supplementary pay-
7 ment collected pursuant to section 1616(d) of the Social
8 Security Act or section 212(b)(3) of Public Law 93–66,
9 which shall remain available until expended. To the extent
10 that the amounts collected pursuant to such sections in
11 fiscal year 2019 exceed \$134,000,000, the amounts shall
12 be available in fiscal year 2020 only to the extent provided
13 in advance in appropriations Acts.

14 In addition, up to \$1,000,000 to be derived from fees
15 collected pursuant to section 303(c) of the Social Security
16 Protection Act, which shall remain available until ex-
17 pended.

18 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
21 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
22 General Act of 1978, \$30,000,000, together with not to
23 exceed \$75,500,000, to be transferred and expended as
24 authorized by section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act

1 from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
2 Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

3 In addition, an amount not to exceed 3 percent of
4 the total provided in this appropriation may be transferred
5 from the “Limitation on Administrative Expenses”, Social
6 Security Administration, to be merged with this account,
7 to be available for the time and purposes for which this
8 account is available: *Provided*, That notice of such trans-
9 fers shall be transmitted promptly to the Committees on
10 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
11 Senate at least 15 days in advance of any transfer.

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1 TITLE V
2 GENERAL PROVISIONS
3 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 501. The Secretaries of Labor, Health and
5 Human Services, and Education are authorized to transfer
6 unexpended balances of prior appropriations to accounts
7 corresponding to current appropriations provided in this
8 Act. Such transferred balances shall be used for the same
9 purpose, and for the same periods of time, for which they
10 were originally appropriated.

11 SEC. 502. No part of any appropriation contained in
12 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
13 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

14 SEC. 503. (a) No part of any appropriation contained
15 in this Act or transferred pursuant to section 4002 of
16 Public Law 111–148 shall be used, other than for normal
17 and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for pub-
18 licity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, dis-
19 tribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication,
20 electronic communication, radio, television, or video pres-
21 entation designed to support or defeat the enactment of
22 legislation before the Congress or any State or local legis-
23 lature or legislative body, except in presentation to the
24 Congress or any State or local legislature itself, or de-
25 signed to support or defeat any proposed or pending regu-

1 lation, administrative action, or order issued by the execu-
2 tive branch of any State or local government, except in
3 presentation to the executive branch of any State or local
4 government itself.

5 (b) No part of any appropriation contained in this
6 Act or transferred pursuant to section 4002 of Public Law
7 111-148 shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of
8 any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such
9 recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the
10 enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, ad-
11 ministrative action, or Executive order proposed or pend-
12 ing before the Congress or any State government, State
13 legislature or local legislature or legislative body, other
14 than for normal and recognized executive-legislative rela-
15 tionships or participation by an agency or officer of a
16 State, local or tribal government in policymaking and ad-
17 ministrative processes within the executive branch of that
18 government.

19 (c) The prohibitions in subsections (a) and (b) shall
20 include any activity to advocate or promote any proposed,
21 pending or future Federal, State or local tax increase, or
22 any proposed, pending, or future requirement or restric-
23 tion on any legal consumer product, including its sale or
24 marketing, including but not limited to the advocacy or
25 promotion of gun control.

1 SEC. 504. The Secretaries of Labor and Education
2 are authorized to make available not to exceed \$28,000
3 and \$20,000, respectively, from funds available for sala-
4 ries and expenses under titles I and III, respectively, for
5 official reception and representation expenses; the Direc-
6 tor of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service is
7 authorized to make available for official reception and rep-
8 resentation expenses not to exceed \$5,000 from the funds
9 available for “Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service,
10 Salaries and Expenses”; and the Chairman of the Na-
11 tional Mediation Board is authorized to make available for
12 official reception and representation expenses not to ex-
13 ceed \$5,000 from funds available for “National Mediation
14 Board, Salaries and Expenses”.

15 SEC. 505. When issuing statements, press releases,
16 requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other docu-
17 ments describing projects or programs funded in whole or
18 in part with Federal money, all grantees receiving Federal
19 funds included in this Act, including but not limited to
20 State and local governments and recipients of Federal re-
21 search grants, shall clearly state—

22 (1) the percentage of the total costs of the pro-
23 gram or project which will be financed with Federal
24 money;

1 (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the
2 project or program; and

3 (3) percentage and dollar amount of the total
4 costs of the project or program that will be financed
5 by non-governmental sources.

6 SEC. 506. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
7 Act, and none of the funds in any trust fund to which
8 funds are appropriated in this Act, shall be expended for
9 any abortion.

10 (b) None of the funds appropriated in this Act, and
11 none of the funds in any trust fund to which funds are
12 appropriated in this Act, shall be expended for health ben-
13 efits coverage that includes coverage of abortion.

14 (c) The term “health benefits coverage” means the
15 package of services covered by a managed care provider
16 or organization pursuant to a contract or other arrange-
17 ment.

18 SEC. 507. (a) The limitations established in the pre-
19 ceding section shall not apply to an abortion—

20 (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of
21 rape or incest; or

22 (2) in the case where a woman suffers from a
23 physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,
24 including a life-endangering physical condition
25 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that

1 would, as certified by a physician, place the woman
2 in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

3 (b) Nothing in the preceding section shall be con-
4 strued as prohibiting the expenditure by a State, locality,
5 entity, or private person of State, local, or private funds
6 (other than a State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid
7 matching funds).

8 (c) Nothing in the preceding section shall be con-
9 strued as restricting the ability of any managed care pro-
10 vider from offering abortion coverage or the ability of a
11 State or locality to contract separately with such a pro-
12 vider for such coverage with State funds (other than a
13 State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid matching
14 funds).

15 (d)(1) None of the funds made available in this Act
16 may be made available to a Federal agency or program,
17 or to a State or local government, if such agency, program,
18 or government subjects any institutional or individual
19 health care entity to discrimination on the basis that the
20 health care entity does not provide, pay for, provide cov-
21 erage of, or refer for abortions.

22 (2) In this subsection, the term "health care entity"
23 includes an individual physician or other health care pro-
24 fessional, a hospital, a provider-sponsored organization, a
25 health maintenance organization, a health insurance plan,

1 or any other kind of health care facility, organization, or
2 plan.

3 SEC. 508. (a) None of the funds made available in
4 this Act may be used for—

5 (1) the creation of a human embryo or embryos
6 for research purposes; or

7 (2) research in which a human embryo or em-
8 bryos are destroyed, discarded, or knowingly sub-
9 jected to risk of injury or death greater than that
10 allowed for research on fetuses in utero under 45
11 CFR 46.204(b) and section 498(b) of the Public
12 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g(b)).

13 (b) For purposes of this section, the term “human
14 embryo or embryos” includes any organism, not protected
15 as a human subject under 45 CFR 46 as of the date of
16 the enactment of this Act, that is derived by fertilization,
17 parthenogenesis, cloning, or any other means from one or
18 more human gametes or human diploid cells.

19 SEC. 509. (a) None of the funds made available in
20 this Act may be used for any activity that promotes the
21 legalization of any drug or other substance included in
22 schedule I of the schedules of controlled substances estab-
23 lished under section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act
24 except for normal and recognized executive-congressional
25 communications.

1 (b) The limitation in subsection (a) shall not apply
2 when there is significant medical evidence of a therapeutic
3 advantage to the use of such drug or other substance or
4 that federally sponsored clinical trials are being conducted
5 to determine therapeutic advantage.

6 SEC. 510. None of the funds made available in this
7 Act may be used to promulgate or adopt any final stand-
8 ard under section 1173(b) of the Social Security Act pro-
9 viding for, or providing for the assignment of, a unique
10 health identifier for an individual (except in an individ-
11 ual's capacity as an employer or a health care provider),
12 until legislation is enacted specifically approving the
13 standard.

14 SEC. 511. None of the funds made available in this
15 Act may be obligated or expended to enter into or renew
16 a contract with an entity if—

17 (1) such entity is otherwise a contractor with
18 the United States and is subject to the requirement
19 in 38 U.S.C. 4212(d) regarding submission of an
20 annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning
21 employment of certain veterans; and

22 (2) such entity has not submitted a report as
23 required by that section for the most recent year for
24 which such requirement was applicable to such enti-
25 ty.

1 SEC. 512. None of the funds made available in this
2 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
3 strumentality of the United States Government, except
4 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
5 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

6 SEC. 513. None of the funds made available by this
7 Act to carry out the Library Services and Technology Act
8 may be made available to any library covered by para-
9 graph (1) of section 224(f) of such Act, as amended by
10 the Children’s Internet Protection Act, unless such library
11 has made the certifications required by paragraph (4) of
12 such section.

13 SEC. 514. (a) None of the funds provided under this
14 Act, or provided under previous appropriations Acts to the
15 agencies funded by this Act that remain available for obli-
16 gation or expenditure in fiscal year 2019, or provided from
17 any accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived
18 by the collection of fees available to the agencies funded
19 by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
20 through a reprogramming of funds that—

- 21 (1) creates new programs;
- 22 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- 23 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means
24 for any project or activity for which funds have been
25 denied or restricted;

1 (4) relocates an office or employees;

2 (5) reorganizes or renames offices;

3 (6) reorganizes programs or activities; or

4 (7) contracts out or privatizes any functions or
5 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

6 unless the Committees on Appropriations of the House of
7 Representatives and the Senate are consulted 15 days in
8 advance of such reprogramming or of an announcement
9 of intent relating to such reprogramming, whichever oc-
10 curs earlier, and are notified in writing 10 days in advance
11 of such reprogramming.

12 (b) None of the funds provided under this Act, or
13 provided under previous appropriations Acts to the agen-
14 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation
15 or expenditure in fiscal year 2019, or provided from any
16 accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived by
17 the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by
18 this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
19 through a reprogramming of funds in excess of \$500,000
20 or 10 percent, whichever is less, that—

21 (1) augments existing programs, projects (in-
22 cluding construction projects), or activities;

23 (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-
24 ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-
25 sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or

1 (3) results from any general savings from a re-
2 duction in personnel which would result in a change
3 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-
4 proved by Congress;

5 unless the Committees on Appropriations of the House of
6 Representatives and the Senate are consulted 15 days in
7 advance of such reprogramming or of an announcement
8 of intent relating to such reprogramming, whichever oc-
9 curs earlier, and are notified in writing 10 days in advance
10 of such reprogramming.

11 SEC. 515. (a) None of the funds made available in
12 this Act may be used to request that a candidate for ap-
13 pointment to a Federal scientific advisory committee dis-
14 close the political affiliation or voting history of the can-
15 didate or the position that the candidate holds with re-
16 spect to political issues not directly related to and nec-
17 essary for the work of the committee involved.

18 (b) None of the funds made available in this Act may
19 be used to disseminate information that is deliberately
20 false or misleading.

21 SEC. 516. Within 45 days of enactment of this Act,
22 each department and related agency funded through this
23 Act shall submit an operating plan that details at the pro-
24 gram, project, and activity level any funding allocations
25 for fiscal year 2019 that are different than those specified

1 in this Act, the accompanying detailed table in the report
2 accompanying this Act or the fiscal year 2019 budget re-
3 quest.

4 SEC. 517. The Secretaries of Labor, Health and
5 Human Services, and Education shall each prepare and
6 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
7 of Representatives and the Senate a report on the number
8 and amount of contracts, grants, and cooperative agree-
9 ments exceeding \$500,000 in value and awarded by the
10 Department on a non-competitive basis during each quar-
11 ter of fiscal year 2019, but not to include grants awarded
12 on a formula basis or directed by law. Such report shall
13 include the name of the contractor or grantee, the amount
14 of funding, the governmental purpose, including a jus-
15 tification for issuing the award on a non-competitive basis.
16 Such report shall be transmitted to the Committees within
17 30 days after the end of the quarter for which the report
18 is submitted.

19 SEC. 518. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
20 shall be expended or obligated by the Commissioner of So-
21 cial Security, for purposes of administering Social Security
22 benefit payments under title II of the Social Security Act,
23 to process any claim for credit for a quarter of coverage
24 based on work performed under a social security account
25 number that is not the claimant's number and the per-

1 formance of such work under such number has formed the
2 basis for a conviction of the claimant of a violation of sec-
3 tion 208(a)(6) or (7) of the Social Security Act.

4 SEC. 519. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
5 may be used by the Commissioner of Social Security or
6 the Social Security Administration to pay the compensa-
7 tion of employees of the Social Security Administration
8 to administer Social Security benefit payments, under any
9 agreement between the United States and Mexico estab-
10 lishing totalization arrangements between the social secu-
11 rity system established by title II of the Social Security
12 Act and the social security system of Mexico, which would
13 not otherwise be payable but for such agreement.

14 SEC. 520. Notwithstanding any other provision of
15 this Act, no funds appropriated in this Act shall be used
16 to purchase sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic
17 injection of any illegal drug: *Provided*, That such limita-
18 tion does not apply to the use of funds for elements of
19 a program other than making such purchases if the rel-
20 evant State or local health department, in consultation
21 with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, de-
22 termines that the State or local jurisdiction, as applicable,
23 is experiencing, or is at risk for, a significant increase in
24 hepatitis infections or an HIV outbreak due to injection

1 drug use, and such program is operating in accordance
2 with State and local law.

3 SEC. 521. (a) None of the funds made available in
4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

7 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
8 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
9 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
10 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

11 SEC. 522. None of the funds made available under
12 this or any other Act, or any prior Appropriations Act,
13 may be provided to the Association of Community Organi-
14 zations for Reform Now (ACORN), or any of its affiliates,
15 subsidiaries, allied organizations, or successors.

16 SEC. 523. For purposes of carrying out Executive
17 Order 13589, Office of Management and Budget Memo-
18 randum M-12-12 dated May 11, 2012, and requirements
19 contained in the annual appropriations bills relating to
20 conference attendance and expenditures:

21 (1) the operating divisions of HHS shall be con-
22 sidered independent agencies; and

23 (2) attendance at and support for scientific con-
24 ferences shall be tabulated separately from and not
25 included in agency totals.

1 SEC. 524. Federal agencies funded under this Act
2 shall clearly state within the text, audio, or video used for
3 advertising or educational purposes, including emails or
4 Internet postings, that the communication is printed, pub-
5 lished, or produced and disseminated at U.S. taxpayer ex-
6 pense. The funds used by a Federal agency to carry out
7 this requirement shall be derived from amounts made
8 available to the agency for advertising or other commu-
9 nications regarding the programs and activities of the
10 agency.

11 SEC. 525. (a) Federal agencies may use Federal dis-
12 cretionary funds that are made available in this Act to
13 carry out up to 10 Performance Partnership Pilots. Such
14 Pilots shall be governed by the provisions of section 526
15 of division H of Public Law 113-76, except that in car-
16 rying out such Pilots section 526 shall be applied by sub-
17 stituting “FISCAL YEAR 2019” for “FISCAL YEAR 2014”
18 in the title of subsection (b) and by substituting “Sep-
19 tember 30, 2023” for “September 30, 2018” each place
20 it appears: *Provided*, That such pilots shall include com-
21 munities that have experienced civil unrest.

22 (b) In addition, Federal agencies may use Federal
23 discretionary funds that are made available in this Act to
24 participate in Performance Partnership Pilots that are
25 being carried out pursuant to the authority provided by

1 section 526 of division H of Public Law 113–76, section
2 524 of division G of Public Law 113–235, section 525 of
3 division H of Public Law 114–113, section 525 of division
4 H of Public Law 115–31, and section 525 of division H
5 of Public Law 115–141.

6 (c) Pilot sites selected under authorities in this Act
7 and prior appropriations Acts may be granted by relevant
8 agencies up to an additional 5 years to operate under such
9 authorities.

10 SEC. 526. Not later than 30 days after the end of
11 each calendar quarter, beginning with the first month of
12 fiscal year 2019, the Departments of Labor, Health and
13 Human Services and Education and the Social Security
14 Administration shall provide the Committees on Appro-
15 priations of the House of Representatives and Senate a
16 report on the status of balances of appropriations: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That for balances that are unobligated and uncom-
18 mitted, committed, and obligated but unexpended, the
19 monthly reports shall separately identify the amounts at-
20 tributable to each source year of appropriation (beginning
21 with fiscal year 2012, or, to the extent feasible, earlier
22 fiscal years) from which balances were derived.

23 (RESCISSION)

24 SEC. 527. Of any available amounts appropriated
25 under section 2104(a)(22) of the Social Security Act (42

1 U.S.C. 1397dd) that are unobligated as of September 25,
2 2019, \$3,345,000,000 are hereby rescinded as of such
3 date.

4 SEC. 528. Of the amounts deposited in the Child En-
5 rollment Contingency Fund for fiscal year 2019 under sec-
6 tion 2104(n)(2) of the Social Security Act and the income
7 derived from investment of those funds pursuant to sec-
8 tion 2104(n)(2)(C) of that Act, \$3,398,000,000 shall not
9 be available for obligation in this fiscal year.

10 This division may be cited as the “Departments of
11 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and
12 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Bipartisan Cooperation Needed to Complete Remaining Work
Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:43:53 AM
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Good morning! Please note the scheduling change to this morning's confirmation vote on Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. Moved from 11:30 to 11 AM.

Also, FYI on the Leader's opening remarks today on appropriations and updates to this month's floor action.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
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Bipartisan Cooperation Needed to Complete Remaining Work

'In addition, at the request of the president and following improvements to the legislation that have been secured by several members, the Senate will take up the recently revised Criminal Justice bill this month. I intend to turn to the new text as early as the end of this week. So as a result of this additional legislative business, members should now be prepared to work between Christmas and New Year's if necessary in order to complete our work.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks today on the Senate regarding remaining business to be completed in the Senate before the end of the year:

"First, I think it's time the Senate subject ourselves to a bit of a 'reality check.' Today is December 11th. Here are just some of the things the Senate needs to accomplish before this Congress adjourns.

"We need to confirm more of the president's nominees for the judiciary and for the executive branch -- such as the well-qualified nominee to serve as Deputy Secretary at the Department of the Treasury whom we're currently considering. We need to reach an agreement to fund the remaining one fourth of the federal government that was not covered by regular appropriations.

We need to make a substantial new investment in the integrity of our borders and the security of American families. We need to take up and pass the conference report for the Farm Bill to honor our commitments to our nation's growers and producers.

“This week alone, we need to dispense with the debate pertaining to the situation in Yemen and an attempt by some of our Democratic colleagues to undo reforms that protect Americans’ private, personal information as they exercise their First Amendment rights. In addition, at the request of the president and following improvements to the legislation that have been secured by several members, the Senate will take up the recently revised Criminal Justice bill this month. I intend to turn to the new text as early as the end of this week. So as a result of this additional legislative business, members should now be prepared to work between Christmas and New Year’s if necessary in order to complete our work.

“Let me say that again. Unless we approach all this work in a highly collaborative, productive way and take real advantage of unanimous consent to expedite proceedings, it is virtually certain that the Senate will need to be in session between Christmas and New Year’s in order to complete this work. The Senate is a consent-based institution. Expediting this work would require an extraordinary degree of collaboration and hard work from everyone. So members should either prepare to cooperate and work together – or prepare for a very, very long month.

“And just a few hours from now, we’ll receive an indication of whether that cooperation will begin to take shape. My friend the Democratic Leader and his counterpart in the House are scheduled to meet with President Trump at the White House later today. For the nation’s sake, I hope that my Democratic friends are prepared to have a serious discussion and reach an accommodation with the president on funding for border security.

“Otherwise, circumstances are beginning to resemble a movie we’ve seen before. It was only this past January when Democrats chose to manufacture a government funding lapse over the issue of illegal immigration. It didn’t work out very well. The reality is that the president’s request is entirely reasonable. And before today’s partisan considerations set in, I bet it might have looked reasonable to many of the majority of Senate Democrats who joined in support of physical border security legislation back in 2006.

“Senate Republicans are working with the president and his homeland security team on \$5.02 billion of targeted funding to bolster security measures in the specific places where the Department of Homeland Security determines it is most needed. And make no mistake -- the need is great. In fiscal year 2018, Customs and Border Patrol reported a 30% increase in apprehensions at the U.S.-Mexico border. Looking further back, the monthly apprehension total this past October reached its highest level in four years.

“CBP has observed over the past year a 50% increase in apprehensions of known gang members and a 115% increase in seizures of fentanyl narcotics. Clearly, delivering border security funding must be a priority. That’s because the men and women of the Border Patrol deserve to be a priority. American communities deserve to be a priority, as they face down the threat of gang violence. American families deserve to be a priority, as the flow of lethal drugs fuels an epidemic of addiction. This is the right investment, in the right place, at the right time.

“There is no reason why the Democratic Leader and the House Democratic Leader should put the demands of far-left special interests ahead of the safety of American families. There is no reason for my Democratic friends to end this year the way they began it. It would be truly bizarre for them to decide they’d prefer a partial government shutdown to reasonable funding for national security. It would signal that their party is more committed to political spite for the president than to the public interest. So I will watch eagerly this morning, to see if the Democrats’ leaders approach these negotiations with the productive and good-faith spirit that they deserve.”

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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
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Bipartisan, Bicameral Agreement Reached on Border Security, Government Funding

When the Senate votes on the agreement, we'll be voting to avoid a second partial shutdown and provide the certainty of a fully-functioning federal government. We'll be voting to deliver another down payment on the president's commitment to securing our nation's borders and keeping the influence of poison pills that sought to derail progress and stifle compromise;

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

"Last night, our colleagues Chairman Shelby and Ranking Member Leahy filed the final text of a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agreement. For the past couple weeks, in conference with their House counterparts, they've worked in good faith to reach a compromise to address urgent priorities, including funding for our nation's border security.

"The product of this work is a compromise that no side will view as a perfect deal. For instance, I am frustrated by House Democrats' cynical opposition to including common-sense extensions of the Violence Against Women Act and other important items. Nevertheless, this agreement is something both sides should view as an important step. And today, I hope we will vote to advance it.

"When the Senate votes on the agreement, we'll be voting to avoid a second partial shutdown and provide the certainty of a fully-functioning federal government. We'll be voting to deliver another down payment on the president's commitment to securing our nation's borders and keeping American communities safe. And we'll do it free from the influence of poison pills that sought to derail progress and stifle compromise.

"To be sure, in recent months we've seen the radical left go out of its way to try and gum up the works. Even the Speaker of the House threw her support behind wild assertions that tried-and-true methods of securing sovereign borders were now immoral. They said there wouldn't be more than

one dollar for border barriers. They said there should be fewer tools for the men and women who enforce our immigration laws. Fortunately, none of that nonsense has carried the day. So here we are, with a solid deal in front of us.

“As the Senate prepares to vote later today, I want to extend my personal thanks once more to Chairman Shelby, along with Ranking Member Leahy and my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee. This legislation will mark success for our bipartisan process by finalizing all the regular appropriations for the fiscal year. Thanks, as well, go to Shannon Hines and the entire appropriations staff, whose hard work made this agreement and all of last year’s progress possible. Later today, I hope each of my colleagues will join me in moving forward with the agreement produced by this hard work and that the president will sign it into law.”

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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW: Border Security is Not 'Immoral'
Date: Monday, January 14, 2019 3:41:28 PM
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FYI on Leader's opening remarks.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_McConnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 3:33 PM
Subject: Border Security is Not 'Immoral'



For Immediate Release, Monday, January 14, 2019
Contacts: Don Stewart, David Popp
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2Ha4Yc6>
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2IRGg22>

Border Security is Not 'Immoral'

'The physical barriers at the border that Democrats used to support in past Congresses and in the Obama Administration have not somehow become radical, right-wing positions. Walls and fences still work. Border security still matters. American families still deserve safety. Reality is still reality. And when Democrats are ready to re-accept these realities, they can negotiate seriously with the White House and bring an end to this impasse.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

"Although three-quarters of the government is funded and fully operational, important federal functions continue to be unduly affected and hundreds of thousands of federal workers have now missed paychecks. By now, I think everyone in America understands the basic fault lines of this disagreement.

"The new Speaker of the House, the very distinguished Congresswoman from San Francisco, has decided that opposing President Trump comes before the security of our borders. The president has asked for a reasonable new investment: 5.7 billion dollars -- about one tenth of one percent of federal spending -- for the same kinds of border security that prominent Democrats used to brag about supporting.

"For the very same kind of reinforced steel fencing that the Obama Administration bragged about building. For precisely the kinds of barriers that the men and women of law enforcement, there on the ground, insist are vital for their mission. In fact, it's for precisely the same kind of physical border security in which a number of my Democratic colleagues here in the Senate were perfectly happy to vote to invest billions of dollars, as recently as the last Congress.

"The 2017 funding measure that passed the Senate with 47 Democratic votes included upgraded border fencing. This is 2017 -- just this last Congress. And forty Democrats voted for the bipartisan spending deal that we cleared this past March. It included more than one-and-a-half billion dollars

for border barriers. And then, of course, the Appropriations Subcommittee and full Committee approved another \$1.6 billion for border security in a bipartisan vote just this past June. Ten of fifteen Committee Democrats voted to report the final package to the full Senate. That's billions of dollars for physical border security, winning Democrat votes just last year.

"But that, was before we had a new Speaker of the House. That was before Speaker Pelosi and her far-left base decided that the politics of obstruction would come before common-sense policymaking. Here's how serious the Speaker is about ending the impasse and getting the government re-opened. She now proudly boasts that she would allow exactly one dollar for border barriers. So, there was bipartisan support in the Congress for billions of dollars for physical barriers at the border before Representative Pelosi was Speaker. To now, Congressional Democrats support just \$1 for border barriers since she became Speaker. What is the reason for that?

"Earlier this month, Speaker Pelosi declared that the concept of any physical wall on our southern border was -- quote -- 'an immorality.' 'A wall is an immorality.' That's what Speaker Pelosi said. That's not a serious statement. It's would be laugh-out-loud material if hundreds of thousands of federal workers weren't going without pay because the Speaker has decided this absurdity is now her party's official position. 'Immoral'? Was it immoral for Democrats to vote for the Secure Fence Act in 2006? Was it immoral for President Obama's Administration to proudly build the same kind of steel-slat barriers that President Trump now wants more of?

"Is Speaker Pelosi calling sitting Senate Democrats immoral, because they voted to invest billions in border security over the past few years alone? I'd like to see how this new philosophical opposition to the existence of walls plays out in practice. Shouldn't the Speaker introduce a bill to destroy the walls and fencing that already exist? Or maybe, this actually isn't a new principled stance by Democrats. Maybe this is all one big political game. No negotiations. No collaboration. Political game-playing.

"Consider the latest tactic from my Democratic colleagues: They've said the president just needs to drop his request and agree to the Democrats' plan to re-open the government... and then they'll talk about border security. Except they couldn't even keep up that act, either. When President Trump and Speaker Pelosi met last week, the president put the question to her directly. If the government were re-opened, would Democrats after 30 days then compromise and agree to more border security? No, said Speaker Pelosi. No they would not.

"So here we are. Day 24. Because the Speaker of the House has decided that enforcing our own laws is now 'immoral...' Because she's decided it's better to prolong this partial shutdown than invest more than one dollar in something that both parties agreed was a good idea until about five minutes ago. Funding that Obama Administration border experts continue to argue is a good idea, an essential idea.

"Here in the Senate, I'm sorry to say, my Democratic colleagues seem to have fallen in line. Based on their actions, my colleagues across the aisle seem to agree: It's better for federal workers to keep going without pay than to invest one one-thousandth of federal spending in the same kinds of border security that they themselves voted repeatedly to fund in just the past two years. I have a hard time believing that every last one of my Senate Democratic colleagues really stands with Speaker Pelosi on this.

"It's hard to believe Senate Democrats now agree their own recent votes on border security were actually immoral. That it would be better to keep the government shut down than invest one one-thousandth of federal spending in fencing that the Obama Administration bragged about building. It's particularly hard for me to believe that my distinguished colleagues from the great states of Maryland and Virginia, who are understandably very concerned with the circumstances of the federal workforce, would rather echo Speaker Pelosi's fringe position than work with the White House to find a real compromise and re-open the government.

"So, what's happening here is federal workers are paying for this far-left ideological crusade. Lots

of American families are facing great uncertainty because Senate Democrats apparently agree that the same kinds of reasonable investments they happily supported last year and the year before have now become completely immoral this year simply because Speaker Pelosi suddenly says they are. Of course, that isn't really what has happened.

"Enforcing our laws has not become unethical overnight. The physical barriers at the border that Democrats used to support in past Congresses and in the Obama Administration have not somehow become radical, right-wing positions. Walls and fences still work. Border security still matters. American families still deserve safety. Reality is still reality. And when Democrats are ready to re-accept these realities, they can negotiate seriously with the White House and bring an end to this impasse."

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From: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: BUDGET ROUNDUP: Efforts To Fix #BrokenBudget and Spending Process Continue
Date: Friday, June 14, 2019 3:10:22 PM
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FYI from Senate Budget.

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Subject: BUDGET ROUNDUP: Efforts To Fix #BrokenBudget and Spending Process Continue
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BUDGET ROUNDUP: EFFORTS TO FIX #BROKENBUDGET AND SPENDING PROCESS CONTINUE

NEWS

Senate Budget Committee to Hold Hearing June 19 on Fixing a Broken Budget Process: Lessons from the States

The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing on **Fixing a Broken Budget Process: Lessons from the States at 2:30pm on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 608.**

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NEWS

Enzi Works to Ensure HUBZone Program is Improving Economic Opportunities

Chairman Enzi this week is pushing the Small Business Administration (SBA) to ensure that the Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) program is fulfilling its mission and improving economic opportunities in distressed communities across the country. A recent news article showed that the HUBZone program funds are going to some of the nation's wealthiest areas, instead of being targeted to the country's neediest communities, as the program was intended.

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FYI

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Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 7:03 PM
Subject: Cloakroom Wrap Up

Wrap Up Memo

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 AT 07:03 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Vote:

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act, upon reconsideration. Invoked, 74-19

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items during today's session of the Senate.

Tuesday, January 29th:

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

Please note, all time during adjournment, recess, Morning Business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to S.1.

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To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Cloakroom Wrap Up
Date: Saturday, December 22, 2018 4:08:12 PM

FYI and Merry Christmas if I don't see you before then!!

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Subject: Cloakroom Wrap Up

Wrap Up Memo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018 AT 04:06 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes during today's session of the Senate.

Executive Session:

Coast Guard Promotions

PN #2705, #2706, #2507, #2626, #2638, #2639, #2670, #2671

AIR FORCE

Cal. #1204 – the following to be Brigadier General:

Col. David W. Abba
Col. Christopher R. Amrhein
Col. Charles D. Bolton
Col. Larry R. Broadwell, Jr.
Col. Terry L. Bullard
Col. Scott A. Cain
Col. Jimmy R. Canlas
Col. Julian C. Cheater
Col. Roy W. Collins
Col. Colin J. Connor
Col. Donald J. Cothorn
Col. David S. Eaglin
Col. Steven G. Edwards
Col. Troy L. Endicott
Col. Gregory J. Gagnon
Col. Richard W. Gibbs
Col. Jennifer L. Grant
Col. Stewart A. Hammons

Col. Robert S. Jobe
Col. John M. Klein, Jr.
Col. Gregory Kreuder
Col. Benjamin R. Maitre
Col. Matteo G. Martemucci
Col. Caroline M. Miller
Col. David A. Mineau
Col. Paul J. Murray
Col. Ty W. Neuman
Col. John P. Newberry
Col. Jefferson J. O'Donnell
Col. Thomas B. Palenske
Col. Evan L. Pettus
Col. Christopher S. Povak
Col. Bradley L. Pyburn
Col. Chad D. Raduege
Col. Michael T. Rawls
Col. Ryan R. Samuelson
Col. David J. Sanford
Col. David G. Shoemaker
Col. Rebecca J. Sonkiss
Col. Claude K. Tudor, Jr.
Col. Daniel H. Tulley
Col. Jeffery D. Valenzia
Col. John C. Walker
Col. Steven P. Whitney

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #1206 – Brig. Gen. Bradley S. James to be Major General

NAVY

Cal. #1215 – Rear Adm. Robert D. Sharp to be Vice Admiral

ARMY

Cal. #1228 - Lt. Gen. Richard D. Clarke to be General

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #1229 - Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr. to be General

AIR FORCE

Cal. #1230 - The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Scott C. Bridgers

Col. Thomas D. Crimmins

Col. Thomas B. Hatley

Col. Scott A. Howard

Col. Patrick M. Kennedy

Col. Robert G. Kilgore

Col. William A. Kinnison, Jr.

Col. Terrence L. Koudelka, Jr.

Col. Kerry R. Lovely

Col. Brian T. McHenry

Col. Barbara C. Morrow

Col. Duke M. Ota, Jr.

Col. Louis J. Perino

Col. Erik A. Peterson

Col. Troy E. Pou

Col. Michael L. Reid

Col. John P. Russo

Col. Torrence W. Saxe

Col. David A. Smith

Col. Thomas M. Suelzer

Col. Taison K. Tanaka

Col. Justin R. Walrath

Cal. #1231 – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. John D. Caine

Brig. Gen. Larry K. Clark

Brig. Gen. Sean T. Collins

Brig. Gen. John P. Hronek, II

Brig. Gen. Wendy K. Johnson

Brig. Gen. Gregory F. Jones

Brig. Gen. Timothy J. LaBarge

Brig. Gen. Ronald S. Lambe

Brig. Gen. Timothy T. Lunderman

Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Owens, II

Brig. Gen. Greg A. Semmel

Brig. Gen. Brian M. Simpler

Cal. #1232 – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Steven D. Michaud

Col. Raymond H. Siegfried, II

Wrap Up:

H.R.5636 – Flatside Wilderness Enhancement Act

H.R.6602 – Coastal Heritage Trail

S.3661 – 75th anniversary of World War II

H.R.7319

H.R.7318

H.R.4689 – Northport Irrigation District

Cal.#663, H.R.1967 – Pumped Storage Hydropower

H.R.4203 – Combat Online Predators with Toomey substitute amendment

S.Res.742 – Cancer Screen Week

S.Res.743 - International Association of Fire Fighters

S.Res.285 – Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook

H.Con.Res.149 – Enrollment Correction of H.R.4174

S.573 – National Criminal Justice Commission Act with Peters substitute amendment

H.R.4969 – Embassy Security with Corker substitute amendment

H.R.672 – Anti-Semitism

H.R.7279 – Water Infrastructure Improvement

Thursday, December 27th:

The Senate will convene at 4:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R.695, the legislative vehicle for the CR.

Please note, the Senate will convene for a Pro Forma session only, with no business conducted, on Monday, December 24th at 11:00 am.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Cloakroom Wrap Up
Date: Friday, December 7, 2018 9:56:03 AM

Had a number of people ask me about wrap-up session last night. Please see below.

We also filed a cloture motion to end debate on Executive Calendar #1046, Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. Cloture vote is next Monday at 5:30 PM.

Have a good weekend!

From: Cloakroom <subscriptions_cloakroom@rep-secretary.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 6:52 PM
Subject: Cloakroom Wrap Up

Wrap Up Memo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 AT 06:51 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1153, Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2020. Confirmed (50-49)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Confirmed (50-49)

Executive Session:

NAVY

Cal. #1200 - Vice Adm. James J. Malloy to be Vice Admiral

Wrap Up:

H.R.5238 – NY Postal Naming

H.R.1861 – Larry Doby Congressional Gold Medal Act

H.R.1417 – National Law Enforcement Museum Exhibits Act

H.R.3398 – REAL ID Act Modernization

H.R.6330 – Small Business Runway Extension

Cal.#635, S.3561 – National Guard and Reserve Entrepreneurship Support Act

Cal.#633, S.2679 – Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act

Cal.#402, H.R.4111 – Spurring Business in Communities Act

H.J.Res.143 – Two Week CR

Cal.#563, S.2276 – GAO-IG Act with a Young substitute amendment

H.R.2454 – DHS Data Security with a Johnson substitute amendment

Cal.#387, S.2597 – Children’s Hospital

Cal.#715, S.1942 – Savanna’s Act

Cal.#615, S.2343 - Precision Agriculture

Cal.#702, S.3119 – Endangered Salmon Predation with a Risch substitute amendment

S.7 – NASA

H.R.5075 – Ashanti Alert with a Warner substitute amendment

Cal.#696, H.R.315 - Improving Access to Maternity Care Act

Monday, December 10th:

The Senate will convene at 4:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #1046, Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Muzinich nomination.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on Executive Calendar #1046, Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

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Wrap Up Memo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019 AT 06:13 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S.1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act. Not invoked (53-43)

Wrap Up:

Cal.#3, S.24 - Government Employee Fair Treatment Act

S.Res.15 – Clemson Tigers

S.Res.16 – John Culver

Rule XIV

S.109 – No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act

Friday, January 11th:

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

Please note, the Leader filed an additional cloture motion on the motion to proceed to S.1.

The Senate stands adjourned under the provisions of S.Res.16, in honor of John Culver, former United States Senator from the State of Iowa.

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Date: Friday, January 4, 2019 11:20:22 AM

Senate started action to move on S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act. Vote 5:30 PM, next Tuesday, to start the process.

Talks continue on government funding.

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Wrap Up Memo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019 AT 11:11 AM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes during today's session of the Senate.

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items during today's session of the Senate.

Rule XIV

S.28 – US-Jordan Defense Cooperation Extension Act

H.R.21 – House Appropriations

H.J.Res.1 – House CR

Tuesday, January 8th:

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the

motion to proceed to S.1.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the motion to proceed to S.1.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Cloakroom Wrap Up
Date: Friday, May 24, 2019 3:42:29 PM

I had an ask for the cloakroom wrapup. Here it is, below.
Have a great Memorial Day, JL

From: Cloakroom [mailto:subscriptions_cloakroom@rep-secretary.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 7:05 PM
Subject: Cloakroom Wrap Up

Wrap Up Memo

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 AT 07:05 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Passage of S.151, the TRACED Act. Confirmed (97-1)

Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R.2157, Supplemental Appropriations, as amended. Waived (84-9)

Passage of H.R.2157, Supplemental Appropriations, as amended. Passed (85-8)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.213 – National Public Works Week

S.Res.222 – Vision to Learn

S.Res.223 – DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer

S.Res.224 – National Nurses Week

S.Con.Res.3 – Marshall Islands

S.Res.225 – Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

S.Res.226 – Foster Care Month

S.1693 – Two Week Flood Extension

Executive Session:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Cal. #226 – Michael G. Bailey, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of

Arizona for the term of four years.

Cal. #227 – Brent R. Bunn, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Cal. #228 – Eric S. Gartner, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Cal. #235 – Timothy J. Downing, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Cal. #236 – William Travis Brown, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Cal. #237 – Michael Blaine East, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Cal. #112 – William Bookless, of California, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Cal #124 – Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cal. #187 – John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Cal. #215 – Richard C. Parker, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SFRC

Cal. #177 – Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador.

Cal. #220 – Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of North Macedonia.

Cal. #289 – Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Slovak Republic.

Cal. #290 – John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cabo Verde.

Cal. #291 – Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan.

Cal. #179 – Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Iceland.

Cal. #218 – James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service

Military Promotions:

ARMY

Cal. #247 – Col. Edward S. Smith to be Brigadier General

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #248 – the following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Marcus B. Annibale
Col. Melvin G. Carter
Col. Robert C. Fulford
Col. Joseph A. Matos, III
Col. Jason L. Morris
Col. Thomas B. Savage
Col. Daniel L. Shipley
Col. James B. Wellons
Col. Brian N. Wolford

ARMY

Cal. #249 – Maj. Gen. Duane A. Gamble to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #250 – Rear Adm. Scott D. Conn to be Vice Admiral

ARMY

Cal. #251 – Gen. James C. McConville to be General

AIR FORCE

Cal. #253 – Maj. Gen. Marc H. Sasseville to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #254 – Maj. Gen. Eric T. Fick to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #255 – Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Martin to be General
Cal. #256 – Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #257 – Maj. Gen. Robert P. White to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #258 – Vice Adm. William R. Merz to be Vice Admiral
Cal. #259 – Rear Adm. Ross A. Myers to be Vice Admiral

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #260 – Lt. Gen. Eric M. Smith to be Lieutenant General

AIR FORCE

Cal. #261 – Lt. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch, Jr. to be General
Cal. #262 – Col. David A. Harris, Jr. to be Brigadier General

NAVY

Cal. #263 – Adm. William F. Moran to be Admiral
Cal. #264 – Vice Adm. Robert P. Burke to be Admiral

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #265 – Lt. Gen. Herman S. Clardy, III to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #266 – The following to be Major General:
Brig. Gen. Peter B. Andrysiak, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Jonathan P. Braga
Brig. Gen. John W. Brennan, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Miguel A. Correa
Brig. Gen. Clement S. Coward, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Donahoe
Brig. Gen. Christopher T. Donahue
Brig. Gen. Scott L. Efflandt
Brig. Gen. Michael R. Fenzel
Brig. Gen. David J. Francis
Brig. Gen. Bradley T. Gericke
Brig. Gen. Neil S. Hersey
Brig. Gen. Lonnie G. Hibbard
Brig. Gen. Diana M. Holland
Brig. Gen. Omar J. Jones, IV
Brig. Gen. Stephen J. Maranian
Brig. Gen. Matthew W. McFarlane
Brig. Gen. Christopher O. Mohan
Brig. Gen. Laura A. Potter
Brig. Gen. Thomas A Pugh
Brig. Gen. Robert A. Rasch, Jr.
Brig. Gen. John B. Richardson, IV
Brig. Gen. Kenneth T. Royar
Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Smith
Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Todd, III
Brig. Gen. Kevin Vereen
Brig. Gen. Robert F. Whittle, Jr.
Brig. Gen. David Wilson

AIR FORCE

Cal. #267 – Col. Tracy D. Smith to be Brigadier General
Cal. #268 – Col. Frank W. Roy to be Brigadier General

ARMY

Cal. #269 – Maj. Gen. Leopoldo A. Quintas, Jr. to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #270 – Brig. Gen. Kenneth A. Nava to be Major General
Cal. #271 – The following to be Major General:
Brig. Gen. Francis J. Evon, Jr.
Brig. Gen. David J. Mikolaities
Cal. #272 – Brig. Gen. Mark J. Schindler to be Major General
Cal. #273 – The following to be Major General:
Brig. Gen. John F. Hussey
Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Juknelis
The following to be Brigadier General:
Col. Jan C. Norris
Col. Michael K. Pyle
Cal. #274 – The following to be Brigadier General:
Col. Nicole M. Balliet
Col. James A. Benson
Col. Brian D. Bobo
Col. Rodney C. Boyd

Col. Andre J. Chevalier
Col. Michael N. Cleveland
Col. Amy F. Cook
Col. Timothy D. Covington
Col. Ronald A. Cupples
Col. Jamie J. Dailey
Col. Ronnie B. Delfin
Col. Thomas C. Friloux
Col. Kevin A. Fujimoto
Col. Doyle Gillis, Jr.
Col. Charles D. Hausman
Col. Cindy H. Haygood
Col. Lynn M. Heng
Col. Larry L. Henry
Col. Scott W. Hiipakka
Col. Christine L. Hoffmann
Col. Bryan M. Howay
Col. Jack A. James
Col. Nick Johnson
Col. Robert J. Larkin
Col. John A. Leblanc
Col. David A. Lopina
Col. Corwin J. Lusk
Col. Roger D. Lyles
Col. Thomas H. Mancino
Col. Timothy S. Mclaughlin
Col. Alberto L. Miranda
Col. Jennifer R. Mitchell
Col. Jesse M. Morehouse
Col. Alan B. Naugher
Col. John T. Oakley
Col. Douglas A. Paul
Col. John A. Pelleriti
Col. John J. Perkins
Col. Dean A. Preston
Col. Stephen L. Rhoades
Col. Christopher S. Sandison
Col. Stephen E. Schemenauer
Col. Matthew D. Smith
Col. Wallace E. Steinbrecher
Col. Robin B. Stilwell
Col. Craig W. Strong
Col. Blair E. Tinkham
Col. Michael A. Tougher, III
Col. Michael E. Wegscheider
Col. Brian F. Wertzler
Col. Richard A. Wholey
Col. Richard D. Wilson
Col. John J. Wojcik
Col. James A. Zollar

Cal. #275 – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Bradley J. Cox
Col. Carl C. Danberg
Col. Daniel H. Dent
Col. Ralph R. Robovsky
Col. Adam C. Volant

Cal. #276 – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Andrew C. Diefenthaler
Col. James M. Jones

NAVY

Cal. #277 – Rear Adm. Sean S. Buck to be Vice Admiral

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #278 – Lt. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #279 – Lt. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreault to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #280 – Lt. Gen. George W. Smith, Jr to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #281 – Lt. Gen. Robert F. Hedelund to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #282 – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Rodney L. Faulk
Brig. Gen. Deborah L. Kotulich
Brig. Gen. Frederick R. Maiocco
Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Mosser
Brig. Gen. John H. Phillips
Brig. Gen. Joe D. Robinson
Brig. Gen. Alberto C. Rosende
Brig. Gen. Richard C. Staats, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Kevin C. Wulfhorst

The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Timothy E. Brennan
Col. Cary J. Cowan, Jr.
Col. Christopher J. Dziubek
Col. Jeffrey M. Farris
Col. Robert E. Guidry
Col. Michelle A. Link
Col. Laurence S. Linton
Col. Pamela L. McGaha
Col. Steven B. McLaughlin
Col. Joseph A. Papenfus
Col. Joseph A. Ricciardi
Col. Patricia R. Wallace
Col. David P. Warshaw
Col. Stuart E. Werner
Col. Wanda N. Williams

AIR FORCE

Cal. #283 – Maj. Gen. David S. Nahom, 5839 to be to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #284 – Lt. Gen. Marshall B. Webb to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #285 – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Jack M. Davis

Col. Paula C. Lodi

Col. Mark W. Thompson

Cal. #286 – Brig. Gen. Jeffery D. Broadwater to be Major General

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy.

Monday, June 3rd:

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #157, Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to up to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Cal.#78, S.1332, a bill to set forth the congressional budget (Paul).
2. (If cloture is not invoked) Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #157, Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following items in the following order:

1. Motion to proceed to Cal.#78, S.1332, A bill to set forth the congressional budget (Paul).
2. Executive Calendar #157, Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025. (Reappointment)
3. Executive Calendar #224, David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs)
4. Executive Calendar #162, Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
5. Executive Calendar #163, Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2024.
6. Executive Calendar # 198, Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.
7. Executive Calendar #39, Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.
8. Executive Calendar #40, Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.
9. Executive Calendar #56, Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Please also note, at a time and date to be determined, the Senate will proceed to a vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #122, Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

The Senate will convene for pro forma session only, with no business conducted on the

following dates and times:

Friday, May 24th at 9:45 am

Tuesday, May 28th at 11:30 am

Friday, May 31st at 10:30 am

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FYI for Senate schedule next week. Talk soon!

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #116, Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.
2. Executive Calendar #95, Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.
3. Executive Calendar #89, Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2023.
4. Executive Calendar #94, Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.
5. Executive Calendar #100, Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022.
6. Executive Calendar #117, Michael H. Park, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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Wrap Up Memo

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 AT 05:03 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #33, Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Confirmed (90-8)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #34, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Confirmed (95-3)

Confirmation Executive Calendar #36, Joshua Wolson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed (65-33)

Shall S.J.Res.7 (Yemen) pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. It shall not (53-45)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.160 – DOD Laboratory Day

S.Res.144 – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women

S.Res.185 – Northwestern Missouri State Basketball

S.Res.186 – Dia de los Ninos

S.Res. 187 – Cinco de Mayo

S.693 – National POW/MIA Flag Act

Monday, May 6th:

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. The Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #116, Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Bianco nomination.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

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FYI on confirmation of additional executive nominees, below.

Comeback votes:

5:30 PM on Monday, November 13th – Cloture motion to end debate (60 votes) on Coast Guard reauthorization.

2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 14th – Passage (Simple majority) of Coast Guard Reauthorization; and cloture on confirmation of Michelle Bowman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve.

Senate adjourned. Good night!

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 AT 10:00 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #640, Jeffrey Bossert Clark, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Confirmed. (52-45)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #641, Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Invoked. (50-47)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #641, Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Confirmed. (50-47)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1007, David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Confirmed. (50-45)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1081, Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Confirmed. (51-44)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1082, Richard J. Sullivan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Confirmed. (79-16)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #627, William M. Ray II, of Georgia, to be United

States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Confirmed. (54-41)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #628, Liles Clifton Burke, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. Confirmed. (55-40)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #629, Michael Joseph Juneau, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Confirmed. (54-41)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #634, Mark Saalfeld Norris, Sr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. Confirmed. (51-44)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #638, Eli Jeremy Richardson, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. Confirmed. (52-43)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #894, Thomas S. Kleeh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. Confirmed. (65-30)

(Confirmation of Executive Calendar #907, Jeremy D. Kernodle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #895, Peter J. Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #905, Susan Brnovich, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #906 - Chad F. Kenney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #945, James Patrick Hanlon, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #947, Lance E. Walker, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Executive Session:

Cal. #1093 - Jason R. Dunn, of Colorado, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

Cal. #1094 - Dallas L. Carlson, of North Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Cal. #694 - Adam I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2024.

Cal. #920 - Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2019.

Cal. #921 - Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil

Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2023.

Cal. #1077 - James Morhard, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Cal. #1031 - Kimberly Breier, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Cal. #1032 - Denise Natali, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

Cal. #1057 - John Cotton Richmond, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Cal. #1097 - Karen L. Williams, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Suriname.

Cal. #1098 - Kevin K. Sullivan, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Nicaragua

Cal. #1100 - Donald Y. Yamamoto, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Cal. #1101 - Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Cal. #1111 - Robert H. McMahon, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Cal. #1105 - Harold B. Parker, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Cal. #1126 - Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

PN 2386 - Mary Elizabeth Taylor, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

ARMY

Cal. #1130 – Gen. Robert B. Abrams to be General

NAVY

Cal. #1131 – Vice Adm. Craig S. Faller to be Admiral

AIR FORCE

Cal. #1132 – Lt. Gen. Jerry D. Harris, Jr. to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #1133 – Vice Adm. Andrew L. Lewis to be Vice Admiral

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

Wrap Up:

H.R.6896, U.S. Parole Commission Extension Act

H.R.1037, National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation

Cal. #376, H.R.2615 - Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act

H.R.6758 – SUCCESS Act

H.R.6870 - To rename the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012 in honor of Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter.

Cal. #553, S.2465 - Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorders Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2018

S.1595 – Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017

H.R.2422 - Action for Dental Health Act of 2017 with Alexander substitute

S.Res.680 – Dyslexia Awareness

S.Res.681 – Character Counts

S.Res.682 – Nuclear Weapons Program Workers

S.Res.683 – Illinois Bicentennial

H.R.3342 – Human Shields with Corker amendments

S.Res.684 – Joseph D. “Joe” Tydings

H.R.390 - Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act of 2017 with a Corker amendment

Tuesday, November 13th:

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany S.140, Coast Guard Reauthorization.

At 5:30pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to S.140.

Wednesday, November 14th:

At 2:15pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to S.140.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #909, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following items in the following order:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to S.140, Coast Guard Reauthorization.
2. Cal. #909 - Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

The Senate will convene for pro forma session only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Friday, October 12th at 12:00 pm

Tuesday, October 16th at 12:00 pm

Friday, October 19th at 10:00 am

Tuesday, October 23rd at 4:30 pm

Friday, October 26th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, October 30th at 1:00 pm

Friday, November 2nd at 2:45 pm

Tuesday, November 6th at 4:00 pm

Friday, November 9th at 9:00 am

The Senate stands adjourned under the provisions of S.Res.684, in honor of Joseph D. "Joe" Tydings, former United States Senator for the State of Maryland.

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FYI Senate in session tomorrow.

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Wrap Up Memo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019 AT 05:29 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes during today's session of the Senate.

Executive Session:

Cal. # 1048 – William Charles McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

Wrap Up:

- S.Res.1 – Quorum of Each House
- S.Res.2 – Quorum of Senate Assembled
- S.Res.3 – Electing President Pro Tempore
- S.Res.4 – President Pro Tempore
- S.Res.5 – President Pro Tempore House Notification
- S.Res.6 – Hour of Daily Meeting
- S.Res.7 – Senate Legal Counsel
- S.Res.8 – Deputy Legal Counsel
- S.Res.9 – Hour of Daily Meeting over/under the rule

Rule XIV

S.1 – Strengthening America’s Security in the Middle East Act

S.21 – Coast Guard Pay

S.24 – Government Employee Fair Treatment Act

Friday, January 4th:

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Please note, votes are not expected during Friday's session of the Senate.

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Completing Unfinished Business in August

'The Senate has now passed regular appropriations measures that account for 87% of next fiscal year's discretionary spending. We finalized our work on the National Defense Authorization Act, named for Senator McCain. And in August alone, we've confirmed eight more of the president's well-qualified nominees for the federal courts... I hope we can continue to make progress. It remains my intention to confirm all 17 of the nominees currently before us before the Senate concludes our business this week.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks today on the Senate floor regarding the need to confirm more of the president's well-qualified nominees:

"August is usually a time for Senators to spend more time in our home states, meeting with our constituents and reporting on the progress we've made in Washington. But this August had to be different. There was too much business left unfinished. So I made the decision to keep the Senate in session this month to continue working on behalf of the American people. I'm proud to report that is just what we've done.

"The Senate has now passed regular appropriations measures that account for 87% of next fiscal year's discretionary spending. We finalized our work on the National Defense Authorization Act, named for Senator McCain. And in August alone, we've confirmed eight more of the president's well-qualified nominees for the federal courts.

"But as I've stated, the continuing, historic obstruction from Democrats on the president's nominees continues to make our progress on that front insufficient. So -- we'll stay at it. Currently before us are nominees to be an Assistant Secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services. A Vice Chairman for the Federal Reserve. Important posts at the Departments of Justice and Treasury. And a slate of impressive nominees for the federal judiciary.

"I hope we can continue to make progress. It remains my intention to confirm all 17 of the nominees currently before us before the Senate concludes our business this week."

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FYI on additions to the wrap-up session, last night. Have a great weekend.

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Wrap Up Memo

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018 AT 08:47 AM

CORRECTION: Cloakroom Wrap Up

Please note the addition of the following wrap up items:

S.2765 - RBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2018

H.R.3834 - Medal of Honor for 9/11 First Responders

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #640, Jeffrey Bossert Clark, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Confirmed. (52-45)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #641, Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Invoked. (50-47)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #641, Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Confirmed. (50-47)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #866, James M. Stewart, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1007, David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Confirmed. (50-45)

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Confirmation of Executive Calendar #629, Michael Joseph Juneau, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Confirmed. (54-41)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #634, Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. Confirmed. (51-44)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #638, Eli Jeremy Richardson, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. Confirmed. (52-43)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #894, Thomas S. Kleeh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. Confirmed. (65-30)

(Confirmation of Executive Calendar #907, Jeremy D. Kernodle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #895, Peter J. Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #905, Susan Brnovich, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #906 - Chad F. Kenney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #945, James Patrick Hanlon, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #947, Lance E. Walker, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine. Confirmed. (By voice vote)

Executive Session:

Cal. #1093 - Jason R. Dunn, of Colorado, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

Cal. #1094 - Dallas L. Carlson, of North Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Cal. #694 - Adam I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2024.

Cal. #920 - Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2019.

Cal. #921 - Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2023.

Cal. #1077 - James Morhard, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Cal. #1031 - Kimberly Breier, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Cal. #1032 - Denise Natali, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

Cal. #1057 - John Cotton Richmond, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Cal. #1097 - Karen L. Williams, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Suriname.

Cal. #1098 - Kevin K. Sullivan, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Nicaragua

Cal. #1100 - Donald Y. Yamamoto, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Cal. #1101 - Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Cal. #1111 - Robert H. McMahon, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Cal. #1105 - Harold B. Parker, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Cal. #1126 - Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

PN 2386 - Mary Elizabeth Taylor, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

ARMY

Cal. #1130 – Gen. Robert B. Abrams to be General

NAVY

Cal. #1131 – Vice Adm. Craig S. Faller to be Admiral

AIR FORCE

Cal. #1132 – Lt. Gen. Jerry D. Harris, Jr. to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #1133 – Vice Adm. Andrew L. Lewis to be Vice Admiral

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

Wrap Up:

H.R.6896, U.S. Parole Commission Extension Act

H.R.1037, National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation

Cal. #376, H.R.2615 - Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act

H.R.6758 – SUCCESS Act

H.R.6870 - To rename the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012 in honor of Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter.

Cal. #553, S.2465 - Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorders Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2018

S.1595 – Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017

H.R.2422 - Action for Dental Health Act of 2017 with Alexander substitute

S.Res.680 – Dyslexia Awareness

S.Res.681 – Character Counts

S.Res.682 – Nuclear Weapons Program Workers

S.Res.683 – Illinois Bicentennial

H.R.3342 – Human Shields with Corker amendments

S.Res.684 – Joseph D. “Joe” Tydings

H.R.390 - Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act of 2017 with a Corker amendment

S.2765 - RBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2018

H.R.3834: Medal of Honor for 9/11 First Responders

Tuesday, November 13th:

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany S.140, Coast Guard Reauthorization.

At 5:30pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to S.140.

Wednesday, November 14th:

At 2:15pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to S.140.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #909, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following items in the following order:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to S.140, Coast Guard Reauthorization.
2. Cal. #909 - Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

The Senate will convene for pro forma session only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Friday, October 12th at 12:00 pm

Tuesday, October 16th at 12:00 pm

Friday, October 19th at 10:00 am

Tuesday, October 23rd at 4:30 pm

Friday, October 26th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, October 30th at 1:00 pm

Friday, November 2nd at 2:45 pm

Tuesday, November 6th at 4:00 pm

Friday, November 9th at 9:00 am

The Senate stands adjourned under the provisions of S.Res.684, in honor of Joseph D. "Joe" Tydings, former United States Senator for the State of Maryland.

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Votes now.

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Vote Alert

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019 AT 03:26 PM

CORRECTION: Roll Call Votes Scheduled

CORRECTION: The roll call votes are in relation to H.J.Res. 31.

At 3:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to 2 roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.J.Res.31, Appropriations Package
 2. (If cloture is invoked) Adoption of the Conference Report to Accompany H.J.Res.31, Appropriations Package
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Importance: High

To: The Fourth Estate
From: STEW
RE: Criminals and Recesses

All,

The Majority Leader just announced this morning that, “**at the request of the President and following improvements to the legislation that have been secured by several members**, the Senate will take up the recently revised Criminal Justice bill” in this work period. He noted that the proponents of this bill are putting forward an updated version reflecting these changes **and that he could turn to it “as early as the end of this week.”**

He also noted that adding this bill to an already overcrowded agenda would mean that, without a high degree of cooperation, “**members should now be prepared to work between Christmas and New Year’s if necessary in order to complete our work.**”

So, to conclude:

- the Senate will consider a new, improved version of the criminal justice bill
- don’t buy any non-refundable tickets for travel this month.

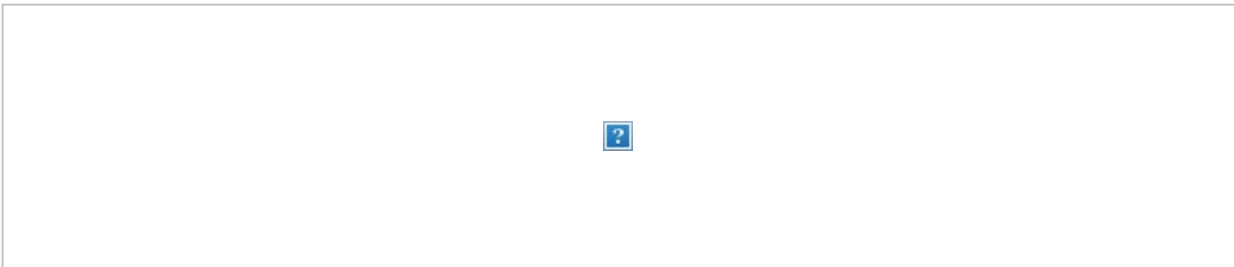
And finally, an [update](#) on [Sully](#).

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Deal Dodgers Of The 21st Century

Democrats Will Do And Say Anything To Avoid Having To Vote On The Green New Deal

Senate Democrats Still Won't Say If They Support The Green New Deal ...

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "I'm not sure I remember another time when the champions of a legislative proposal were this upset they were getting a chance to actually vote on it. But we already know this: The Democratic leader of the Senate has refused to endorse it, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi has called it the 'green dream' and has no plans to even hold a vote." ([Sen. McConnell, Op-Ed, "Democrats' Radical Green New Deal Would Uproot Our Lives," The \[Louisville\] Courier-Journal, 3/04/2019](#))

SEN. THOM TILLIS (R-NC): "[T]he one question I would have for people across the aisle is, do you actually support the Green New Deal? Do you support it in the form it has been proposed?" ([Sen. Tillis, Congressional Record, S. 1685, 3/06/2019](#))

... While Every Day They Come Up With New Ways To 'Dodge,' 'Evade,' And Back Away

"Senate Democrats have figured out how to dodge Republicans' attempt to trap them on the Green New Deal: Vote 'present' ... But the strategy puts Democrats in the awkward position of backing away from a proposal that has garnered support from a half-dozen of the party's senators running for president, as well as the rising progressive bloc championed by freshman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.)." (["Democrats Seek To Evade GOP Trap On Green New Deal Vote," Politico, 3/06/2019](#))

"Mr. Schumer's plan to protect Democrats from going on the record in support of the Green New Deal is to have all members of his caucus simply vote 'present' when Mr. McConnell brings the proposal to the Senate floor."

[\("Pressed By Climate Activists, Senate Democrats Plan To 'Go On Offense.'" The New York Times, 3/04/2019\)](#)

- "My guess is we'd vote present' as a bloc, said Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware, one of the Senate's most vocal supporters of fighting climate change." (["Democrats Seek To Evade GOP Trap On Green New Deal Vote," Politico, 3/06/2019](#))
- "Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), the Senate co-sponsor of Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal resolution, said he's working with Schumer and declined to say whether he would vote present instead of 'yes' on his own proposal." (["Dems Wrestle Over How To Vote On 'Green New Deal.'" The Hill, 2/28/2019](#))

SLATE: "The unspoken goal of Schumer's plan is to provide his more moderate colleagues cover ... from the activist left, which is demanding urgent action." ([Josh Vorhees, "Schumer's Climate Change Forecast: Mostly Cloudy," Slate, 3/05/2019](#))

- "... the Green New Deal is exposing a crucial intraparty divide. Schumer's plan would enable Feinstein and fellow moderates to continue taking refuge in generalities ..." ([Josh Vorhees, "Schumer's Climate Change Forecast: Mostly Cloudy," Slate, 3/05/2019](#))

Democrat Leaders Keep Introducing 'Alternatives' To Voting On The Green New Deal

"Senate Democrats introduce 'Green New Deal' alternative ... The resolution is meant as an alternative to the Green New Deal resolution introduced in early February by Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.)." (["Senate Democrats Introduce 'Green New Deal' Alternative," The Hill, 2/28/2019](#))

- "Schumer has also sought a safety valve for Democrats, offering a joint unity resolution that calls for immediate congressional action on climate change – a measure all 47 members of the Senate Democratic caucus could support." (["Democrats Seek To Evade GOP Trap On Green New Deal Vote," Politico, 3/06/2019](#))

"Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) on Wednesday said that Democrats are introducing a resolution to create a Senate committee on climate change.... The resolution ... comes as Democrats are trying to turn the tables on Republicans as the chamber is in the middle of a debate on climate change." (["Senate Dems To Introduce Resolution To Create Climate Change Panel," The Hill, 3/06/2019](#))

A Rare Democrat Who Isn't Shying Away Opposes The Green New Deal: 'I'm Not A Present Guy'

"Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), the top Democrat on the Energy Committee, last week scoffed at the idea of voting 'present.' 'I'm not a present guy,' said Manchin, who blasted a carbon dioxide cap-and-trade bill with a shotgun in a 2010 campaign ad. He has said he does not support the Green New Deal resolution." (["Democrats Seek To Evade GOP Trap On Green New Deal Vote," Politico, 3/06/2019](#))

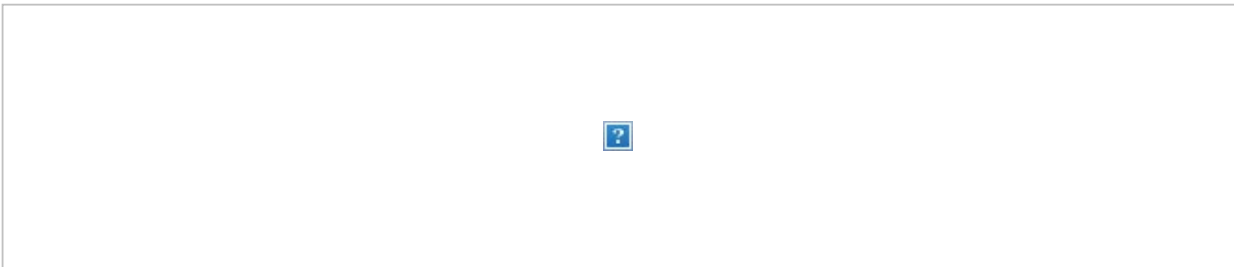
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ICYMI yesterday.

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Dem Leaders Desperately Dodge Green New Deal Vote

SEN. McCONNELL: 'If This Is Such A Popular Thing To Do And So Necessary Why Would One Want To Dodge The Vote?'

'This Is An Opportunity To Go On Record'; Ocasio-Cortez Pressures Dems To Be 'Courageous'

- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "I've been reading with some amusement that our friends on the other side seem to be reluctant to vote on the 'Green New Deal.' ... The only question I would ask is if this is such a popular thing to do and so necessary why would one want to dodge the vote? This is an opportunity to go on record ..." (Sen. McConnell, Press Conference, 2/26/2019)

"Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), an avowed Green New Deal supporter, said that if the resolution does come up, Democrats should seize the opportunity to debate it.... 'I'd encourage everyone to look at what's actually in the resolution,' Merkley said. 'Absolutely, I'd vote for it.'" (["The Trailer: Tulsi Gabbard Finds Her People In Iowa." The Washington Post, 2/12/2019](#))

- SEN. BRIAN SCHATZ (D-HI): "We have never been more fired up. We are going to take this opportunity to have a real debate about climate ..." ([Sen. Schatz, Congressional Record, S. 1343, 2/14/2019](#))

"'He's trying to bully the party, and he's banking on people not being courageous,' [Rep. Alexandria] Ocasio-Cortez [D-NY] said Tuesday of McConnell's plans [to hold a vote on the Green New Deal]. 'I think people should call his bluff.'" (["You Can Feel It Now": New Democrats Push Party, And 2020 Candidates, To The Left On Divisive Issues." The Washington Post, 2/12/2019](#))

Yet Senate Democrats Call Voting On The Green New Deal 'Sabotage,' 'A Truly Preposterous Exercise,' 'A Sham,' 'A Ploy'

SEN. CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): "This is not a debate. It's a diversion. It's a sham." (["Schumer: McConnell Plan To Force 'Green New Deal' Vote A 'Diversion,'" The Hill, 2/27/2019](#))

SEN. ED MARKEY (D-MA): "[T]his is nothing but an attempt to sabotage the movement we are building. He wants to silence your voice ..." ([Sen. Markey, @SenMarkey, Twitter, 2/12/2019](#))

- "The move outraged Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat ..." (["Markey Blasts GOP For Resolution Vote On Green New Deal," The Boston Globe, 2/14/2019](#))

SEN. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE (D-RI): "[W]e are going through, shortly, a truly preposterous exercise on the floor of the Senate ... to bring its first measure related to climate for a floor vote ..." ([Sen. Whitehouse, Congressional Record, S. 1470, 2/26/2017](#))

SEN. TOM CARPER (D-DE): "In the days and weeks ahead, Senator McConnell intends to engage in a ploy to try and undermine the Green New Deal by calling a vote ..." ([Sen. Carper, Congressional Record, S. 1468, 2/26/2019](#))

SEN. MARTIN HEINRICH (D-NM): "In the coming weeks, Majority Leader McConnell says he plans to call a vote here on the Senate on the Green New Deal resolution.... It is a political stunt ..." ([Sen. Heinrich, Congressional Record, S. 1560, 2/28/2019](#))

Democrat Leaders Who Once Boasted 'Bring It On' Now Running For Cover

Sen. Schumer First Said 'Go For It. Bring It On,' But Now Wants 'To Protect Democrats From Going On The Record In Support' And Is Even Promoting A 'Green New Deal Alternative'

SEN. SCHUMER: "So when the Republican leader says he wants to bring the Green New Deal resolution up for a vote, I say: Go for it. Bring it on." ([Sen. Schumer, Congressional Record, S. 1342, 2/14/2019](#))

"Mr. Schumer's plan to protect Democrats from going on the record in support of the Green New Deal is to have all members of his caucus simply vote 'present' when Mr. McConnell brings the proposal to the Senate floor." (["Pressed By Climate Activists, Senate Democrats Plan To 'Go On Offense,'" The New York Times, 3/04/2019](#))

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'I Can't Say We're Going To Take That And Pass It'

SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI (D-CA): "I can't say we're going to take that and pass it ..." (["Pelosi On Green New Deal: 'I Can't Say We're Going To Take That And Pass It,'" Roll Call, 2/27/2019](#))

- PELOSI: “[W]e have to go through our checks and balances of it with our committee chairs and the rest.”
([“Pelosi On Green New Deal: ‘I Can’t Say We’re Going To Take That And Pass It,’” Roll Call, 2/27/2019](#))

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Democrat Inconsistency on Border Security Funding Continues

[U]ntil Democrats prioritize the public interest ahead of political spite, our border will not be secured and the federal government will remain partially closed. I cannot urge my Democratic friends more strongly to get past this purely partisan spite, rediscover their own past positions on border security, and negotiate a fair solution with the president to secure our nation and re-open all of the federal government.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

“Last night President Trump delivered his first address to the nation from the Oval Office. In the midst of this partial government shutdown, the president offered a reminder of just what’s at stake: The security of our nation’s southern border. By now, on Day 19 of Senate Democrats’ latest experiment in ‘absentee negotiation,’ my colleagues are well-versed in the facts on the ground. We know that Border Patrol agents are encountering historic levels of illicit substances like fentanyl and heroin at the border. We know that last year saw thousands of attempted border crossings by individuals with criminal records and hundreds more by known gang members. We understand that the status quo is not enough to keep our families and communities safe. Fortunately, we know that the solutions on the table -- solutions which the president has placed at the center of the national conversation since the earliest days of his administration -- are eminently reasonable.

“As one former Border Patrol Chief under President Obama put it just recently, quote, ‘If you look in the past, you don’t have to go too far back in history... bipartisan legislation passed where they built the wall or fence or physical barrier. Whatever you want to call it, it’s a wall. It works.’ He also said this: ‘It’s not based on personal political ideology. That’s based on historical data and facts that can be proven... I cannot think of a legitimate argument why anyone would not support the wall as part of the multilayered border security issue...’

“*Why are we not listening to the experts and the people who are doing it every day?*” That’s one of President Obama’s Border Patrol chiefs. The experts know what they’re talking about. The facts back them up. According to the CBP, in four border sectors where this administration has already constructed or improved physical barriers in the past two years, illegal traffic has fallen by 90%. Of course, not too long ago, my colleagues across the aisle had a completely different position on this subject. Before the political winds blew a certain way, before this particular president was inaugurated, Senate Democrats did heed the advice of the men and women who protect our border.

“By wide, bipartisan margins -- and on multiple occasions -- the Senate has cleared billions of dollars in funding for physical barriers along the southern border. In 2006, then-Senator Obama said the Secure Fence Act would provide, quote, *‘badly needed funding for better fences and better security.’* In 2009, the current Democratic Leader praised as major progress, quote *‘630 miles of border fence that create a significant barrier to illegal immigration.’* And during the last presidential election, former Senator Clinton saw fit to tout the *‘numerous times’* she voted to, quote, *‘build a barrier to try and prevent illegal immigrants from coming in.’*

“*Numerous times’... ‘significant barrier’... ‘badly needed’...* That was where leading Democrats stood. Today, however, it seems there’s a new party line: The use of physical barriers to preserve the integrity of a sovereign nation is now -- according to the new Speaker of the House -- *immoral*. From *‘badly needed’* to *‘immoral’* in little more than the span of a presidency. Talk about a pivot. My Democratic friends wanted fencing and physical barriers in the recent past. Their most prominent leaders bragged about voting for it.

“The only thing — the only thing — that has changed between then and now is the occupant of the White House. Steel fencing was fine, even salutary, when President Obama was in the White House. But it is *‘immoral’* when President Trump occupies the office. All of a sudden, Democrats have developed this new partisan allergy to the subject of border security. They’re even prolonging a partial government shutdown, just to avoid getting more of what they themselves have voted for in the past.

“This inconsistency doesn’t stop with drawing imaginary lines in the sand between the border security that Senate Democrats once supported and the virtually identical measures they’ve decided to oppose today. The inconsistency also extends to the conduct of the Senate itself during this tantrum. Yesterday evening, Democrats blocked the Senate from proceeding to important foreign policy legislation. This bill included measures of which they’ve been outspokenly supportive, even co-sponsored. But then they decided that getting anything done at all this week would clash with their political brand.

“To be clear, the legislation I’m referring to would have addressed several serious challenges to U.S. interests in the Middle East. It would have reaffirmed our commitment to the security of Israel, our closest regional ally. It would have reauthorized defense cooperation with Jordan, a critical partner. And it would have taken a vital step toward bringing the perpetrators and enablers of the Assad regime’s atrocities in Syria to justice.

“Frankly, it would have delivered on promises to which my Democratic colleagues appeared to be firmly committed. In their own words, Senate Democrats have discussed, quote, *‘the continuation of America’s unshakable, seven-decade commitment to Israel’s security,’* and doing *‘everything in our power to fight the BDS movement.’* But instead of proceeding to this legislation, Senate Democrats voted to block it. My friend the Democratic Leader chose to take this partial government shutdown that he is prolonging and add his very own *‘Senate shutdown’* on top of it.

“No progress, no bipartisan work, not even on urgent and pressing matters. Nothing that might take the spotlight off his unreasonable showdown with the president. Back during the 2013 government shutdown, the Senate kept right on chugging through the people’s business. We passed five bills and thirteen resolutions, appointed conferees on the Farm Bill and budget resolution, and

confirmed 28 of President Obama's nominees. But this time, the Democrats want to hold everything hostage? More inconsistency.

"Senate Democrats were for border security, including billions for physical barriers, before they were against it. And they were for the Senate working hard during government shutdowns on other business -- before they were against it. Well, until my Democratic colleagues agree to get back to work, the Senate can't make much progress. Rest assured, Bashar al-Assad has not pressed the 'pause' button on the Syrian civil war simply because it doesn't suit the Democratic Leader's political strategy this week. Israel's enemies haven't stopped either.

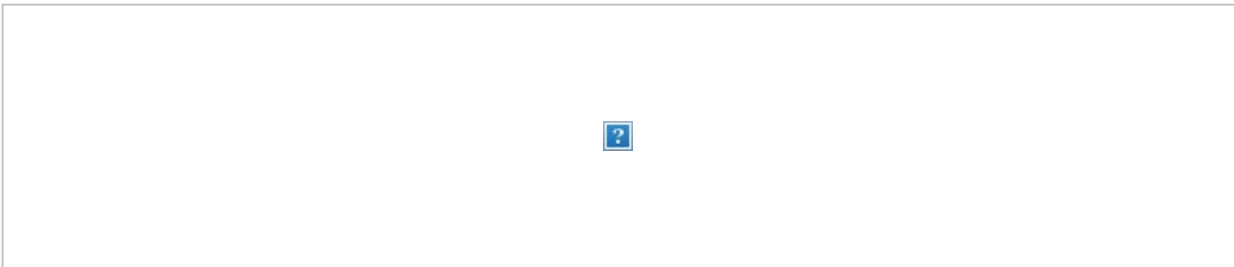
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Democrats Resist Pelosi

Majority Leader Hoyer And Many Other House Democrats Break With Speaker Pelosi On Wall Funding

FOX NEWS' NEIL CAVUTO: "Would you yourself be open for wall funding?"

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER STENY HOYER (D-MD): "Look, I think physical barriers are part of the solution."

CAVUTO: "You don't share Nancy Pelosi's view that a wall is immoral?"

REP. HOYER: "Look, I think it depends upon what a wall is used for whether it's moral or immoral. If it's protecting people, it's moral, if it's imprisoning people, it may well be immoral. But that's not the issue. The issue is we want border security. We want to make sure that people who come into the United States of America are authorized to do so and we know that they've come in. We don't want contraband. We don't want drugs coming in. We don't want dangerous people coming into the country. So we're for border security and I think we can get there.

(Fox News' "Your World w/ Neil Cavuto," 1/22/2019)

House Democrats Signal They're Open To 'Some Element Of A Physical Barrier,' 'A Partial Wall,' 'More Fencing'

REP. COLLIN PETERSON (D-MN), House Agriculture Committee Chairman: "Give Trump the money... I'd give him the whole thing...and put strings on it so you make sure he puts the wall where it needs to be. Why are we fighting over this? We're going to build that wall anyway, at some time." (["Peterson Says Democrats Should 'Give Trump The Money' For Border Wall."](#) KFGO, 1/22/2019)

REP. ADAM SMITH (D-WA), House Armed Services Committee Chairman: "The wall is not in itself a bad idea, it's just – it's been done." ([ABC News, 1/06/2019](#))

REP. CHERI BUSTOS (D-IL), DCCC Chair: "If we have a partial wall, if we have fencing, if we have technology

used to keep our borders safe, all of that is fine ...” ([“DCCC Chair Signals Support For 'Partial Wall' Funding: 'There's Got To Be Some Give And Take,'” The Washington Times, 1/04/2019](#))

REP. ANTHONY BRINDISI (D-NY): “Some element of a physical barrier, better technology, more border agents are all things I support.” ([“CNY Reps. Katko and Brindisi Share Common Goals: End the Shutdown, Strengthen Southern Border,” WAER, 1/11/2019](#))

REP. ELISSA SLOTKIN (D-MI): “[A]m I willing to talk about more fencing and more drones and technology and radar and border agents? Absolutely.” ([The New York Times, 1/19/2019](#))

FOX NEWS’ KRISTIN FISHER: “You were saying that you would support some funding for some kind of physical barrier at the border, is that right?”

REP. KATIE HILL (D-CA): “Yeah.... We know that there’s already fencing and other physical barriers across the border in many different places, but there are gaps, and we need to find ways of filling those gaps, repairing the fencing.... For many of us there’s not really doubt that some kind of physical barrier is necessary.” ([Fox News, 1/12/2019](#))

“Rep. Bill Foster (D-Ill.) stood up in the closed-door meeting Wednesday to urge fellow Democrats to consider trading some amount of wall funding for legal protections for the thousands of immigrants brought the country as children ...” ([“Freshman Dems Feeling The Heat As Shutdown Drags On,” Politico, 1/09/2019](#))

“I’m not going to rule anything out, I really am not,” [Rep. Colin Allred [D-TX] responded when asked if he would support some border wall funding in exchange for Democratic immigration priorities.” ([“Freshman Dems Feeling The Heat As Shutdown Drags On,” Politico, 1/09/2019](#))

REP. JOHN GARAMENDI (D-CA): “And there are numerous things that need to be done to enhance border security. Certainly, fences and walls are a piece of it ...” (CNN, 12/13/2018)

REP. ABIGAIL SPANBERGER (D-VA): “If I am getting comments and contact from my constituents expressing concern that the Democrats are not prioritizing security, then I think we can do better.” ([“Freshman Dems Feeling The Heat As Shutdown Drags On,” Politico, 1/09/2019](#))

“A group of centrist House Democrats, eager to end the shutdown and sick of political posturing, is pressing Speaker Nancy Pelosi to counter President Donald Trump’s immigration proposal with her own potential compromise. The group, led by Rep. Elaine Luria of Virginia, is asking the California Democrat to offer Trump a vote on his border wall sometime in February if he signs a bill reopening the federal government, according to a draft copy of the letter obtained by POLITICO.... Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer have vowed not to negotiate on Trump’s border wall with Mexico until the president reopens the government ...” ([“Centrist Dems Urge Pelosi To Break Shutdown Stalemate,” Politico, 1/22/2019](#))

Other Democrats Vent Their Frustrations At Speaker Pelosi’s Refusal To Negotiate

REP. SLOTKIN: “Maybe it’s an outlier view compared to some others in the Democratic Party, but I believe we have a responsibility to get in a room and negotiate.” ([The New York Times, 1/15/2019](#))

REP. JOSH GOTTHEIMER (D-NJ): “[W]e have got to actually come to the table and have a real conversation, and not just on TV screens yelling at each other, but actually really sit down face to face and keep that conversation going.” (Fox News’ “Your World w/ Neil Cavuto,” 1/16/2019)

- REP. GOTTHEIMER: “The idea of walking away is unacceptable.” ([“Pelosi Struggles to Keep Dems United During Government Shutdown,” Washington Free Beacon, 1/17/2019](#))

REP. LUCY McBATH (D-GA): "I hope that we can all come to a compromise because that's the way things get done.... If we don't compromise, the American people are the ones who get hurt." (["Freshman Dems Feeling The Heat As Shutdown Drags On."](#) Politico, 1/09/2019)

REP. ELAINE LURIA (D-VA): "We're all very frustrated by the partisanship." ([The New York Times](#), 1/19/2019)

REP. JEFF VAN DREW (D-NJ): "I think we should all be flexible and work together on a resolution.... Everybody is being too rigid and that's part of the problem, we should all be more willing to compromise." (["Pelosi Struggles to Keep Dems United During Government Shutdown."](#) Washington Free Beacon, 1/17/2019)

- REP. VAN DREW: "If I had the opportunity to vote for some sort of a deal, I would." (["Some Democrats Want To Do A Deal With Trump For The Border Wall. That's A Problem For Nancy Pelosi."](#) VICE News, 1/08/2019)

REP. AMI BERA (D-CA): "Give us a chance to protect the Dreamers; maybe we can give something on border security." (["Some Democrats Want To Do A Deal With Trump For The Border Wall. That's A Problem For Nancy Pelosi."](#) VICE News, 1/08/2019)

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Dems Threatening To Vote Down Disaster Recovery Funding

'Democrats Are Threatening To Block' 'Much-Needed Recovery Funds'

"Senate Democrats ... may block legislation proposed by their Republican counterparts that would allocate billions of dollars for disaster recovery across the country ..." (["Disaster Relief Bill at an Impasse Over Puerto Rico Aid," The New York Times, 3/28/2019](#))

- "Democrats are threatening to block the GOP bill in a showdown Senate vote on Monday afternoon." (["Senate Barrels Toward Showdown Vote On Disaster Relief," The Associated Press, 4/01/2019](#))
- "[I]t threatens to indefinitely delay the bill, which provides more than \$13 billion in much-needed recovery funds for everything from volcanic eruptions in Hawaii and wildfires in California, to hurricanes in Florida and Georgia and flooding in the Midwest, among other calamities." ([The Washington Post, 3/29/2019](#))

"The dispute has put Senate Democrats who are running for president in a delicate position, as they have to explain to lowans why they are opposing money for recovery in that state." ([The Washington Post, 3/29/2019](#))

The Bill Provides '\$13.45 Billion In Supplemental Funding For States And Territories Recently Ravaged By Tornadoes, Flooding, Hurricanes, Wildfires, Earthquakes [And] Volcanoes'

"The [disaster supplemental appropriations] measure provides \$13.45 billion in supplemental funding for states and territories recently ravaged by tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, volcanoes, typhoons, and other such events." ([U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, Press Release, 3/26/2019](#))

- “The supplemental appropriations bill provides critical aid for states affected by disasters in 2018, as well as ongoing relief for disasters that occurred in 2017, including: agriculture disaster relief for farmers; development grants for small, rural communities; assistance for veterans’ health facilities and military construction projects; emergency funds for critical timber, watershed, and wastewater infrastructure needs; and resources to restore highways, aviation facilities, and other transit projects. The measure also includes an additional \$600 million in nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico – a key Democratic priority in the bill. In addition, the legislation expands eligibility in certain accounts for states in the Midwest and the South that have experienced catastrophic flooding and tornadoes in 2019.” ([U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, Press Release, 3/26/2019](#))

‘The \$600 Million In Disaster Relief Included In The Senate Bill Would Help Puerto Rico Fund Its Food Assistance Program Through The End Of The Fiscal Year’

“Caught in the middle are more than 1 million Puerto Ricans who rely on a federal food subsidy program that’s slated to run out of money ... unless Congress intervenes. The disaster relief bill the Senate advanced on Tuesday included an additional \$600 million in funding for Puerto Rico’s Nutritional Assistance Program, or NAP ... The \$600 million in disaster relief included in the Senate bill would help Puerto Rico fund its food assistance program through the end of the fiscal year in September.” ([PBS NewsHour, 3/28/2019](#))

JENNIFFER GONZALEZ-COLON, Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner (R-PR): “I stand with @marcorubio and @SenRickScott and urge for swift Senate passage of the \$600 million funding for NAP. Over 1.3 million of my constituents are already experiencing cuts in their food benefits. #PuertoRico needs this funding and needs it NOW.” ([Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon, @RepJennifer, Twitter, 3/30/2019](#))

Democrats: ‘Providing Desperately Needed Relief To Impacted Communities Should Be A Bipartisan, Bicameral Priority And Continued Inaction Is Unacceptable’

SEN. CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): “American children and families reeling from natural disasters deserve a Congress and a president who will ensure they have every resource needed to fully recover and rebuild their lives and communities.” ([Sen. Schumer, Op-Ed, New York Daily News, 3/31/2019](#))

SEN. ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MA): “[I]t’s important to me that we are covering disasters for everyone, including the disasters here in Iowa and Puerto Rico.” ([The Washington Post, 3/29/2019](#))

SENS. MAZIE HIRONO (D-HI), KAMALA HARRIS (D-CA), RON WYDEN (D-OR), DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CA), BRIAN SCHATZ (D-HI), DOUG JONES (D-AL), BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT), KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND (D-NY), JEFF MERKLEY (D-OR), CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D-MD), and WARREN: “[W]e are writing in the interest of all communities impacted by recent disasters to request a continuation of the bipartisanship this body has previously demonstrated in providing aid for disaster recovery and rebuilding.... Providing desperately needed relief to impacted communities should be a bipartisan, bicameral priority and continued inaction is unacceptable.” (Sens. Hirono, Harris, Wyden, Feinstein, Warren, Schatz, Jones, Sanders, Gillibrand, Merkley, and Van Hollen, Letter to Sens. McConnell and Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Rep. McCarthy, 2/28/2019)

REP. ABBY FINKENAUER (D-IA): “This is a time when we come together as political parties, as districts across the state & do everything we can to support our neighbors.” ([Rep. Finkenauer, @RepFinkenauer, Twitter, 3/22/2019](#))

REP. CINDY AXNE (D-IA): “The flooding, particularly in Mills and Fremont counties, has resulted in likely hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars in agricultural losses, destroyed homes, schools, small businesses, medical centers and caused significant damage to public infrastructure that is vital to these communities.... The

lasting effects on the health and well-being of Iowa families and our rural communities is beyond calculation.”
[\(Rep. Axne, Press Release, 3/26/2019\)](#)

SENS. RICHARD BLUMENTHAL (D-CT), BOB MENENDEZ (D-NJ), SANDERS, AND WARREN: “[W]e write to urge your prompt consideration of appropriating \$610 million for Puerto Rico’s Nutritional Assistance Program.”
[\(Sens. Blumenthal, Menendez, Sanders, and Warren, Letter to Sens. McConnell and Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Rep. McCarthy, 3/01/2019\)](#)

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Appropriators will provide a full brief to the conference at 10 AM today.

Reminder on the DHS front:

- Pelosi lost. She knew her position on detention beds was unsustainable and only playing to her fringe. She also said no new miles for wall. Her appropriators tried to limit funding flexibilities to hamstringing the Department. She had to step back from all positions.
- Please take a look at the deal compared to a CR level.
 - o A CR on wall would have given us \$500 M for new construction. This year's deal in contrast provides \$1.375 B, all new money for the wall. This will fund approximately 55 new miles – double the amount of new miles provided in FY18 and nearly three times as much as would have been available under a CR.
 - o On detention beds, the baseline funding in the proposal is a 13% increase over the FY18 funding level, and when the \$750M transfer/reprogramming authority is included, it is a 44% increase above the FY 18 funding level.

We have been focused on the DHS bill. Just a reminder – the text of the other six bills largely tracks to what was considered on the Senate floor with the Shelby/WH amendment back in January. Please see attached from Approps the list of differences between the End the Shutdown amendment and the current conference report. They are minimal.

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Hi all,

Attached are the differences between the Conference Report and the End the Shutdown Act. Please take a look and let us know if you have any questions.

Happy Thursday.

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Legislative Director

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Differences between Conference Report and the End the Shutdown Act

	CONFERENCE REPORT	SHELBY AMENMDENT
AGRICULTURE		
Cell-Cultured Meat	<i>Report Language addressing roles and responsibilities between the FDA and the USDA in regulating cell-cultured meat</i>	Bill Language codifying roles and responsibilities between the FDA and the USDA in regulating cell-cultured meat
COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE		
Medical Marijuana exemption	Adds the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to the list of eligible states/territories	Did not include the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to the list of eligible states/territories
California Water	NOAA California Operations & NOAA Biological Opinion Prioritization – Report language dropped	NOAA California Operations & NOAA Biological Opinion Prioritization – Report language included
FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
GSA Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Callexico Land Port of Entry - \$191 million • St. Elizabeth’s – \$0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Callexico Land Port of Entry - \$91 million • St. Elizabeth’s –\$100 million
CFPB Inspector General Reform (Mandatory Funding)	Not Included	Included
Transportation, Housing and Urban Affairs		
Harris County, Texas funding prohibition	Not included	Language prohibiting public transportation funding for project in Harris County, Texas

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LDs,

Attached is the summary and text for the Shelby amendment that was just hotlined. In short, it's \$19.1B for disaster relief + a four month flood extension. Please take a look and let us know if you have any questions.

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EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY

Package Includes \$19.1 Billion for Disaster Relief

Disaster Relief

- [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies](#)
- [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies](#)
- [Defense](#)
- [Energy and Water Development](#)
- [Financial Services and General Government](#)
- [Homeland Security](#)
- [Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies](#)
- [Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies](#)
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- [Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies](#)
- [Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies](#)
- [Extensions](#)

DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY BY SUBCOMMITTEE

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Farm Disaster Assistance: \$3.005 billion is provided for the USDA Office of the Secretary (OSEC) to cover producers' net exposure to losses stemming from 2018 and 2019 natural disasters. Assistance is also provided to cover blueberry and peach crop losses resulting from freezes and hurricanes in 2017 and producers impacted by Tropical Storm Cindy. USDA would administer funding through the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP) under OSEC.

Emergency Forest Restoration Program: \$480 million is provided for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) for non-industrial timber restoration.

Emergency Conservation Program: \$558 million is provided for the Emergency Conservation program (ECP) for repairs to damaged farmland.

Emergency Watershed Protection Program: \$435 million is provided for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) for rural watershed recovery.

Rural Community Facilities: \$150 million is provided for Rural Development Community Facilities grants for small rural communities impacted by natural disasters in 2018 and 2019.

Nutrition Assistance for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI): \$25.2 million is provided for disaster nutrition assistance for the CNMIs impacted by typhoons.

Market Facilitation Program AGI Waiver: Language is included to waive the average gross income requirement for producer eligibility under the administration's Market Facilitation Program.

Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance: \$600 million is provided to supplement disaster nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico stemming from 2017 hurricanes.

Puerto Rico Nutrition Study: \$5 million is included for an independent study, including a survey of participants, on the impact of the additional benefits provided through disaster nutrition assistance.

American Samoa Nutrition Assistance: \$18 million is provided for a grant to American Samoa for disaster nutrition assistance.

Hemp Crop Insurance: Language is included to ensure crop insurance coverage for hemp beginning in the 2020 reinsurance year.

Rural population waiver: Language is included to provide eligibility to designated communities impacted by a natural disaster for certain Rural Development programs.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

The legislation provides \$955 million to recoup disaster related expenditures and provides emergency aid for the border crisis. This includes necessary repairs to federal facilities and equipment damaged by recent hurricanes and typhoons, including federal law enforcement and detention facilities, scientific infrastructure, and weather forecasting equipment. Funding also provides states and localities with economic development grants and coastal communities impacted by recently-declared fishery disasters with federal assistance.

Economic Development Assistance Programs:

- \$600 million for the Economic Development Administration to provide grants to communities directly impacted by hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, and other disasters that occurred in 2018, as well as tornadoes and floods that have occurred in 2019.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

- \$11 million for assessments and removal of marine debris from impacted areas.
- \$32 million for mapping and charting affected coastlines and navigation channels.
- \$3 million to repair or replace damaged NOAA facilities and observing assets
- \$50 million for improving hurricane, flooding, and wildfire forecasting capabilities to better protect lives and property in the wake of future disasters.
- \$50 million for Title IX Fund grants.
- \$150 million for fishery disasters causing severe economic harm in coastal communities.

Department of Justice:

- United States Marshals Service Salaries and Expenses: \$1.3 million for necessary prisoner transfer costs and to repair and replace equipment, including vehicles and radios.
- Federal Bureau of Prisons Buildings and Facilities: \$28 million to repair or replace damaged buildings and facilities.
- Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR): \$15 million for the Legal Orientation Program (LOP) to educate detainees about the Immigration Court process and thus expedite Immigration Court proceedings.

Related Agencies:

- Legal Services Corporation: \$15 million to provide storm-related services to the Legal Services Corporation client population in affected areas.

DEFENSE

- The bill provides \$381 million to repair damage caused by Hurricane Florence to Marine Corps installations, including Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.
- The bill provides \$670 million to the Air Force for damages caused by Hurricane Michael and floods that occurred in 2019. This additional funding will begin the process of rebuilding Tyndall Air Force Base and repair facilities at Offutt Air Force Base.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Corps of Engineers:

- Includes \$35 million in Investigations and \$740 million for Construction to study and build high-priority flood and storm damage reduction projects in states that were affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and Tropical Storm Gita.
- Includes \$575 million in the Mississippi River and Tributaries account and \$908 million in the Operation and Maintenance account to repair damages to Corps' projects from natural disasters.
- Includes \$1 billion in the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies account for expenses to prepare for flood, hurricane and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to such disasters.

Department of the Interior:

- Includes \$350 thousand for the Central Utah Project for wildfire remediation.
- Includes \$15.5 million for the Bureau of Reclamation for fire remediation and suppression emergency assistance.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The bill provides \$91 million for the General Services Administration to repair federal buildings damaged as a result of Hurricane Florence.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard: The bill provides \$526 million for the Coast Guard to repair and upgrade Coast Guard facilities damaged by recent disasters and provide for response and recovery operations costs.

Federal Emergency Management Agency: Includes a provision encouraging FEMA to use a stricter, more rigid methodology and codifying what costs FEMA should consider when determining whether to repair or rebuild facilities damaged by certain storms.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Department of the Interior: \$311.9 million for the repair and reconstruction of critical infrastructure and immediate conservation needs resulting from calendar year 2018 hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, and earthquakes. Funding is included for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Park Service (NPS) to replace and repair damaged equipment and facilities as well as to address urgent historic preservation needs and to conduct assessments that will aid in recovery and rebuilding efforts. Funding is also included for coastal resiliency projects.

Environmental Protection Agency: \$414 million is included to address impacts of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires and earthquakes. Funds provided will provide resources for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure resiliency projects, waste disposal needs, issues with underground storage tanks, and technical assistance.

U.S. Forest Service: \$720 million is provided to repay funds borrowed from non-fire accounts to cover the cost of FY 2018 wildfire suppression activities. Also included is \$134 million to repair national forest visitor and administrative facilities and roads and trails that were severely damaged in Hurricanes Florence and Michael, as well funds to take action to reduce hazardous fuels on federal and non-federal lands, and to prevent an increased risk of significant wildfires from timber resources that were decimated in the storms.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: \$1 million is provided for worker training programs to train workers engaged in activities related to hazardous materials and waste generation, containment, removal, and emergency response.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

The bill provides \$536 million for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to support ongoing disaster responses in areas affected by hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, wildfires, and earthquakes in 2018, and tornadoes and flooding in 2019.

Department of Labor – \$50 million

- \$49.5 million for disaster response economic recovery through the Dislocated Worker National Reserve, including up to \$1 million for other Department of Labor disaster recovery efforts such as worker protection.
- \$500,000 for Office of the Inspector General for oversight of response efforts.

Department of Health and Human Services – \$321 million

- \$80 million for Community Health Centers to support construction, equipment purchase, operational support, and other projects as necessary.
- \$20 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assess and mitigate environmental hazards associated with the covered disasters.
- \$100 million to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to increase access to mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention for those impacted by the covered disasters.
- \$30 million for the Child Care and Development Block grant, including for repairing damaged child care centers.
- \$55 million for Head Start, including for repairing damaged Head Start centers.
- \$5 million for child welfare services.
- \$25 million for the Community Services Block Grant, flexible funding to local organizations to provide a variety of services for vulnerable populations.
- \$5 million for Federal administrative expenses.
- \$1 million to HHS Inspector General for oversight of activities related to allocating response funding.

Department of Education – \$165 million

- \$162 million to: (1) help restart operations at elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities in areas damaged by natural disasters; (2) support school districts and colleges and universities outside of the affected areas receiving students displaced by a

- natural disaster; and (3) otherwise provide services to students affected by the disaster.
- \$3 million for Federal administration and oversight of activities.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Government Accountability Office (GAO):

- The bill provides \$10 million for GAO to conduct audits and investigations related to Federal spending for 2018 disasters and other disasters as declared pursuant to the Stafford Act.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Military Construction:

- Navy and Marine Corps – \$600.0 million for planning and design [and construction] of projects to replace facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.
- Air Force – \$1.0 billion for planning and design and construction of projects to replace facilities damaged by Hurricane Michael and 2019 floods.
- Army National Guard – \$42.4 million to replace facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

- Medical Facilities – \$3.0 million to repair Veterans Health Administration facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, as well as to address the effects of Typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Department of Transportation:

- \$10.5 million for the Federal Transit Administration for emergency relief program.
- \$1.6 billion for Federal-aid Highways emergency relief program.
- Language providing Federal Aviation Administration with access to unused 2017 emergency funds for 2018 disasters.

Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- \$2.4 billion for Community Development Block Grants for 2017, 2018, and 2019 disasters.
- Permits states that received funding for Hurricane Matthew to use the funds interchangeably with funds for Hurricane Florence.
- Requires HUD to publish administrative requirements for mitigation grants appropriated in Public Law 115-123 within 90 days.

EXTENSIONS

- The National Flood Insurance Program, extended through the end of the fiscal year.

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
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Viz:

- 1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing:
- 3 The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out of
- 4 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
- 5 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for
- 6 other purposes, namely:

1 TITLE I
2 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
3 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
4 PROCESSING, RESEARCH AND MARKETING
5 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

6 For an additional amount for the “Office of the Sec-
7 retary”, \$3,005,442,000, which shall remain available
8 until December 31, 2020, for necessary expenses related
9 to losses of crops (including milk, on-farm stored commod-
10 ities, crops prevented from planting in 2019, and har-
11 vested adulterated wine grapes), trees, bushes, and vines,
12 as a consequence of Hurricanes Michael and Florence,
13 other hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic ac-
14 tivity, snowstorms, and wildfires occurring in calendar
15 years 2018 and 2019 under such terms and conditions as
16 determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That the Secretary
17 may provide assistance for such losses in the form of block
18 grants to eligible states and territories and such assistance
19 may include compensation to producers, as determined by
20 the Secretary, for forest restoration and poultry and live-
21 stock losses: *Provided further*, That of the amounts pro-
22 vided under this heading, tree assistance payments may
23 be made under section 1501(e) of the Agricultural Act of
24 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081(e)) to eligible orchardists or nursery
25 tree growers (as defined in such section) of pecan trees

1 with a tree mortality rate that exceeds 7.5 percent (ad-
2 justed for normal mortality) and is less than 15 percent
3 (adjusted for normal mortality), to be available until ex-
4 pended, for losses incurred during the period beginning
5 January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That in the case of producers impacted by
7 volcanic activity that resulted in the loss of crop land, or
8 access to crop land, the Secretary shall consider all meas-
9 ures available, as appropriate, to bring replacement land
10 into production: *Provided further*, That of the amounts
11 provided under this heading, not more than \$7,000,000
12 shall be available to make payments to agricultural pro-
13 ducers whose Whole Farm Revenue Protection indemnity
14 payments were reduced following 2018 crop year losses
15 due to assistance received through state-legislated agri-
16 culture disaster assistance programs: *Provided further*,
17 That the total amount of payments received under this
18 heading and applicable policies of crop insurance under
19 the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.)
20 or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
21 (NAP) under section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Im-
22 provement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333) shall
23 not exceed 90 percent of the loss as determined by the
24 Secretary: *Provided further*, That the total amount of pay-
25 ments received under this heading for producers who did

1 not obtain a policy or plan of insurance for an insurable
2 commodity for the applicable crop year under the Federal
3 Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) for the crop
4 incurring the losses or did not file the required paperwork
5 and pay the service fee by the applicable State filing dead-
6 line for a noninsurable commodity for the applicable crop
7 year under NAP for the crop incurring the losses shall
8 not exceed 70 percent of the loss as determined by the
9 Secretary: *Provided further*, That in the case of a crop
10 under this heading for which the Federal Crop Insurance
11 Corporation offers a revenue insurance policy under sec-
12 tion 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C.
13 1508), the Secretary shall use the greater of the projected
14 price or the harvest price for such crop to determine the
15 expected value of such crop: *Provided further*, That pro-
16 ducers receiving payments under this heading, as deter-
17 mined by the Secretary, shall be required to purchase crop
18 insurance where crop insurance is available for the next
19 two available crop years, excluding tree insurance policies,
20 and producers receiving payments under this heading shall
21 be required to purchase coverage under NAP where crop
22 insurance is not available in the next two available crop
23 years, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*,
24 That, not later than 120 days after the end of fiscal year
25 2019, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress

1 specifying the type, amount, and method of such assist-
2 ance by state and territory: *Provided further*, That such
3 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
4 emergency requirement pursuant to section
5 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
6 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

7 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

8 EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM

9 For an additional amount for the “Emergency Forest
10 Restoration Program”, for necessary expenses related to
11 the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and
12 wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and
13 floods occurring in calendar year 2019, and other natural
14 disasters, \$480,000,000, to remain available until ex-
15 pended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
16 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
17 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
18 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

20 For an additional amount for the “Emergency Con-
21 servation Program”, for necessary expenses related to the
22 consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and
23 wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and
24 floods occurring in calendar year 2019, and other natural
25 disasters, \$558,000,000, to remain available until ex-

1 pended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
2 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
3 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
4 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

6 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

7 For an additional amount for “Watershed and Flood
8 Prevention Operations”, for necessary expenses for the
9 Emergency Watershed Protection Program related to the
10 consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and
11 wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and
12 floods occurring in calendar year 2019, and other natural
13 disasters, \$435,000,000, to remain available until ex-
14 pended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
15 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
16 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 RURAL DEVELOPMENT

19 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

20 For an additional amount for the cost of grants for
21 rural community facilities programs as authorized by sec-
22 tion 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Con-
23 solidated Farm and Rural Development Act, for necessary
24 expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Mi-
25 chael and Florence and wildfires occurring in calendar

1 year 2018, tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar
2 year 2019, and other natural disasters, \$150,000,000, to
3 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That sections
4 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
5 Development Act are not applicable to the funds made
6 available under this heading: *Provided further*, That such
7 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
8 emergency requirement pursuant to section
9 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

12 SEC. 101. In addition to amounts otherwise made
13 available, out of the funds made available under section
14 18 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, \$25,200,000
15 shall be available for the Secretary to provide a grant to
16 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for
17 disaster nutrition assistance in response to the Presi-
18 dentially declared major disasters and emergencies: *Pro-*
19 *vided*, That funds made available to the Commonwealth
20 of the Northern Mariana Islands under this section shall
21 remain available for obligation by the Commonwealth until
22 September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That such amount
23 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency
24 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the

1 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
2 1985.

3 SEC. 102. For purposes of administering title I of
4 subdivision 1 of division B of the Bipartisan Budget Act
5 of 2018 (Public Law 115–123), losses to agricultural pro-
6 ducers resulting from hurricanes shall also include losses
7 incurred from Tropical Storm Cindy, losses of peach and
8 blueberry crops in calendar year 2017 due to extreme cold,
9 and blueberry productivity losses in calendar year 2018
10 due to extreme cold and hurricane damage in calendar
11 year 2017: *Provided*, That the amounts provided by this
12 section are designated by the Congress as being for an
13 emergency requirement pursuant to section
14 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
15 Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
16 amounts repurposed under this section that were pre-
17 viously designated by the Congress as an emergency re-
18 quirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emer-
19 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the
20 Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
21 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
22 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 SEC. 103. (a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph
24 (2), a person or legal entity is not eligible to receive a
25 payment under the Market Facilitation Program estab-

1 lished pursuant to the Commodity Credit Corporation
2 Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.) if the average ad-
3 justed gross income of such person or legal entity is great-
4 er than \$900,000.

5 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a person or legal
6 entity if at least 75 percent of the adjusted gross income
7 of such person or legal entity is derived from farming,
8 ranching, or forestry related activities.

9 (b) In this section, the term “average adjusted gross
10 income” has the meaning given the term defined in section
11 760.1502 of title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (as in
12 effect July 18, 2018).

13 (c) The amount provided by this section is designated
14 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
15 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
16 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 SEC. 104. In addition to other amounts made avail-
18 able by section 309 of division A of the Additional Supple-
19 mental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements
20 Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–72; 131 Stat. 1229), there
21 is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any moneys in the
22 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year
23 ending September 30, 2019, \$600,000,000 to provide a
24 grant to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for disaster
25 nutrition assistance in response to a major disaster or

1 emergency designated by the President under the Robert
2 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That the funds made
4 available to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico under this
5 section shall remain available for obligation by the Com-
6 monwealth until September 30, 2020, and shall be in addi-
7 tion to funds otherwise made available: *Provided further*,
8 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
9 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
10 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
11 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i)).

12 SEC. 105. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000,
13 to remain available until September 30, 2020, for the Sec-
14 retary of Agriculture to conduct an independent study, in-
15 cluding a survey of participants, to compare the impact
16 of the additional benefits provided by section 309 of Public
17 Law 115-72 to the food insecurity, health status, and
18 well-being of low-income residents in Puerto Rico without
19 such additional benefits: *Provided*, That such amount is
20 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
21 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
22 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 SEC. 106. In addition to amounts otherwise made
24 available, out of the funds made available under section
25 18 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, \$18,000,000

1 shall be available for the Secretary to provide a grant to
2 American Samoa for disaster nutrition assistance in re-
3 sponse to the presidentially declared major disasters and
4 emergencies: *Provided*, That funds made available to the
5 territory under this section shall remain available for obli-
6 gation by the territory until September 30, 2020: *Provided*
7 *further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
8 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
9 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
10 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 SEC. 107. Beginning not later than the 2020 reinsur-
12 ance year, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation shall
13 offer coverage under the wholefarm revenue protection in-
14 surance policy (or a successor policy or plan of insurance)
15 for hemp (as defined in section 297A of the Agricultural
16 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o)): *Provided*, That
17 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for
18 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
19 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 SEC. 108. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, any rural community impacted by major declared dis-
23 aster DR-4407 may have the governor in the affected
24 state, or the governor's designee, certify the area's popu-
25 lation as a rural area with respect to eligibility for loans,

1 grants, and technical assistance under rural development
2 programs funded by the Department of Agriculture until
3 data from the 2020 United States Census is available:
4 *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
5 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
6 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
7 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 TITLE II
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)
6 Pursuant to section 703 of the Public Works and
7 Economic Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3233), for an addi-
8 tional amount for “Economic Development Assistance
9 Programs” for necessary expenses related to flood mitiga-
10 tion, disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of
11 infrastructure in areas that received a major disaster des-
12 ignation as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and
13 Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, vol-
14 canic eruptions, earthquakes, and other natural disasters
15 occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods
16 occurring in calendar year 2019 under the Robert T. Staf-
17 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
18 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$600,000,000, to remain available
19 until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated
20 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
21 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
22 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided*
23 *further*, That within the amount appropriated, up to 2 per-
24 cent of funds may be transferred to the “Salaries and Ex-
25 penses” account for administration and oversight activi-

1 ties: *Provided further*, That within the amount appro-
2 priated, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to the “Office of
3 Inspector General” account for carrying out investigations
4 and audits related to the funding provided under this
5 heading.

6 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
7 ADMINISTRATION
8 OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

9 For an additional amount for “Operations, Research,
10 and Facilities” for necessary expenses related to the con-
11 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon
12 Yutu, and of wildfires, \$120,570,000, to remain available
13 until September 30, 2020, as follows:

14 (1) \$3,000,000 for repair and replacement of
15 observing assets, real property, and equipment;

16 (2) \$11,000,000 for marine debris assessment
17 and removal;

18 (3) \$31,570,000 for mapping, charting, and ge-
19 odesy services;

20 (4) \$25,000,000 to improve: (a) hurricane in-
21 tensity forecasting, including through deployment of
22 unmanned ocean observing platforms and enhanced
23 data assimilation; (b) flood prediction, forecasting,
24 and mitigation capabilities; and (c) wildfire pre-
25 diction, detection, and forecasting; and

1 (5) \$50,000,000 for Title IX Fund grants as
2 authorized under section 906(c) of division O of
3 Public Law 114–113:

4 *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
5 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
6 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
7 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
8 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
9 shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on Appro-
10 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
11 for funding provided under subsection (4) of this heading
12 within 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

13 PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

14 For an additional amount for “Procurement, Acquisi-
15 tion and Construction”, \$25,000,000, to remain available
16 until September 30, 2021, for improvements to oper-
17 ational and research weather supercomputing infrastruc-
18 ture and satellite ground services used for hurricane inten-
19 sity and track prediction; flood prediction, forecasting, and
20 mitigation; and wildfire prediction, detection, and fore-
21 casting: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
22 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
23 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
24 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*,
25 That the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

1 tion shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on
2 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
3 Senate within 45 days after the date of enactment of this
4 Act.

5 FISHERY DISASTER ASSISTANCE

6 For an additional amount for “Fishery Disaster As-
7 sistance” for necessary expenses associated with the miti-
8 gation of fishery disasters, \$150,000,000, to remain avail-
9 able until expended: *Provided*, That funds shall be used
10 for mitigating the effects of commercial fishery failures
11 and fishery resource disasters declared by the Secretary
12 of Commerce, including those declared by the Secretary
13 to be a direct result of Hurricanes Florence and Michael
14 and Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut: *Provided further*,
15 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
16 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

20 UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

21 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

22 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-
23 penses” for necessary expenses related to the con-
24 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Ty-
25 phoon Yutu, \$1,336,000: *Provided*, That such amount is

1 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
2 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
3 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

5 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

6 For an additional amount for “Buildings and Facili-
7 ties” for necessary expenses related to the consequences
8 of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoon Yutu,
9 \$28,400,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
10 *vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
11 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
12 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
13 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14 RELATED AGENCIES

15 LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

16 PAYMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

17 For an additional amount for “Payment to the Legal
18 Services Corporation” to carry out the purposes of the
19 Legal Services Corporation Act by providing for necessary
20 expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Flor-
21 ence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut,
22 calendar year 2018 wildfires, volcanic eruptions, and
23 earthquakes, and calendar year 2019 tornadoes and
24 floods, \$15,000,000: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
25 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-

1 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
2 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985:
3 *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated in
4 this Act to the Legal Services Corporation shall be ex-
5 pended for any purpose prohibited or limited by, or con-
6 trary to any of the provisions of, sections 501, 502, 503,
7 504, 505, and 506 of Public Law 105–119, and all funds
8 appropriated in this Act to the Legal Services Corporation
9 shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth
10 in such sections, except that all references in sections 502
11 and 503 to 1997 and 1998 shall be deemed to refer in-
12 stead to 2018 and 2019, respectively, and except that sec-
13 tions 501 and 503 of Public Law 104–134 (referenced by
14 Public Law 105–119) shall not apply to the amount made
15 available under this heading: *Provided further*, That, for
16 the purposes of this Act, the Legal Services Corporation
17 shall be considered an agency of the United States Gov-
18 ernment.

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TITLE III

2

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

3

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

4

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps”, \$381,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

12

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force”, \$670,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and floods occurring in calendar year 2019: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

21

SEC. 301. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under each heading in this title shall only be used for the purposes specifically described under that heading.

24

1 TITLE IV
2 CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL
3 DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
4 INVESTIGATIONS

5 For an additional amount for “Investigations” for
6 necessary expenses related to the completion, or initiation
7 and completion, of flood and storm damage reduction, in-
8 cluding shore protection, studies which are currently au-
9 thorized or which are authorized after the date of enact-
10 ment of this Act, to reduce risk from future floods and
11 hurricanes, at full Federal expense, \$35,000,000, to re-
12 main available until expended, for high priority studies of
13 projects in States and insular areas that were impacted
14 by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut,
15 Super Typhoon Yutu, and Tropical Storm Gita: *Provided*,
16 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
17 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
18 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
19 Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the
20 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall pro-
21 vide a monthly report directly to the Committees on Ap-
22 propriations of the House and the Senate detailing the al-
23 location and obligation of these funds, including new stud-
24 ies selected to be initiated using funds provided under this

1 heading, beginning not later than 60 days after the date
2 of enactment of this Act.

3 CONSTRUCTION

4 For an additional amount for “Construction” for nec-
5 essary expenses, \$740,000,000, to remain available until
6 expended, to construct flood and storm damage reduction,
7 including shore protection, projects which are currently
8 authorized or which are authorized after the date of enact-
9 ment of this Act, and flood and storm damage reduction,
10 including shore protection, projects which have signed
11 Chief’s Reports as of the date of enactment of this Act
12 or which are studied using funds provided under the head-
13 ing “Investigations” if the Secretary determines such
14 projects to be technically feasible, economically justified,
15 and environmentally acceptable, in States and insular
16 areas that were impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Mi-
17 chael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and
18 Tropical Storm Gita: *Provided*, That projects receiving
19 funds provided under the first proviso in “Title IV—Corps
20 of Engineers—Civil—Department of the Army—Con-
21 struction” in Public Law 115–123 shall not be eligible for
22 funding provided under this heading: *Provided further*,
23 That for projects receiving funds provided under this
24 heading, the provisions of Section 902 of the Water Re-
25 sources Development Act of 1986 shall not apply to these

1 funds: *Provided further*, That the completion of ongoing
2 construction projects receiving funds provided under this
3 heading shall be at full Federal expense with respect to
4 such funds: *Provided further*, That using funds provided
5 under this heading, the non-Federal cash contribution for
6 projects other than ongoing construction projects shall be
7 financed in accordance with the provisions of section
8 103(k) of Public Law 99-662 over a period of 30 years
9 from the date of completion of the project or separable
10 element: *Provided further*, That up to \$25,000,000 of the
11 funds made available under this heading shall be used for
12 continuing authorities projects to reduce the risk of flood-
13 ing and storm damage: *Provided further*, That any
14 projects using funds appropriated under this heading shall
15 be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered
16 into binding agreements with the Secretary requiring,
17 where applicable, the non-Federal interests to pay 100
18 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replace-
19 ment, and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold
20 and save the United States free from damages due to the
21 construction or operation and maintenance of the project,
22 except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the
23 United States or its contractors: *Provided further*, That
24 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for
25 an emergency requirement pursuant to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the
3 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall pro-
4 vide a monthly report directly to the Committees on Ap-
5 propriations of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
6 ate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds,
7 beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

10 For an additional amount for “Mississippi River and
11 Tributaries” for necessary expenses to address emergency
12 situations at Corps of Engineers projects and rehabilitate
13 and repair damages to Corps of Engineers projects,
14 caused by natural disasters, \$575,000,000, to remain
15 available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is
16 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
17 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
18 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985:
19 *Provided further*, That the Assistant Secretary of the
20 Army for Civil Works shall provide a monthly report di-
21 rectly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
22 of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation
23 and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60
24 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

2 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
3 tenance” for necessary expenses to dredge Federal naviga-
4 tion projects in response to, and repair damages to Corps
5 of Engineers Federal projects caused by, natural disasters,
6 \$908,000,000, to remain available until expended, of
7 which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal
8 share of eligible operation and maintenance costs for
9 coastal harbors and channels, and for inland harbors shall
10 be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund:
11 *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
12 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
13 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
14 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
15 the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall
16 provide a monthly report directly to the Committees on
17 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
18 Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these
19 funds, beginning not later than 60 days after the date of
20 enactment of this Act.

21 FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

22 For an additional amount for “Flood Control and
23 Coastal Emergencies”, as authorized by section 5 of the
24 Act of August 18, 1941 (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary
25 expenses to prepare for flood, hurricane and other natural

1 disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and
2 other activities in response to such disasters, as authorized
3 by law, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-
4 pended: *Provided*, That funding utilized for authorized
5 shore protection projects shall restore such projects to the
6 full project profile at full Federal expense: *Provided fur-*
7 *ther*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as
8 being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
9 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the
11 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall pro-
12 vide a monthly report to the Committees on Appropria-
13 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate de-
14 tailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, begin-
15 ning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment
16 of this Act.

17 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

18 CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

19 CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT

20 For an additional amount for “Central Utah Project
21 Completion Account”, \$350,000, to be deposited into the
22 Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account
23 for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conserva-
24 tion Commission, to remain available until expended, for
25 expenses necessary in carrying out fire remediation activi-

1 ties related to wildfires in 2018: *Provided*, That such
2 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
3 emergency requirement pursuant to section
4 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
5 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
7 WATER AND RELATED RESOURCES

8 For an additional amount for “Water and Related
9 Resources”, \$15,500,000, to remain available until ex-
10 pended, for fire remediation and suppression emergency
11 assistance related to wildfires in 2017 and 2018: *Provided*,
12 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
13 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
14 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
15 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 TITLE V
2 GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
3 REAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES
4 FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND

5 For an additional amount, to be deposited in the Fed-
6 eral Buildings Fund, \$91,200,000, to remain available
7 until expended, for necessary expenses related to the con-
8 sequences of Hurricane Florence for repair and alteration
9 of buildings under the custody and control of the Adminis-
10 trator of General Services, and real property management
11 and related activities not otherwise provided for: *Provided,*
12 That such amount may be used to reimburse the Fund
13 for obligations incurred for this purpose prior to the date
14 of the enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That such
15 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
16 emergency requirement pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 TITLE VI
2 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
3 SECURITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND
4 INVESTIGATIONS
5 COAST GUARD
6 OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

7 For an additional amount for “Operations and Sup-
8 port” for necessary expenses related to the consequences
9 of Hurricanes Michael, Florence, and Lane, Tropical
10 Storm Gordon, and Typhoon Mangkhut, \$48,977,000; of
11 which \$46,977,000 shall remain available until September
12 30, 2020, and of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available
13 until September 30, 2023, for environmental compliance
14 and restoration: *Provided*, That such amount is designated
15 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
16 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
17 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

19 For an additional amount for “Procurement, Con-
20 struction, and Improvements” for necessary expenses re-
21 lated to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael, Flor-
22 ence, and Lane, Tropical Storm Gordon, and Typhoon
23 Mangkhut, \$476,755,000, to remain available until Sep-
24 tember 30, 2023: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
25 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-

1 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
2 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

4 SEC. 601. In implementing section 20601 of Public
5 Law 115–123, the Administrator shall include the costs
6 associated with addressing pre-disaster condition,
7 undamaged components, codes and standards, and indus-
8 try standards in the cost of repair when calculating the
9 percentage in section 206.226(f) of title 44, Code of Fed-
10 eral Regulations: *Provided*, That amounts repurposed
11 under this section that were previously designated by the
12 Congress, respectively, as an emergency requirement or as
13 being for disaster relief pursuant to the Balanced Budget
14 and Emergency Deficit Control Act are designated by the
15 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
16 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or as being for
18 disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the
19 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
20 1985.

21 SEC. 602. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, funds made available under each heading in this title
23 shall only be used for the purposes specifically described
24 under that heading.

1 TITLE VII
2 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
3 UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
4 CONSTRUCTION

5 For an additional amount for “Construction” for nec-
6 essary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes
7 Florence, Lane, and Michael, and flooding associated with
8 major declared disaster DR-4365, and calendar year 2018
9 earthquakes, \$82,400,000, to remain available until ex-
10 pended: *Provided*, That of this amount \$50,000,000 shall
11 be used to restore and rebuild national wildlife refuges and
12 increase the resiliency and capacity of coastal habitat and
13 infrastructure to withstand storms and reduce the amount
14 of damage caused by such storms: *Provided further*, That
15 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for
16 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
20 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

21 For an additional amount for the “Historic Preserva-
22 tion Fund” for necessary expenses related to the con-
23 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and Ty-
24 phoon Yutu, \$50,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
25 tember 30, 2022, including costs to States and territories

1 necessary to complete compliance activities required by
2 section 306108 of title 54, United States Code (formerly
3 section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) and
4 costs needed to administer the program: *Provided*, That
5 grants shall only be available for areas that have received
6 a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Robert T.
7 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided further*, That individual
9 grants shall not be subject to a non-Federal matching re-
10 quirement: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
11 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
12 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
13 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14

CONSTRUCTION

15 For an additional amount for “Construction” for nec-
16 essary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes
17 Florence and Michael, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and
18 calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquakes, and volcanic
19 eruptions, \$78,000,000, to remain available until ex-
20 pended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
21 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
22 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
23 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

2 SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

3 For an additional amount for “Surveys, Investiga-
4 tions, and Research” for necessary expenses related to the
5 consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and
6 calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquake damage associ-
7 ated with emergency declaration EM-3410, and in those
8 areas impacted by a major disaster declared pursuant to
9 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-
10 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) with respect to cal-
11 endar year 2018 wildfires or volcanic eruptions,
12 \$98,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That of this amount, \$72,310,000 is for costs re-
14 lated to the repair and replacement of equipment and fa-
15 cilities damaged by disasters in 2018: *Provided further*,
16 That, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act,
17 the Survey shall submit a report to the Committees on
18 Appropriations that describes the potential options to re-
19 place the facility damaged by the 2018 volcano disaster
20 along with cost estimates and a description of how the
21 Survey will provide direct access for monitoring volcanic
22 activity and the potential threat to at-risk communities:
23 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the
24 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant

1 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
2 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

4 INSULAR AFFAIRS

5 ASSISTANCE TO TERRITORIES

6 For an additional amount for “Technical Assistance”
7 for financial management expenses related to the con-
8 sequences of Typhoon Yutu, \$2,000,000, to remain avail-
9 able until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
10 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
11 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
12 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-
16 penses” for necessary expenses related to the con-
17 sequences of major disasters declared pursuant to the
18 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
19 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) in 2018, \$1,000,000,
20 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such
21 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
22 emergency requirement pursuant to section
23 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
24 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

2 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

3 For an additional amount for “Science and Tech-
4 nology” for necessary expenses related to improving pre-
5 paredness of the water sector, \$600,000, to remain avail-
6 able until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
7 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
8 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
9 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND

11 PROGRAM

12 For an additional amount for “Leaking Underground
13 Storage Tank Fund” for necessary expenses related to the
14 consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, cal-
15 endar year 2018 earthquakes, and Typhoon Yutu,
16 \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
17 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
18 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
19 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

22 For additional amounts for “State and Tribal Assist-
23 ance Grants” for necessary expenses related to the con-
24 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and cal-
25 endar year 2018 earthquakes for the hazardous waste fi-

1 nancial assistance grants program, \$1,500,000, to remain
2 available until expended; for necessary expenses related to
3 the consequences of Typhoon Yutu for the hazardous
4 waste financial assistance grants program and for other
5 solid waste management activities, \$56,000,000, to remain
6 available until expended, provided that none of these funds
7 shall be subject to section 3011(b) of the Solid Waste Dis-
8 posal Act; and for grants under section 106 of the Federal
9 Water Pollution Control Act, \$5,000,000, to remain avail-
10 able until expended, to address impacts of Hurricane Flor-
11 ence, Hurricane Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar
12 year 2018 wildfires, notwithstanding subsections (b), (e),
13 and (f), of such section: *Provided*, That such amounts are
14 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
15 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
16 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 For an additional amount for “State and Tribal As-
18 sistance Grants”, \$349,400,000 to remain available until
19 expended, of which \$53,300,000 shall be for capitalization
20 grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under
21 title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and
22 of which \$296,100,000 shall be for capitalization grants
23 under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That notwithstanding section 604(a) of the Federal
25 Water Pollution Control Act and section 1452(a)(1)(D) of

1 the Safe Drinking Water Act, funds appropriated herein
2 shall be provided to States or Territories in EPA Regions
3 4, 9, and 10 in amounts determined by the Administrator
4 for wastewater treatment works and drinking water facili-
5 ties impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Ty-
6 phoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires and earth-
7 quakes: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the re-
8 quirements of section 603(i) of the Federal Water Pollu-
9 tion Control Act and section 1452(d) of the Safe Drinking
10 Water Act, for the funds appropriated herein, each State
11 shall use not less than 20 percent but not more than 30
12 percent of the amount of its capitalization grants to pro-
13 vide additional subsidization to eligible recipients in the
14 form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans or
15 grants or any combination of these: *Provided further*, That
16 the Administrator shall retain \$10,400,000 of the funds
17 appropriated herein for grants for drinking water facilities
18 and waste water treatment plants impacted by Typhoon
19 Yutu: *Provided further*, That the funds appropriated here-
20 in shall be used for eligible projects whose purpose is to
21 reduce flood or fire damage risk and vulnerability or to
22 enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or natural
23 disaster at treatment works as defined by section 212 of
24 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or any eligible
25 facilities under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water

1 Act, and for other eligible tasks at such treatment works
2 or facilities necessary to further such purposes: *Provided*
3 *further*, That the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
4 tection Agency may retain up to \$1,000,000 of the funds
5 appropriated herein for management and oversight: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That such amount is designated by the Con-
7 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to
8 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
9 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 RELATED AGENCIES

11 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

12 FOREST SERVICE

13 FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

14 For an additional amount for “Forest and Rangeland
15 Research” for necessary expenses related to the con-
16 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the
17 calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$1,000,000, to remain avail-
18 able until expended for the forest inventory and analysis
19 program: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
20 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
21 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
22 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

24 For an additional amount for “State and Private
25 Forestry” for necessary expenses related to the con-

1 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the
2 calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$12,000,000, to remain
3 available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is
4 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
5 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
6 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

7
8 NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

8 For an additional amount for “National Forest Sys-
9 tem” for necessary expenses related to the consequences
10 of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the calendar
11 year 2018 wildfires, \$84,960,000, to remain available
12 until expended: *Provided*, That of this amount
13 \$21,000,000 shall be used for hazardous fuels manage-
14 ment activities: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
15 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
16 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
17 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

19 For an additional amount for “Capital Improvement
20 and Maintenance” for necessary expenses related to the
21 consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the
22 calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$36,040,000, to remain
23 available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is
24 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-

1 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
2 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT
4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For an additional amount for “Wildland Fire Man-
6 agement”, \$720,271,000, to remain available through
7 September 30, 2022, for urgent wildland fire suppression
8 operations: *Provided*, That such funds shall be solely avail-
9 able to be transferred to and merged with other appropria-
10 tions accounts from which funds were previously trans-
11 ferred for wildland fire suppression in fiscal year 2018 to
12 fully repay those amounts: *Provided further*, That such
13 amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency
14 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the
15 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
16 1985.

17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
18 SERVICES

19 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
20 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
21 SCIENCES

22 For an additional amount for “National Institute of
23 Environmental Health Sciences” for necessary expenses in
24 carrying out activities set forth in section 311(a) of the
25 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,

1 and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(a)) and section
2 126(g) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthoriza-
3 tion Act of 1986 related to the consequences of major dis-
4 asters declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
5 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
6 5121 et seq.) in 2018, \$1,000,000, to remain available
7 until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated
8 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
9 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
10 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

12 SEC. 701. Not later than 45 days after the date of
13 enactment of this Act, the agencies receiving funds appro-
14 priated by this title shall provide a detailed operating plan
15 of anticipated uses of funds made available in this title
16 by State and Territory, and by program, project, and ac-
17 tivity, to the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided*,
18 That no such funds shall be obligated before the operating
19 plans are provided to the Committees: *Provided further*,
20 That such plans shall be updated, including obligations to
21 date, and submitted to the Committees on Appropriations
22 every 60 days until all such funds are expended.

1 TITLE VIII
2 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
3 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
4 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
6 For an additional amount for “Training and Employ-
7 ment Services”, \$50,000,000, for the dislocated workers
8 assistance national reserve for necessary expenses directly
9 related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and
10 Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu,
11 wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year
12 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year
13 2019 (referred to under this heading as “covered disaster
14 or emergency”), to remain available through September
15 30, 2020: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Labor may
16 transfer up to \$1,000,000 of such funds to any other De-
17 partment of Labor account for reconstruction and recov-
18 ery needs, including worker protection activities: *Provided*
19 *further*, That these sums may be used to replace grant
20 funds previously obligated to the impacted areas: *Provided*
21 *further*, That of the amount provided, up to \$500,000, to
22 remain available until expended, shall be transferred to
23 “Office of Inspector General” for oversight of activities
24 responding to such covered disaster or emergency: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That such amount is designated by the Con-

1 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to
2 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
3 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
5 SERVICES

6 ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
7 PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND
8 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

9 For an additional amount for “Payments to States
10 for the Child Care and Development Block Grant”,
11 \$30,000,000, to remain available through September 30,
12 2021, for necessary expenses directly related to the con-
13 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon
14 Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and wildfires and earth-
15 quakes occurring in calendar year 2018 and tornadoes and
16 floods occurring in calendar year 2019 in those areas for
17 which a major disaster or emergency has been declared
18 under section 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
19 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
20 5170 and 5191): *Provided*, That the Secretary shall allo-
21 cate such funds based on assessed need notwithstanding
22 sections 658J and 658O of the Child Care and Develop-
23 ment Block Grant Act of 1990: *Provided further*, That
24 such funds may be used for costs of renovating, repairing,
25 or rebuilding child care facilities without regard to section

1 658F(b) or 658G of such Act and with amounts allocated
2 for such purposes excluded from the calculation of per-
3 centages under subsection 658E(c)(3) of such Act: *Pro-*
4 *vided further*, That notwithstanding section 658J(c) of
5 such Act, funds allotted to a State and used for ren-
6 ovating, repairing, or rebuilding child care facilities may
7 be obligated by the State in that fiscal year or the suc-
8 ceeding three fiscal years: *Provided further*, That Federal
9 interest provisions will not apply to the renovation or re-
10 building of privately-owned family child care homes, and
11 the Secretary shall develop parameters on the use of funds
12 for family child care homes: *Provided further*, That the
13 Secretary shall not retain Federal interest after a period
14 of 10 years in any facility renovated, repaired, or rebuilt
15 with funds appropriated under this paragraph: *Provided*
16 *further*, That funds appropriated in this paragraph shall
17 not be available for costs that are reimbursed by the Fed-
18 eral Emergency Management Agency, under a contract for
19 insurance, or by self-insurance: *Provided further*, That ob-
20 ligations incurred for the purposes provided herein prior
21 to the date of enactment of this Act may be charged to
22 funds appropriated under this heading: *Provided further*,
23 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
24 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

4 For an additional amount for “Children and Families
5 Services Programs”, \$90,000,000, to remain available
6 through September 30, 2021, for necessary expenses di-
7 rectly related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence
8 and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu,
9 and wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year
10 2018 and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year
11 2019 in those areas for which a major disaster or emer-
12 gency has been declared under section 401 or 501 of the
13 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
14 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191): *Provided*, That
15 \$55,000,000 shall be for Head Start programs, including
16 making payments under the Head Start Act: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That none of funds provided in the previous proviso
18 shall be included in the calculation of the “base grant”
19 in subsequent fiscal years, as such term is defined in sec-
20 tions 640(a)(7)(A), 641A(h)(1)(B), or 645(d)(3) of the
21 Head Start Act: *Provided further*, That funds provided in
22 the second previous proviso are not subject to the alloca-
23 tion requirements of section 640(a) of the Head Start Act:
24 *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 shall be for payments
25 to States, territories, and tribes for activities authorized

1 under subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security
2 Act, with such funds allocated based on assessed need not-
3 withstanding section 423 of such Act and paid without
4 regard to percentage limitations in subsections (a) or (e)
5 in section 424 of such Act: *Provided further*, That
6 \$25,000,000 shall be for payments to States, territories,
7 and tribes authorized under the Community Services
8 Block Grant Act, with such funds allocated based on as-
9 sessed need notwithstanding sections 674(b), 675A, and
10 675B of such Act: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
11 section 676(b)(8) of the Community Services Block Grant
12 Act, each State, territory, or tribe may allocate funds to
13 eligible entities based on assessed need: *Provided further*,
14 That funds appropriated in this paragraph shall not be
15 available for costs that are reimbursed by the Federal
16 Emergency Management Agency, under a contract for in-
17 surance, or by self-insurance: *Provided further*, That up
18 to \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall
19 be available for Federal administrative expenses: *Provided*
20 *further*, That obligations incurred for the purposes pro-
21 vided herein prior to the date of enactment of this Act
22 may be charged to funds appropriated under this heading:
23 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the
24 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant

1 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
2 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
4 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY
5 FUND
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

7 For an additional amount for the “Public Health and
8 Social Services Emergency Fund”, \$201,000,000, to re-
9 main available through September 30, 2020, for necessary
10 expenses directly related to the consequences of Hurri-
11 canes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super
12 Typhoon Yutu, and wildfires and earthquakes occurring
13 in calendar year 2018 and tornadoes and floods occurring
14 in calendar year 2019 in those areas for which a major
15 disaster or emergency has been declared under section 401
16 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
17 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191)
18 (referred to under this heading as “covered disaster or
19 emergency”), including activities authorized under section
20 319(a) of the Public Health Service Act (referred to in
21 this Act as the “PHS Act”): *Provided*, That of the amount
22 provided, \$80,000,000 shall be transferred to “Health Re-
23 sources and Services Administration—Primary Health
24 Care” for expenses directly related to a covered disaster
25 or emergency for disaster response and recovery, for the

1 Health Centers Program under section 330 of the PHS
2 Act, including alteration, renovation, construction, equip-
3 ment, and other capital improvement costs as necessary
4 to meet the needs of areas affected by a covered disaster
5 or emergency: *Provided further*, That the time limitation
6 in section 330(e)(3) of the PHS Act shall not apply to
7 funds made available under the preceding proviso: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That of the amount provided, not less than
9 \$20,000,000 shall be transferred to “Centers for Disease
10 Control and Prevention—CDC-Wide Activities and Pro-
11 gram Support” for response, recovery, mitigation, and
12 other expenses directly related to a covered disaster or
13 emergency: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided,
14 not less than \$100,000,000 shall be transferred to “Sub-
15 stance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administra-
16 tion—Health Surveillance and Program Support” for
17 grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for behav-
18 ioral health treatment, treatment of substance use dis-
19 orders, crisis counseling, and other related helplines, and
20 for other similar programs to provide support to individ-
21 uals impacted by a covered disaster or emergency: *Pro-*
22 *vided further*, That of the amount provided, up to
23 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
24 transferred to “Office of the Secretary—Office of Inspec-
25 tor General” for oversight of activities responding to such

1 covered disasters or emergencies: *Provided further*, That
2 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for
3 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
4 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
5 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

7 HURRICANE EDUCATION RECOVERY

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 For an additional amount for “Hurricane Education
10 Recovery” for necessary expenses related to the con-
11 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon
12 Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and wildfires, earth-
13 quakes, and volcanic eruptions occurring in calendar year
14 2018 and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year
15 2019 in those areas for which a major disaster or emer-
16 gency has been declared under section 401 or 501 of the
17 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
18 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191) (referred to under
19 this heading as “covered disaster or emergency”),
20 \$165,000,000, to remain available through September 30,
21 2020, for assisting in meeting the educational needs of
22 individuals affected by a covered disaster or emergency:
23 *Provided*, That such assistance may be provided through
24 any of the programs authorized under this heading in title
25 VIII of subdivision 1 of division B of Public Law 115–

1 123 (as amended by Public Law 115–141), as determined
2 by the Secretary of Education, and subject to the terms
3 and conditions that applied to those programs, except that
4 references to dates and school years in Public Law 115–
5 123 shall be deemed to be the corresponding dates and
6 school years for the covered disaster or emergency: *Pro-*
7 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Education may deter-
8 mine the amounts to be used for each such program and
9 shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the
10 House of Representatives and the Senate of these amounts
11 not later than 7 days prior to obligation: *Provided further*,
12 That \$2,000,000 of the funds made available under this
13 heading, to remain available until expended, shall be
14 transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the
15 Department of Education for oversight of activities sup-
16 ported with funds appropriated under this heading, and
17 up to \$1,000,000 of the funds made available under this
18 heading shall be for program administration: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as
20 being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
21 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
22 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

24 SEC. 801. Not later than 30 days after enactment
25 of this Act, the Secretaries of Labor, Health and Human

1 Services, and Education shall provide a detailed spend
2 plan of anticipated uses of funds made available in this
3 title, including estimated personnel and administrative
4 costs, to the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided*,
5 That such plans shall be updated and submitted to the
6 Committees on Appropriations every 60 days until all
7 funds are expended or expire.

8 SEC. 802. (a) Section 1108(g)(5) of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)(5)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and (E)”
11 and inserting “(E), and (F)”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (C), in the matter pre-
13 ceding clause (i), by striking “and (E)” and insert-
14 ing “and (F)”;

15 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
16 paragraph (F);

17 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (D), the
18 following:

19 “(E) Subject to subparagraph (F), for the
20 period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending
21 September 30, 2019, the amount of the in-
22 crease otherwise provided under subparagraph
23 (A) for the Northern Mariana Islands shall be
24 further increased by \$36,000,000.”; and

1 (5) in subparagraph (F) (as redesignated by
2 paragraph (3) of this section)—

3 (A) by striking “title XIX, during” and in-
4 sserting “title XIX—

5 “(i) during”;

6 (B) by striking “and (D)” and inserting “,
7 (D), and (E)”;

8 (C) by striking “and the Virgin Islands”
9 each place it appears and inserting “, the Vir-
10 gin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Is-
11 lands”;

12 (D) by striking the period at the end and
13 inserting “; and”; and

14 (E) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(ii) for the period beginning January
16 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2019,
17 with respect to payments to Guam and
18 American Samoa from the additional funds
19 provided under subparagraph (A), the Sec-
20 retary shall increase the Federal medical
21 assistance percentage or other rate that
22 would otherwise apply to such payments to
23 100 percent.”; and

24 (6) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(G) Not later than September 30, 2019,
2 Guam and American Samoa shall each submit
3 a plan to the Secretary outlining the steps each
4 such territory shall take to collect and report
5 reliable data to the Transformed Medicaid Sta-
6 tistical Information System (T-MSIS) (or a
7 successor system).”.

8 (b) The amounts provided by the amendments made
9 by subsection (a) are designated by the Congress as being
10 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
11 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 TITLE IX
2 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
3 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-
6 penses”, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended,
7 for audits and investigations related to Hurricanes Flor-
8 ence, Lane, and Michael, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut,
9 the calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquakes, and volcano
10 eruptions, and other disasters declared pursuant to the
11 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
12 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That, not
13 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
14 the Government Accountability Office shall submit to the
15 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
16 atives and the Senate a spend plan specifying funding esti-
17 mates for audits and investigations of any such declared
18 disasters occurring in 2018 and identifying funding esti-
19 mates or carryover balances, if any, that may be available
20 for audits and investigations of any other such declared
21 disasters: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
22 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
23 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
24 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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TITLE X

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$600,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for planning and design, and construction expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael on Navy and Marine Corps installations: *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be available for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate receive a master plan for the installations: *Provided further*, That, not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy, or his designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading: *Provided further*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

2 For an additional amount for “Military Construction,
3 Air Force”, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until
4 September 30, 2023, for planning and design, and con-
5 struction expenses related to the consequences of Hurri-
6 cane Michael and floods occurring in calendar year 2019:
7 *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be available for
8 obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of the
9 House of Representatives and the Senate receive a basing
10 plan and future mission requirements for installations sig-
11 nificantly damaged by Hurricane Michael: *Provided fur-*
12 *ther*, That, not later than 60 days after enactment of this
13 Act, the Secretary of the Air Force, or his designee, shall
14 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
15 of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure
16 plan for funds provided under this heading: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for
18 planning and design and military construction projects not
19 otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such
20 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
21 emergency requirement pursuant to section
22 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
23 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

2 For an additional amount for “Military Construction,
3 Army National Guard”, \$42,400,000, to remain available
4 until September 30, 2023, for necessary expenses related
5 to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael:
6 *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be available for
7 obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of the
8 House of Representatives and the Senate receive form
9 1391 for each specific request: *Provided further*, That, not
10 later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Direc-
11 tor of the Army National Guard, or his designee, shall
12 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
13 of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure
14 plan for funds provided under this heading: *Provided fur-*
15 *ther*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for
16 planning and design and military construction projects not
17 otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such
18 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
19 emergency requirement pursuant to section
20 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
21 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
2 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
3 MEDICAL FACILITIES
4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For an additional amount for “Medical Facilities”,
6 \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023,
7 for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hur-
8 ricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoons Mangkhut
9 and Yutu: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Veterans Af-
10 fairs, upon determination that such action is necessary to
11 address needs as a result of the consequences of Hurri-
12 canes Florence and Michael and Typhoons Mangkhut and
13 Yutu, may transfer such funds to any discretionary ac-
14 count of the Department of Veterans Affairs: *Provided*
15 *further*, That before a transfer may take place, the Sec-
16 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit notice thereof to
17 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Senate: *Provided further*, That none
19 of these funds shall be available for obligation until the
20 Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees
21 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
22 Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided
23 under this heading: *Provided further*, That such amount
24 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency
25 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the

1 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
2 1985.

3 GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

4 SEC. 1001. Notwithstanding any other provision of
5 law, funds made available under each heading within the
6 “Department of Defense” in this title shall only be used
7 for the purposes specifically described under that heading.

1 TITLE XI
2 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
3 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
4 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM
5 For an additional amount for the “Public Transpor-
6 tation Emergency Relief Program” as authorized under
7 section 5324 of title 49, United States Code, \$10,542,000
8 to remain available until expended, for transit systems af-
9 fected by major declared disasters occurring in calendar
10 year 2018: *Provided*, That not more than three-quarters
11 of 1 percent of the funds for public transportation emer-
12 gency relief shall be available for administrative expenses
13 and ongoing program management oversight as authorized
14 under sections 5334 and 5338(f)(2) of such title and shall
15 be in addition to any other appropriations for such pur-
16 pose: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated
17 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
18 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
19 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.
20 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
21 OPERATIONS
22 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)
23 Of the amounts made available for “Federal Aviation
24 Administration—Operations” in division B of the Bipar-
25 tisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–123), up to

1 \$18,000,000 shall also be available for necessary expenses
2 related to the consequences of major declared disasters oc-
3 ccurring in calendar year 2018: *Provided*, That amounts
4 repurposed under this heading that were previously des-
5 igned by the Congress as an emergency requirement
6 pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
7 Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as
8 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
9 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

12 EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

13 For an additional amount for the Emergency Relief
14 Program as authorized under section 125 of title 23,
15 United States Code, \$1,650,000,000, to remain available
16 until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated
17 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
18 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
19 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
2 DEVELOPMENT
3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For an additional amount for “Community Develop-
7 ment Fund”, \$2,431,000,000, to remain available until
8 expended, for necessary expenses for activities authorized
9 under title I of the Housing and Community Development
10 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster
11 relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure
12 and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the
13 most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a
14 major disaster that occurred in 2018 or 2019 (except as
15 otherwise provided under this heading) pursuant to the
16 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
17 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That funds
18 shall be awarded directly to the State, unit of general local
19 government, or Indian tribe (as such term is defined in
20 section 102 of the Housing and Community Development
21 Act of 1974) at the discretion of the Secretary: *Provided*
22 *further*, That of the amounts made available under this
23 heading \$431,000,000 shall be allocated to meet unmet
24 infrastructure needs for grantees that received allocations
25 for disasters that occurred in 2017 under this heading of

1 division B of Public Law 115–56 and title XI of subdivi-
2 sion 1 of division B of Public Law 115–123, of which
3 \$331,442,114 shall be allocated to those grantees affected
4 by Hurricane Maria: *Provided further*, That of the
5 amounts provided in the previous proviso, the Secretary’s
6 determination of unmet needs for infrastructure shall not
7 take into account mitigation-specific allocations: *Provided*
8 *further*, That any amounts allocated pursuant to the pre-
9 vious two provisos to any such grantee shall not be avail-
10 able for draw down and expenditure by a grantee that has
11 entered into alternative procedures under section 428 of
12 the Stafford Act as of the date of enactment of this Act
13 until such grantee has reached a final agreement on all
14 fixed cost estimates within the timeline provided by the
15 Federal Emergency Management Agency: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That prior to making any grant of funds provided
17 in the previous three provisos, the Secretary must receive
18 from the grantee information that allows the Secretary to
19 certify that such grantee has in place proficient financial
20 controls and procurement processes and has established
21 adequate procedures to prevent any duplication of benefits
22 as defined by section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
23 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
24 5155), to ensure timely expenditure of funds, to maintain
25 comprehensive websites regarding all disaster recovery ac-

1 tivities assisted with these funds, and to detect and pre-
2 vent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds: *Provided further*,
3 That of the amounts made available under this heading
4 in Public Law 115–123 and transferred to the Office of
5 Inspector General, no less than \$6,000,000 shall be for
6 necessary costs of overseeing and auditing funds made
7 available to grantees affected by Hurricane Maria, includ-
8 ing a review of grant expenditure rates: *Provided further*,
9 That any funds made available under this heading and
10 under the same heading in Public Law 115–254 that re-
11 main available, after the funds under such headings have
12 been allocated for necessary expenses for activities author-
13 ized under such headings, shall be allocated to grantees,
14 for mitigation activities in the most impacted and dis-
15 tressed areas resulting from a major disaster that oc-
16 curred in 2018: *Provided further*, That such allocations
17 shall be made in the same proportion that the amount of
18 funds each grantee received under this Act and the same
19 heading in division I of Public Law 115–254 bears to the
20 amount of all funds provided to all grantees that received
21 allocations for disasters that occurred in 2018: *Provided*
22 *further*, That of the amounts made available under the text
23 preceding the first proviso under this heading and under
24 the same heading in Public Law 115–254, the Secretary
25 shall allocate to all such grantees an aggregate amount

1 not less than 33 percent of the sum of such amounts of
2 funds within 120 days after the enactment of this Act
3 based on the best available data, and shall allocate no less
4 than 100 percent of such funds by no later than 180 days
5 after the enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the
6 Secretary shall not prohibit the use of funds made avail-
7 able under this heading and the same heading in Public
8 Law 115–254 for non-Federal share as authorized by sec-
9 tion 105(a)(9) of the Housing and Community Develop-
10 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(9)): *Provided fur-*
11 *ther*, That of the amounts made available under this head-
12 ing, grantees may establish grant programs to assist small
13 businesses for working capital purposes to aid in recovery:
14 *Provided further*, That as a condition of making any grant,
15 the Secretary shall certify in advance that such grantee
16 has in place proficient financial controls and procurement
17 processes and has established adequate procedures to pre-
18 vent any duplication of benefits as defined by section 312
19 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
20 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155), to ensure timely expend-
21 iture of funds, to maintain comprehensive websites regard-
22 ing all disaster recovery activities assisted with these
23 funds, and to detect and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse
24 of funds: *Provided further*, That with respect to any such
25 duplication of benefits, the Secretary shall act in accord-

1 ance with section 1210 of Public Law 115–254 (132 Stat.
2 3442) and section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
3 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155):
4 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall require grantees
5 to maintain on a public website information containing
6 common reporting criteria established by the Department
7 that permits individuals and entities awaiting assistance
8 and the general public to see how all grant funds are used,
9 including copies of all relevant procurement documents,
10 grantee administrative contracts and details of ongoing
11 procurement processes, as determined by the Secretary:
12 *Provided further*, That prior to the obligation of funds a
13 grantee shall submit a plan to the Secretary for approval
14 detailing the proposed use of all funds, including criteria
15 for eligibility and how the use of these funds will address
16 long-term recovery and restoration of infrastructure and
17 housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the
18 most impacted and distressed areas: *Provided further*,
19 That such funds may not be used for activities reimbursed
20 by, or for which funds have been made available by, the
21 Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Army
22 Corps of Engineers, in excess of the authorized amount
23 of the project or its components: *Provided further*, That
24 funds allocated under this heading shall not be considered
25 relevant to the non-disaster formula allocations made pur-

1 suant to section 106 of the Housing and Community De-
2 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306): *Provided fur-*
3 *ther*, That a State, unit of general local government, or
4 Indian tribe may use up to 5 percent of its allocation for
5 administrative costs: *Provided further*, That the first pro-
6 viso under this heading in the Supplemental Appropria-
7 tions for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (division
8 I of Public Law 115–254) is amended by striking “State
9 or unit of general local government” and inserting “State,
10 unit of general local government, or Indian tribe (as such
11 term is defined in section 102 of the Housing and Commu-
12 nity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302))”: *Pro-*
13 *vided further*, That the sixth proviso under this heading
14 in the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief
15 Requirements Act, 2018 (division I of Public Law 115–
16 254) is amended by striking “State or subdivision thereof”
17 and inserting “State, unit of general local government, or
18 Indian tribe (as such term is defined in section 102 of
19 the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
20 (42 U.S.C. 5302))”: *Provided further*, That in admin-
21 istering the funds under this heading, the Secretary of
22 Housing and Urban Development may waive, or specify
23 alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute
24 or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection
25 with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the re-

1 cipient of these funds (except for requirements related to
2 fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the
3 environment), if the Secretary finds that good cause exists
4 for the waiver or alternative requirement and such waiver
5 or alternative requirement would not be inconsistent with
6 the overall purpose of title I of the Housing and Commu-
7 nity Development Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That,
8 notwithstanding the preceding proviso, recipients of funds
9 provided under this heading that use such funds to supple-
10 ment Federal assistance provided under section 402, 403,
11 404, 406, 407, 408(c)(4), or 502 of the Robert T. Stafford
12 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
13 5121 et seq.) may adopt, without review or public com-
14 ment, any environmental review, approval, or permit per-
15 formed by a Federal agency, and such adoption shall sat-
16 isfy the responsibilities of the recipient with respect to
17 such environmental review, approval or permit: *Provided*
18 *further*, That, notwithstanding section 104(g)(2) of the
19 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42
20 U.S.C. 5304(g)(2)), the Secretary may, upon receipt of
21 a request for release of funds and certification, imme-
22 diately approve the release of funds for an activity or
23 project assisted under this heading if the recipient has
24 adopted an environmental review, approval or permit
25 under the preceding proviso or the activity or project is

1 categorically excluded from review under the National En-
2 vironmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.):
3 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall publish via no-
4 tice in the Federal Register any waiver, or alternative re-
5 quirement, to any statute or regulation that the Secretary
6 administers pursuant to title I of the Housing and Com-
7 munity Development Act of 1974 no later than 5 days be-
8 fore the effective date of such waiver or alternative re-
9 quirement: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
10 available under this heading, up to \$5,000,000 shall be
11 made available for capacity building and technical assist-
12 ance, including assistance on contracting and procurement
13 processes, to support States, units of general local govern-
14 ment, or Indian tribes (and their subrecipients) that re-
15 ceive allocations pursuant to this heading, received dis-
16 aster recovery allocations under the same heading in Pub-
17 lic Law 115–254, or may receive similar allocations for
18 disaster recovery in future appropriations Acts: *Provided*
19 *further*, That of the amounts made available under this
20 heading and under the same heading in Public Law 115–
21 254, up to \$2,500,000 shall be transferred, in aggregate,
22 to “Department of Housing and Urban Development—
23 Program Office Salaries and Expenses—Community Plan-
24 ning and Development” for necessary costs, including in-
25 formation technology costs, of administering and over-

1 seeing the obligation and expenditure of amounts under
2 this heading: *Provided further*, That the amount specified
3 in the preceding proviso shall be combined with funds ap-
4 propriated under the same heading and for the same pur-
5 pose in Public Law 115–254 and the aggregate of such
6 amounts shall be available for any of the same such pur-
7 poses specified under this heading or the same heading
8 in Public Law 115–254 without limitation: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as
10 being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
11 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
13 amounts repurposed under this heading that were pre-
14 viously designated by the Congress as an emergency re-
15 quirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emer-
16 gency Deficit Control Act are designated by the Congress
17 as an emergency requirement pursuant to section
18 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
19 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

20 GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

21 SEC. 1101. (a) Amounts previously made available
22 for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and
23 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et
24 seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restora-
25 tion of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization,

1 and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas
2 resulting from a major disaster, including funds provided
3 under section 145 of division C of Public Law 114–223,
4 section 192 of division C of Public Law 114–223 (as
5 added by section 101(3) of division A of Public Law 114–
6 254), section 421 of division K of Public Law 115–31,
7 and any mitigation funding provided under the heading
8 “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Com-
9 munity Planning and Development—Community Develop-
10 ment Fund” of Public Law 115–123, that were allocated
11 in response to Hurricane Matthew, may be used inter-
12 changeably and without limitation for the same activities
13 in the most impacted and distressed areas related to Hur-
14 ricane Florence. In addition, any funds provided under the
15 heading “Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
16 ment—Community Planning and Development—Commu-
17 nity Development Fund” in this Act or in division I of
18 Public Law 115–254 that are allocated in response to
19 Hurricane Florence may be used interchangeably and
20 without limitation for the same activities in the most im-
21 pacted and distressed areas related to Hurricane Matthew.
22 Until HUD publishes the Federal Register Notice imple-
23 menting this provision, grantees may submit for HUD ap-
24 proval revised plans for the use of funds related to Hurri-
25 cane Matthew that expand the eligible beneficiaries of ex-

1 isting programs contained in such previously approved
2 plans to include those impacted by Hurricane Florence.
3 Approval of any such revised plans shall include the execu-
4 tion of revised grant terms and conditions as necessary.
5 Once the implementing Notice is published, any additional
6 action plan revisions shall follow the requirements con-
7 tained therein.

8 (b) Amounts made available for administrative costs
9 for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and
10 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et
11 seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restora-
12 tion of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization,
13 and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas
14 under this Act or any future Act, and amounts previously
15 provided under section 420 of division L of Public Law
16 114–113, section 145 of division C of Public Law 114–
17 223, section 192 of division C of Public Law 114–223 (as
18 added by section 101(3) of division A of Public Law 114–
19 254), section 421 of division K of Public Law 115–31,
20 and under the heading “Department of Housing and
21 Urban Development—Community Planning and Develop-
22 ment—Community Development Fund” of division B of
23 Public Law 115–56, Public Law 115–123, and Public
24 Law 115–254, shall be available for eligible administrative
25 costs of the grantee related to any disaster relief funding

1 identified in this subsection without regard to the par-
2 ticular disaster appropriation from which such funds origi-
3 nated.

4 (c) The additional uses pursuant to this section for
5 amounts that were previously designated by the Congress,
6 respectively, as an emergency requirement or as being for
7 disaster relief pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
8 Emergency Deficit Control Act are designated by the Con-
9 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to
10 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
11 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or as being for
12 disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the
13 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
14 1985.

15 SEC. 1102. Of all amounts made available for mitiga-
16 tion activities under the heading “Department of Housing
17 and Urban Development—Community Development
18 Fund” in Public Law 115–123, the Secretary shall publish
19 in the Federal Register the allocations to all eligible grant-
20 ees, and the necessary administrative requirements appli-
21 cable to such allocations within 90 days after enactment
22 of this Act:

23 (1) For any plans or amendments addressing
24 the use of any funds provided under Public Law
25 115–123 and received by the Secretary prior to De-

1 cember 22, 2018, the Secretary shall review pending
2 amendments within 15 days of enactment of this Act
3 and pending plans within 30 days of enactment of
4 this Act;

5 (2) After the date of enactment of this Act, the
6 Secretary may not apply the statutory waiver or al-
7 ternative requirement authority provided by Public
8 Law 115–123 to extend or otherwise alter existing
9 statutory and regulatory provisions governing the
10 timeline for review of required grantee plans:

11 *Provided*, That any amounts allocated pursuant to this
12 section to any such grantee shall not be available for draw
13 down and expenditure by a grantee that has entered into
14 alternative procedures under section 428 of the Stafford
15 Act as of the date of enactment of this Act until such
16 grantee has reached a final agreement on all fixed cost
17 estimates within the timeline provided by the Federal
18 Emergency Management Agency: *Provided further*, That
19 prior to making any grant of funds allocated pursuant to
20 this section, the Secretary must receive from the grantee
21 information that allows the Secretary to certify that such
22 grantee has in place proficient financial controls and pro-
23 curement processes and has established adequate proce-
24 dures to prevent any duplication of benefits as defined by
25 section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and

1 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155), to ensure
2 timely expenditure of funds, to maintain comprehensive
3 websites regarding all disaster recovery activities assisted
4 with these funds, and to detect and prevent waste, fraud,
5 and abuse of funds: *Provided further*, That amounts
6 repurposed under this heading that were previously des-
7 igned by the Congress as an emergency requirement
8 pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
9 Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as
10 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
11 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 TITLE XII

2 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

3 SEC. 1201. Each amount appropriated or made avail-
4 able by this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise appro-
5 priated for the fiscal year involved.

6 SEC. 1202. No part of any appropriation contained
7 in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond
8 the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

9 SEC. 1203. Unless otherwise provided for by this Act,
10 the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to appro-
11 priations accounts shall be available under the authorities
12 and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts
13 for fiscal year 2019.

14 SEC. 1204. Each amount designated in this Act by
15 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-
16 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget
17 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be avail-
18 able (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only if the
19 President subsequently so designates all such amounts
20 and transmits such designations to the Congress.

21 SEC. 1205. For purposes of this Act, the con-
22 sequences or impacts of any hurricane shall include dam-
23 ages caused by the storm at any time during the entirety
24 of its duration as a cyclone, as defined by the National
25 Hurricane Center.

1 SEC. 1206. Any amount appropriated by this Act,
2 designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
3 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
4 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and subse-
5 quently so designated by the President, and transferred
6 pursuant to transfer authorities provided by this Act shall
7 retain such designation.

8 SEC. 1207. (a) Section 1309(a) of the National Flood
9 Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) is amended
10 by striking “May 31, 2019” and inserting “September 30,
11 2019”.

12 (b) Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act
13 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4026) is amended by striking “May
14 31, 2019” and inserting “September 30, 2019”.

15 (c) If this Act is enacted after May 31, 2019, the
16 amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take
17 effect as if enacted on May 31, 2019.

18 This Act may be cited as the “Additional Supple-
19 mental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019”.

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Good afternoon folks,

Please see the attached documents related to H.R.268, the disaster supplemental. Thank you for your patience and as always, let us know if you or your bosses have any questions.

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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Additional Supple-
5 mental Appropriations for Disaster Relief, 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.

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1 **DIVISION A—ADDITIONAL SUPPLE-**
2 **MENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DIS-**
3 **ASTER RELIEF, 2019**

4 The following sums in this division are appropriated,
5 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
6 priated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019,
7 and for other purposes, namely:

8 **TITLE I**

9 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

10 **AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS**

11 **PROCESSING, RESEARCH AND MARKETING**

12 **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

13 For an additional amount for the “Office of the Sec-
14 retary”, \$3,005,442,000, which shall remain available
15 until December 31, 2020, for necessary expenses related
16 to losses of crops (including milk and harvested adulter-
17 ated wine grapes), trees, bushes, and vines, as a con-
18 sequence of Hurricanes Michael and Florence, other hurri-
19 canes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, and
20 wildfires occurring in calendar years 2018 and 2019 under
21 such terms and conditions as determined by the Secretary:
22 *Provided*, That the Secretary may provide assistance for
23 such losses in the form of block grants to eligible states
24 and territories and such assistance may include compensa-
25 tion to producers, as determined by the Secretary, for for-

1 est restoration and poultry and livestock losses: *Provided*
2 *further*, That of the amounts provided under this heading,
3 tree assistance payments may be made under section
4 1501(e) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.
5 9081(e)) to eligible orchardists or nursery tree growers (as
6 defined in such section) of pecan trees with a tree mor-
7 tality rate that exceeds 7.5 percent (adjusted for normal
8 mortality) and is less than 15 percent (adjusted for nor-
9 mal mortality), to be available until expended, for losses
10 incurred during the period beginning January 1, 2018,
11 and ending December 31, 2018: *Provided further*, That in
12 the case of producers impacted by volcanic activity that
13 resulted in the loss of crop land, or access to crop land,
14 the Secretary shall consider all measures available, as ap-
15 propriate, to bring replacement land into production: *Pro-*
16 *vided further*, That the total amount of payments received
17 under this heading and applicable policies of crop insur-
18 ance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C.
19 1501 et seq.) or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance
20 Program (NAP) under section 196 of the Federal Agri-
21 culture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C.
22 7333) shall not exceed 90 percent of the loss as deter-
23 mined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the total
24 amount of payments received under this heading for pro-
25 ducers who did not obtain a policy or plan of insurance

1 for an insurable commodity for the applicable crop year
2 under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et
3 seq.) for the crop incurring the losses or did not file the
4 required paperwork and pay the service fee by the applica-
5 ble State filing deadline for a noninsurable commodity for
6 the applicable crop year under NAP for the crop incurring
7 the losses shall not exceed 70 percent of the loss as deter-
8 mined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That producers
9 receiving payments under this heading, as determined by
10 the Secretary, shall be required to purchase crop insurance
11 where crop insurance is available for the next two available
12 crop years, excluding tree insurance policies, and pro-
13 ducers receiving payments under this heading shall be re-
14 quired to purchase coverage under NAP where crop insur-
15 ance is not available in the next two available crop years,
16 as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That,
17 not later than 120 days after the end of fiscal year 2019,
18 the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress speci-
19 fying the type, amount, and method of such assistance by
20 state and territory: *Provided further*, That such amount
21 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency
22 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the
23 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
24 1985.

1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

2 EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM

3 For an additional amount for the “Emergency Forest
4 Restoration Program”, for necessary expenses related to
5 the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and
6 wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, and other nat-
7 ural disasters, \$480,000,000, to remain available until ex-
8 pended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
9 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
10 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
11 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

13 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

14 For an additional amount for “Watershed and Flood
15 Prevention Operations”, for necessary expenses for the
16 Emergency Watershed Protection Program related to the
17 consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and
18 wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, and other nat-
19 ural disasters, \$125,000,000, to remain available until ex-
20 pended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
21 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
22 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
23 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 RURAL DEVELOPMENT

2 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

3 For an additional amount for the cost of grants for
4 rural community facilities programs as authorized by sec-
5 tion 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Con-
6 solidated Farm and Rural Development Act, for necessary
7 expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Mi-
8 chael and Florence and wildfires occurring in calendar
9 year 2018, and other natural disasters, \$150,000,000, to
10 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That sections
11 381E-H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
12 Development Act are not applicable to the funds made
13 available under this heading: *Provided further*, That such
14 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
15 emergency requirement pursuant to section
16 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
17 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

19 SEC. 101. In addition to amounts otherwise made
20 available, out of the funds made available under section
21 18 of Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, \$25,200,000 shall
22 be available for the Secretary to provide a grant to the
23 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for dis-
24 aster nutrition assistance in response to the Presidentially
25 declared major disasters and emergencies: *Provided*, That

1 funds made available to the Commonwealth of the North-
2 ern Mariana Islands under this section shall remain avail-
3 able for obligation by the Commonwealth until September
4 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
5 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
6 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
7 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 SEC. 102. For purposes of administering title I of
9 subdivision 1 of division B of the Bipartisan Budget Act
10 of 2018 (Public Law 115–123), losses to agricultural pro-
11 ducers resulting from hurricanes shall also include losses
12 incurred from Tropical Storm Cindy and losses of peach
13 and blueberry crops in calendar year 2017 due to extreme
14 cold: *Provided*, That the amounts provided by this section
15 are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency
16 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the
17 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
18 1985: *Provided further*, That amounts repurposed under
19 this heading that were previously designated by the Con-
20 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Bal-
21 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
22 are designated by the Congress as an emergency require-
23 ment pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced
24 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 SEC. 103. (a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph
2 (2), a person or legal entity is not eligible to receive a
3 payment under the Market Facilitation Program estab-
4 lished pursuant to the Commodity Credit Corporation
5 Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.) if the average ad-
6 justed gross income of such person or legal entity is great-
7 er than \$900,000.

8 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a person or legal
9 entity if at least 75 percent of the adjusted gross income
10 of such person or legal entity is derived from farming,
11 ranching, or forestry related activities.

12 (b) A person or legal entity may not receive a pay-
13 ment under the Market Facilitation Program described in
14 subsection (a)(1), directly or indirectly, of more than
15 \$125,000.

16 (c) In this section, the term “average adjusted gross
17 income” has the meaning given the term defined in section
18 760.1502 of title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (as in
19 effect July 18, 2018).

20 (d) The amount provided by this section is designated
21 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
22 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
23 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

24 SEC. 104. In addition to other amounts made avail-
25 able by section 309 of division A of the Additional Supple-

1 mental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements
2 Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–72; 131 Stat. 1229), there
3 is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any moneys in the
4 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year
5 ending September 30, 2019, \$600,000,000 to provide a
6 grant to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for disaster
7 nutrition assistance in response to a major disaster or
8 emergency designated by the President under the Robert
9 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That the funds made
11 available to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico under this
12 section shall remain available for obligation by the Com-
13 monwealth until September 30, 2020, and shall be in addi-
14 tion to funds otherwise made available: *Provided further*,
15 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
16 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i)).

19 SEC. 105. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000,
20 to remain available until September 30, 2020, for the Sec-
21 retary of Agriculture to conduct an independent study, in-
22 cluding a survey of participants, to compare the impact
23 of the additional benefits provided by section 309 of Public
24 Law 115–72 to the food insecurity, health status, and
25 well-being of low-income residents in Puerto Rico without

1 such additional benefits: *Provided*, That such amount is
2 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
3 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
4 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 SEC. 106. In addition to amounts otherwise made
6 available, out of the funds made available under section
7 18 of Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, \$5,000,000 shall
8 be available for the Secretary to provide a grant to Amer-
9 ican Samoa for disaster nutrition assistance in response
10 to the presidentially declared major disasters and emer-
11 gencies: *Provided*, That funds made available to the terri-
12 tory under this section shall remain available for obliga-
13 tion by the territory until September 30, 2020: *Provided*
14 *further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
15 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
16 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
17 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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TITLE II

2

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

3

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

4

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

5

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6

Pursuant to section 703 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3233), for an additional amount for “Economic Development Assistance Programs” for necessary expenses related to flood mitigation, disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas that received a major disaster designation as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$600,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That within the amount appropriated, up to 2 percent of funds may be transferred to the “Salaries and Expenses” account for administration and oversight activi-

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1 ties: *Provided further*, That within the amount appro-
2 priated, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to the “Office of
3 Inspector General” account for carrying out investigations
4 and audits related to the funding provided under this
5 heading.

6 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
7 ADMINISTRATION
8 OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

9 For an additional amount for “Operations, Research,
10 and Facilities” for necessary expenses related to the con-
11 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon
12 Yutu, and of wildfires, \$120,570,000, to remain available
13 until September 30, 2020, as follows:

14 (1) \$3,000,000 for repair and replacement of
15 observing assets, real property, and equipment;

16 (2) \$11,000,000 for marine debris assessment
17 and removal;

18 (3) \$31,570,000 for mapping, charting, and ge-
19 odesy services;

20 (4) \$25,000,000 to improve: (a) hurricane in-
21 tensity forecasting, including through deployment of
22 unmanned ocean observing platforms and enhanced
23 data assimilation; (b) flood prediction, forecasting,
24 and mitigation capabilities; and (c) wildfire pre-
25 diction, detection, and forecasting; and

1 (5) \$50,000,000 for Title IX Fund grants as
2 authorized under section 906(c) of division O of
3 Public Law 114–113:

4 *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
5 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
6 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
7 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
8 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
9 shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on Appro-
10 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
11 for funding provided under subsection (4) of this heading
12 within 45 days after the date of enactment of this division.

13 PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

14 For an additional amount for “Procurement, Acquisi-
15 tion and Construction”, \$25,000,000, to remain available
16 until September 30, 2021, for improvements to oper-
17 ational and research weather supercomputing infrastruc-
18 ture and satellite ground services used for hurricane inten-
19 sity and track prediction; flood prediction, forecasting, and
20 mitigation; and wildfire prediction, detection, and fore-
21 casting: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
22 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
23 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
24 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*,
25 That the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

1 tion shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on
2 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
3 Senate within 45 days after the date of enactment of this
4 division.

5 FISHERY DISASTER ASSISTANCE

6 For an additional amount for “Fishery Disaster As-
7 sistance” for necessary expenses associated with the miti-
8 gation of fishery disasters, \$150,000,000, to remain avail-
9 able until expended: *Provided*, That funds shall be used
10 for mitigating the effects of commercial fishery failures
11 and fishery resource disasters declared by the Secretary
12 of Commerce, including those declared by the Secretary
13 to be a direct result of Hurricanes Florence and Michael
14 and Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut: *Provided further*,
15 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
16 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

20 UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

21 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

22 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-
23 penses” for necessary expenses related to the con-
24 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Ty-
25 phoon Yutu, \$1,336,000: *Provided*, That such amount is

1 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
2 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
3 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

5 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

6 For an additional amount for “Buildings and Facili-
7 ties” for necessary expenses related to the consequences
8 of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoon Yutu,
9 \$28,400,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
10 *vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
11 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
12 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
13 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14 RELATED AGENCIES

15 LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

16 PAYMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

17 For an additional amount for “Payment to the Legal
18 Services Corporation” to carry out the purposes of the
19 Legal Services Corporation Act by providing for necessary
20 expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Flor-
21 ence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut,
22 calendar year 2018 wildfires, volcanic eruptions, and
23 earthquakes, and calendar year 2019 tornadoes and
24 floods, \$15,000,000: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
25 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-

1 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
2 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985:
3 *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated in
4 this division to the Legal Services Corporation shall be ex-
5 pended for any purpose prohibited or limited by, or con-
6 trary to any of the provisions of, sections 501, 502, 503,
7 504, 505, and 506 of Public Law 105–119, and all funds
8 appropriated in this division to the Legal Services Cor-
9 poration shall be subject to the same terms and conditions
10 set forth in such sections, except that all references in sec-
11 tions 502 and 503 to 1997 and 1998 shall be deemed to
12 refer instead to 2018 and 2019, respectively, and except
13 that sections 501 and 503 of Public Law 104–134 (ref-
14 erenced by Public Law 105–119) shall not apply to the
15 amount made available under this heading: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That, for the purposes of this division, the Legal
17 Services Corporation shall be considered an agency of the
18 United States Government.

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TITLE III

2

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

3

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

4

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps”, \$200,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

12

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force”, \$400,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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1 TITLE IV
2 CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL
3 DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
4 INVESTIGATIONS

5 For an additional amount for “Investigations” for
6 necessary expenses related to the completion, or initiation
7 and completion, of flood and storm damage reduction, in-
8 cluding shore protection, studies which are currently au-
9 thorized or which are authorized after the date of enact-
10 ment of this division, to reduce risk from future floods
11 and hurricanes, at full Federal expense, \$35,000,000, to
12 remain available until expended, for high priority studies
13 of projects in States and insular areas that were impacted
14 by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut,
15 Super Typhoon Yutu, and Tropical Storm Gita: *Provided*,
16 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
17 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
18 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
19 Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the
20 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall pro-
21 vide a monthly report directly to the Committees on Ap-
22 propriations of the House and the Senate detailing the al-
23 location and obligation of these funds, including new stud-
24 ies selected to be initiated using funds provided under this

1 heading, beginning not later than 60 days after the date
2 of enactment of this division.

3 CONSTRUCTION

4 For an additional amount for “Construction” for nec-
5 essary expenses, \$740,000,000, to remain available until
6 expended, to construct flood and storm damage reduction,
7 including shore protection, projects which are currently
8 authorized or which are authorized after the date of enact-
9 ment of this division, and flood and storm damage reduc-
10 tion, including shore protection, projects which have
11 signed Chief’s Reports as of the date of enactment of this
12 division or which are studied using funds provided under
13 the heading “Investigations” if the Secretary determines
14 such projects to be technically feasible, economically justi-
15 fied, and environmentally acceptable, in States and insular
16 areas that were impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Mi-
17 chael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and
18 Tropical Storm Gita: *Provided*, That projects receiving
19 funds provided under the first proviso in “Title IV—Corps
20 of Engineers—Civil—Department of the Army—Con-
21 struction” in Public Law 115–123 shall not be eligible for
22 funding provided under this heading: *Provided further*,
23 That for projects receiving funds provided under this
24 heading, the provisions of Section 902 of the Water Re-
25 sources Development Act of 1986 shall not apply to these

1 funds: *Provided further*, That the completion of ongoing
2 construction projects receiving funds provided under this
3 heading shall be at full Federal expense with respect to
4 such funds: *Provided further*, That using funds provided
5 under this heading, the non-Federal cash contribution for
6 projects other than ongoing construction projects shall be
7 financed in accordance with the provisions of section
8 103(k) of Public Law 99–662 over a period of 30 years
9 from the date of completion of the project or separable
10 element: *Provided further*, That up to \$25,000,000 of the
11 funds made available under this heading shall be used for
12 continuing authorities projects to reduce the risk of flood-
13 ing and storm damage: *Provided further*, That any
14 projects using funds appropriated under this heading shall
15 be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered
16 into binding agreements with the Secretary requiring,
17 where applicable, the non-Federal interests to pay 100
18 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replace-
19 ment, and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold
20 and save the United States free from damages due to the
21 construction or operation and maintenance of the project,
22 except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the
23 United States or its contractors: *Provided further*, That
24 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for
25 an emergency requirement pursuant to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the
3 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall pro-
4 vide a monthly report directly to the Committees on Ap-
5 propriations of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
6 ate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds,
7 beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enact-
8 ment of this division.

9 MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

10 For an additional amount for “Mississippi River and
11 Tributaries” for necessary expenses to address emergency
12 situations at Corps of Engineers projects and rehabilitate
13 and repair damages to Corps of Engineers projects,
14 caused by natural disasters, \$225,000,000, to remain
15 available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is
16 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
17 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
18 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985:
19 *Provided further*, That the Assistant Secretary of the
20 Army for Civil Works shall provide a monthly report di-
21 rectly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
22 of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation
23 and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60
24 days after the date of enactment of this division.

1 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

2 For an additional amount for “Operation and Main-
3 tenance” for necessary expenses to dredge Federal naviga-
4 tion projects in response to, and repair damages to Corps
5 of Engineers Federal projects caused by, natural disasters,
6 \$245,000,000, to remain available until expended, of
7 which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal
8 share of eligible operation and maintenance costs for
9 coastal harbors and channels, and for inland harbors shall
10 be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund:
11 *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
12 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
13 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
14 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
15 the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall
16 provide a monthly report directly to the Committees on
17 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
18 Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these
19 funds, beginning not later than 60 days after the date of
20 enactment of this division.

21 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

22 CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

23 CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT

24 For an additional amount for “Central Utah Project
25 Completion Account”, \$350,000, to be deposited into the

1 Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account
2 for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conserva-
3 tion Commission, to remain available until expended, for
4 expenses necessary in carrying out fire remediation activi-
5 ties related to wildfires in 2018: *Provided*, That such
6 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
7 emergency requirement pursuant to section
8 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
9 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

11 WATER AND RELATED RESOURCES

12 For an additional amount for “Water and Related
13 Resources”, \$15,500,000, to remain available until ex-
14 pended, for fire remediation and suppression emergency
15 assistance related to wildfires in 2017 and 2018: *Provided*,
16 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
17 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
18 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
19 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

25

1 TITLE V
2 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
3 SECURITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND
4 INVESTIGATIONS
5 COAST GUARD
6 OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

7 For an additional amount for “Operations and Sup-
8 port” for necessary expenses related to the consequences
9 of Hurricanes Michael, Florence, and Lane, Tropical
10 Storm Gordon, and Typhoon Mangkhut, \$46,977,000, to
11 remain available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*,
12 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
13 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
14 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
15 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

16 PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

17 For an additional amount for “Procurement, Con-
18 struction, and Improvements” for necessary expenses re-
19 lated to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael, Flor-
20 ence, and Lane, Tropical Storm Gordon, and Typhoon
21 Mangkhut, \$476,755,000, to remain available until Sep-
22 tember 30, 2023: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
23 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
24 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
25 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND RESTORATION

2 For an additional amount for “Environmental Com-
3 pliance and Restoration” for necessary expenses related
4 to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence,
5 \$2,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023:
6 *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress
7 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
8 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
9 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 TITLE VI
2 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
3 UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
4 CONSTRUCTION

5 For an additional amount for “Construction” for nec-
6 essary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes
7 Florence, Lane, and Michael, and flooding associated with
8 major declared disaster DR-4365, and calendar year 2018
9 earthquakes, \$82,400,000, to remain available until ex-
10 pended: *Provided*, That of this amount \$50,000,000 shall
11 be used to restore and rebuild national wildlife refuges and
12 increase the resiliency and capacity of coastal habitat and
13 infrastructure to withstand storms and reduce the amount
14 of damage caused by such storms: *Provided further*, That
15 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for
16 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
20 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

21 For an additional amount for the “Historic Preserva-
22 tion Fund” for necessary expenses related to the con-
23 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and Ty-
24 phoon Yutu, \$50,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
25 tember 30, 2022, including costs to States and territories

1 necessary to complete compliance activities required by
2 section 306108 of title 54, United States Code (formerly
3 section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) and
4 costs needed to administer the program: *Provided*, That
5 grants shall only be available for areas that have received
6 a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Robert T.
7 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided further*, That individual
9 grants shall not be subject to a non-Federal matching re-
10 quirement: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
11 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
12 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
13 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14

CONSTRUCTION

15 For an additional amount for “Construction” for nec-
16 essary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes
17 Florence and Michael, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and
18 calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquakes, and volcanic
19 eruptions, \$78,000,000, to remain available until ex-
20 pended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
21 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
22 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
23 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

2 SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

3 For an additional amount for “Surveys, Investiga-
4 tions, and Research” for necessary expenses related to the
5 consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and
6 calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquake damage associ-
7 ated with emergency declaration EM–3410, and in those
8 areas impacted by a major disaster declared pursuant to
9 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-
10 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) with respect to cal-
11 endar year 2018 wildfires or volcanic eruptions,
12 \$98,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That of this amount, \$72,310,000 is for costs re-
14 lated to the repair and replacement of equipment and fa-
15 cilities damaged by disasters in 2018: *Provided further*,
16 That, not later than 90 days after enactment of this divi-
17 sion, the Survey shall submit a report to the Committees
18 on Appropriations that describes the potential options to
19 replace the facility damaged by the 2018 volcano disaster
20 along with cost estimates and a description of how the
21 Survey will provide direct access for monitoring volcanic
22 activity and the potential threat to at-risk communities:
23 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the
24 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant

1 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
2 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

4 INSULAR AFFAIRS

5 ASSISTANCE TO TERRITORIES

6 For an additional amount for “Technical Assistance”
7 for financial management expenses related to the con-
8 sequences of Typhoon Yutu, \$2,000,000, to remain avail-
9 able until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
10 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
11 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
12 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-
16 penses” for necessary expenses related to the con-
17 sequences of major disasters declared pursuant to the
18 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
19 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) in 2018, \$1,000,000,
20 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such
21 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an
22 emergency requirement pursuant to section
23 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
24 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

2 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

3 For an additional amount for “Science and Tech-
4 nology” for necessary expenses related to improving pre-
5 paredness of the water sector, \$600,000, to remain avail-
6 able until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is des-
7 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
8 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
9 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND

11 PROGRAM

12 For an additional amount for “Leaking Underground
13 Storage Tank Fund” for necessary expenses related to the
14 consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, cal-
15 endar year 2018 earthquakes, and Typhoon Yutu,
16 \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
17 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
18 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
19 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

22 For additional amounts for “State and Tribal Assist-
23 ance Grants” for necessary expenses related to the con-
24 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and cal-
25 endar year 2018 earthquakes for the hazardous waste fi-

1 nancial assistance grants program, \$1,500,000, to remain
2 available until expended; for necessary expenses related to
3 the consequences of Typhoon Yutu for the hazardous
4 waste financial assistance grants program and for other
5 solid waste management activities, \$56,000,000, to remain
6 available until expended, provided that none of these funds
7 shall be subject to section 3011(b) of the Solid Waste Dis-
8 posal Act; and for grants under section 106 of the Federal
9 Water Pollution Control Act, \$5,000,000, to remain avail-
10 able until expended, to address impacts of Hurricane Flor-
11 ence, Hurricane Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar
12 year 2018 wildfires, notwithstanding subsections (b), (e),
13 and (f), of such section: *Provided*, That such amounts are
14 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
15 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
16 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 For an additional amount for “State and Tribal As-
18 sistance Grants”, \$349,400,000 to remain available until
19 expended, of which \$53,300,000 shall be for capitalization
20 grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under
21 title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and
22 of which \$296,100,000 shall be for capitalization grants
23 under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That notwithstanding section 604(a) of the Federal
25 Water Pollution Control Act and section 1452(a)(1)(D) of

1 the Safe Drinking Water Act, funds appropriated herein
2 shall be provided to States or Territories in EPA Regions
3 4, 9, and 10 in amounts determined by the Administrator
4 for wastewater treatment works and drinking water facili-
5 ties impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Ty-
6 phoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires and earth-
7 quakes: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the re-
8 quirements of section 603(i) of the Federal Water Pollu-
9 tion Control Act and section 1452(d) of the Safe Drinking
10 Water Act, for the funds appropriated herein, each State
11 shall use not less than 20 percent but not more than 30
12 percent of the amount of its capitalization grants to pro-
13 vide additional subsidization to eligible recipients in the
14 form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans or
15 grants or any combination of these: *Provided further*, That
16 the Administrator shall retain \$10,400,000 of the funds
17 appropriated herein for grants for drinking water facilities
18 and waste water treatment plants impacted by Typhoon
19 Yutu: *Provided further*, That the funds appropriated here-
20 in shall be used for eligible projects whose purpose is to
21 reduce flood or fire damage risk and vulnerability or to
22 enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or natural
23 disaster at treatment works as defined by section 212 of
24 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or any eligible
25 facilities under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water

1 Act, and for other eligible tasks at such treatment works
2 or facilities necessary to further such purposes: *Provided*
3 *further*, That the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
4 tection Agency may retain up to \$1,000,000 of the funds
5 appropriated herein for management and oversight: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That such amount is designated by the Con-
7 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to
8 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
9 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 RELATED AGENCIES

11 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

12 FOREST SERVICE

13 FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

14 For an additional amount for “Forest and Rangeland
15 Research” for necessary expenses related to the con-
16 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the
17 calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$1,000,000, to remain avail-
18 able until expended for the forest inventory and analysis
19 program: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the
20 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant
21 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
22 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

24 For an additional amount for “State and Private
25 Forestry” for necessary expenses related to the con-

1 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the
2 calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$12,000,000, to remain
3 available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is
4 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
5 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
6 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

7 NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

8 For an additional amount for “National Forest Sys-
9 tem” for necessary expenses related to the consequences
10 of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the calendar
11 year 2018 wildfires, \$84,960,000, to remain available
12 until expended: *Provided*, That of this amount
13 \$21,000,000 shall be used for hazardous fuels manage-
14 ment activities: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
15 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
16 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
17 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

19 For an additional amount for “Capital Improvement
20 and Maintenance” for necessary expenses related to the
21 consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the
22 calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$36,040,000, to remain
23 available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is
24 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-

1 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
2 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT
4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For an additional amount for “Wildland Fire Man-
6 agement”, \$720,271,000, to remain available through
7 September 30, 2022, for urgent wildland fire suppression
8 operations: *Provided*, That such funds shall be solely avail-
9 able to be transferred to and merged with other appropria-
10 tions accounts from which funds were previously trans-
11 ferred for wildland fire suppression in fiscal year 2018 to
12 fully repay those amounts: *Provided further*, That such
13 amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency
14 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the
15 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
16 1985.

17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
18 SERVICES

19 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
20 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
21 SCIENCES

22 For an additional amount for “National Institute of
23 Environmental Health Sciences” for necessary expenses in
24 carrying out activities set forth in section 311(a) of the
25 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,

1 and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(a)) and section
2 126(g) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthoriza-
3 tion Act of 1986 related to the consequences of major dis-
4 asters declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
5 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
6 5121 et seq.) in 2018, \$1,000,000, to remain available
7 until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated
8 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
9 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
10 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

12 SEC. 601. Not later than 45 days after the date of
13 enactment of this division, the agencies receiving funds ap-
14 propriated by this title shall provide a detailed operating
15 plan of anticipated uses of funds made available in this
16 title by State and Territory, and by program, project, and
17 activity, to the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided*,
18 That no such funds shall be obligated before the operating
19 plans are provided to the Committees: *Provided further*,
20 That such plans shall be updated, including obligations to
21 date, and submitted to the Committees on Appropriations
22 every 60 days until all such funds are expended.

1 TITLE VII
2 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
3 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
4 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
6 For an additional amount for “Training and Employ-
7 ment Services”, \$50,000,000, for the dislocated workers
8 assistance national reserve for necessary expenses directly
9 related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and
10 Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu,
11 wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year
12 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year
13 2019 (referred to under this heading as “covered disaster
14 or emergency”), to remain available through September
15 30, 2020: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Labor may
16 transfer up to \$1,000,000 of such funds to any other De-
17 partment of Labor account for reconstruction and recov-
18 ery needs, including worker protection activities: *Provided*
19 *further*, That these sums may be used to replace grant
20 funds previously obligated to the impacted areas: *Provided*
21 *further*, That of the amount provided, up to \$500,000, to
22 remain available until expended, shall be transferred to
23 “Office of Inspector General” for oversight of activities
24 responding to such covered disaster or emergency: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That such amount is designated by the Con-

1 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to
2 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
3 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
5 SERVICES

6 ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
7 PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND
8 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

9 For an additional amount for “Payments to States
10 for the Child Care and Development Block Grant”,
11 \$30,000,000, to remain available through September 30,
12 2021, for necessary expenses directly related to the con-
13 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon
14 Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, wildfires and earth-
15 quakes occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes
16 and floods occurring in calendar year 2019 in those areas
17 for which a major disaster or emergency has been declared
18 under section 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
19 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
20 5170 and 5191): *Provided*, That the Secretary shall allo-
21 cate such funds based on assessed need notwithstanding
22 sections 658J and 658O of the Child Care and Develop-
23 ment Block Grant Act of 1990: *Provided further*, That
24 such funds may be used for costs of renovating, repairing,
25 or rebuilding child care facilities without regard to section

1 658F(b) or 658G of such Act and with amounts allocated
2 for such purposes excluded from the calculation of per-
3 centages under subsection 658E(c)(3) of such Act: *Pro-*
4 *vided further*, That notwithstanding section 658J(c) of
5 such Act, funds allotted to a State and used for ren-
6 ovating, repairing, or rebuilding child care facilities may
7 be obligated by the State in that fiscal year or the suc-
8 ceeding three fiscal years: *Provided further*, That Federal
9 interest provisions will not apply to the renovation or re-
10 building of privately-owned family child care homes, and
11 the Secretary shall develop parameters on the use of funds
12 for family child care homes: *Provided further*, That the
13 Secretary shall not retain Federal interest after a period
14 of 10 years in any facility renovated, repaired, or rebuilt
15 with funds appropriated under this paragraph: *Provided*
16 *further*, That funds appropriated in this paragraph shall
17 not be available for costs that are reimbursed by the Fed-
18 eral Emergency Management Agency, under a contract for
19 insurance, or by self-insurance: *Provided further*, That ob-
20 ligations incurred for the purposes provided herein prior
21 to the date of enactment of this Act may be charged to
22 funds appropriated under this heading: *Provided further*,
23 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
24 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

4 For an additional amount for “Children and Families
5 Services Programs”, \$90,000,000, to remain available
6 through September 30, 2021, for necessary expenses di-
7 rectly related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence
8 and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu,
9 wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year
10 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year
11 2019 in those areas for which a major disaster or emer-
12 gency has been declared under section 401 or 501 of the
13 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
14 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191): *Provided*, That
15 \$55,000,000 shall be for Head Start programs, including
16 making payments under the Head Start Act: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That none of funds provided in the previous proviso
18 shall be included in the calculation of the “base grant”
19 in subsequent fiscal years, as such term is defined in sec-
20 tions 640(a)(7)(A), 641A(h)(1)(B), or 645(d)(3) of the
21 Head Start Act: *Provided further*, That funds provided in
22 the second previous proviso are not subject to the alloca-
23 tion requirements of section 640(a) of the Head Start Act:
24 *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 shall be for payments
25 to States, territories, and tribes for activities authorized

1 under subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security
2 Act, with such funds allocated based on assessed need not-
3 withstanding section 423 of such Act and paid without
4 regard to percentage limitations in subsections (a) or (e)
5 in section 424 of such Act: *Provided further*, That
6 \$25,000,000 shall be for payments to States, territories,
7 and tribes authorized under the Community Services
8 Block Grant Act, with such funds allocated based on as-
9 sessed need notwithstanding sections 674(b), 675A, and
10 675B of such Act: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
11 section 676(b)(8) of the Community Services Block Grant
12 Act, each State, territory, or tribe may allocate funds to
13 eligible entities based on assessed need: *Provided further*,
14 That funds appropriated in this paragraph shall not be
15 available for costs that are reimbursed by the Federal
16 Emergency Management Agency, under a contract for in-
17 surance, or by self-insurance: *Provided further*, That up
18 to \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall
19 be available for Federal administrative expenses: *Provided*
20 *further*, That obligations incurred for the purposes pro-
21 vided herein prior to the date of enactment of this Act
22 may be charged to funds appropriated under this heading:
23 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the
24 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant

1 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
2 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
4 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY
5 FUND
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

7 For an additional amount for the “Public Health and
8 Social Services Emergency Fund”, \$201,000,000, to re-
9 main available through September 30, 2020, for necessary
10 expenses directly related to the consequences of Hurri-
11 canes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super
12 Typhoon Yutu, wildfires and earthquakes occurring in cal-
13 endar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in
14 calendar year 2019 in those areas for which a major dis-
15 aster or emergency has been declared under section 401
16 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
17 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191)
18 (referred to under this heading as “covered disaster or
19 emergency”), including activities authorized under section
20 319(a) of the Public Health Service Act (referred to in
21 this Act as the “PHS Act”): *Provided*, That of the amount
22 provided, \$80,000,000 shall be transferred to “Health Re-
23 sources and Services Administration—Primary Health
24 Care” for expenses directly related to a covered disaster
25 or emergency for disaster response and recovery, for the

1 Health Centers Program under section 330 of the PHS
2 Act, including alteration, renovation, construction, equip-
3 ment, and other capital improvement costs as necessary
4 to meet the needs of areas affected by a covered disaster
5 or emergency: *Provided further*, That the time limitation
6 in section 330(e)(3) of the PHS Act shall not apply to
7 funds made available under the preceding proviso: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That of the amount provided, not less than
9 \$20,000,000 shall be transferred to “Centers for Disease
10 Control and Prevention—CDC-Wide Activities and Pro-
11 gram Support” for response, recovery, mitigation, and
12 other expenses directly related to a covered disaster or
13 emergency: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided,
14 not less than \$100,000,000 shall be transferred to “Sub-
15 stance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administra-
16 tion—Health Surveillance and Program Support” for
17 grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for behav-
18 ioral health treatment, treatment of substance use dis-
19 orders, crisis counseling, and other related helplines, and
20 for other similar programs to provide support to individ-
21 uals impacted by a covered disaster or emergency: *Pro-*
22 *vided further*, That of the amount provided, up to
23 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
24 transferred to “Office of the Secretary—Office of Inspec-
25 tor General” for oversight of activities responding to such

1 covered disasters or emergencies: *Provided further*, That
2 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for
3 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
4 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
5 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

7 HURRICANE EDUCATION RECOVERY

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 For an additional amount for “Hurricane Education
10 Recovery” for necessary expenses related to the con-
11 sequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon
12 Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, wildfires, earthquakes,
13 and volcanic eruptions occurring in calendar year 2018,
14 and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019
15 in those areas for which a major disaster or emergency
16 has been declared under section 401 or 501 of the Robert
17 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191) (referred to under this head-
19 ing as “covered disaster or emergency”), \$165,000,000,
20 to remain available through September 30, 2020, for as-
21 sisting in meeting the educational needs of individuals af-
22 fected by a covered disaster or emergency: *Provided*, That
23 such assistance may be provided through any of the pro-
24 grams authorized under this heading in title VIII of sub-
25 division 1 of division B of Public Law 115–123 (as amend-

1 ed by Public Law 115–141), as determined by the Sec-
2 retary of Education, and subject to the terms and condi-
3 tions that applied to those programs, except that ref-
4 erences to dates and school years in Public Law 115–123
5 shall be deemed to be the corresponding dates and school
6 years for the covered disaster or emergency: *Provided fur-*
7 *ther*, That the Secretary of Education may determine the
8 amounts to be used for each such program and shall notify
9 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Senate of these amounts not later
11 than 7 days prior to obligation: *Provided further*, That
12 \$2,000,000 of the funds made available under this head-
13 ing, to remain available until expended, shall be trans-
14 ferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the De-
15 partment of Education for oversight of activities sup-
16 ported with funds appropriated under this heading, and
17 up to \$1,000,000 of the funds made available under this
18 heading shall be for program administration: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as
20 being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
21 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
22 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

24 SEC. 701. Not later than 30 days after enactment
25 of this Act, the Secretaries of Labor, Health and Human

1 Services, and Education shall provide a detailed spend
2 plan of anticipated uses of funds made available in this
3 title, including estimated personnel and administrative
4 costs, to the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided*,
5 That such plans shall be updated and submitted to the
6 Committees on Appropriations every 60 days until all
7 funds are expended or expire.

1 TITLE VIII
2 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
3 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-
6 penses”, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended,
7 for audits and investigations related to Hurricanes Flor-
8 ence, Lane, and Michael, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut,
9 the calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquakes, and volcano
10 eruptions, and other disasters declared pursuant to the
11 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
12 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That, not
13 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this divi-
14 sion, the Government Accountability Office shall submit
15 to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives and the Senate a spend plan specifying fund-
17 ing estimates for audits and investigations of any such de-
18 clared disasters occurring in 2018 and identifying funding
19 estimates or carryover balances, if any, that may be avail-
20 able for audits and investigations of any other such de-
21 clared disasters: *Provided further*, That such amount is
22 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
23 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
24 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1

TITLE IX

2

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

3

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

4

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$115,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for planning and design related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael on Navy and Marine Corps installations: *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be available for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate receive a master plan for the installations: *Provided further*, That, not later than 60 days after enactment of this division, the Secretary of the Navy, or his designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

23

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$700,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for planning and design, and construc-

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1 tion expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane
2 Michael: *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be avail-
3 able for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations
4 of the House of Representatives and the Senate receive
5 a basing plan and future mission requirements for instal-
6 lations significantly damaged by Hurricane Michael: *Pro-*
7 *vided further*, That, not later than 60 days after enact-
8 ment of this division, the Secretary of the Air Force, or
9 his designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appro-
10 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
11 a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided under this
12 heading: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated
13 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
14 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
15 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

16 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

17 For an additional amount for “Military Construction,
18 Army National Guard”, \$42,400,000, to remain available
19 until September 30, 2023, for necessary expenses related
20 to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael:
21 *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be available for
22 obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of the
23 House of Representatives and the Senate receive form
24 1391 for each specific request: *Provided further*, That, not
25 later than 60 days after enactment of this division, the

1 Director of the Army National Guard, or his designee,
2 shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the
3 House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed ex-
4 penditure plan for funds provided under this heading: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That such funds may be obligated or ex-
6 pended for planning and design and military construction
7 projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*,
8 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
9 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
10 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
11 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

13 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

14 MEDICAL FACILITIES

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For an additional amount for “Medical Facilities”,
17 \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023,
18 for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hur-
19 ricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoons Mangkhut
20 and Yutu: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Veterans Af-
21 fairs, upon determination that such action is necessary to
22 address needs as a result of the consequences of Hurri-
23 canes Florence and Michael and Typhoons Mangkhut and
24 Yutu, may transfer such funds to any discretionary ac-
25 count of the Department of Veterans Affairs: *Provided*

1 *further*, That before a transfer may take place, the Sec-
2 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit notice thereof to
3 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives and the Senate: *Provided further*, That none
5 of these funds shall be available for obligation until the
6 Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees
7 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
8 Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided
9 under this heading: *Provided further*, That such amount
10 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency
11 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the
12 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
13 1985.

1 TITLE X
2 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
3 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

4 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

5 For an additional amount for the “Public Transpor-
6 tation Emergency Relief Program” as authorized under
7 section 5324 of title 49, United States Code, \$10,542,000
8 to remain available until expended, for transit systems af-
9 fected by major declared disasters occurring in calendar
10 year 2018: *Provided*, That not more than three-quarters
11 of 1 percent of the funds for public transportation emer-
12 gency relief shall be available for administrative expenses
13 and ongoing program management oversight as authorized
14 under sections 5334 and 5338(f)(2) of such title and shall
15 be in addition to any other appropriations for such pur-
16 pose: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated
17 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
18 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
19 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

20 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

21 OPERATIONS

22 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

23 Of the amounts made available for “Federal Aviation
24 Administration—Operations” in division B of the Bipar-
25 tisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–123), up to

1 \$18,000,000 shall also be available for necessary expenses
2 related to the consequences of major declared disasters oc-
3 ccurring in calendar year 2018: *Provided*, That amounts
4 repurposed under this heading that were previously des-
5 igned by the Congress as an emergency requirement
6 pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
7 Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as
8 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
9 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

12 EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

13 For an additional amount for the Emergency Relief
14 Program as authorized under section 125 of title 23,
15 United States Code, \$1,650,000,000, to remain available
16 until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated
17 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
18 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
19 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
2 DEVELOPMENT
3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For an additional amount for “Community Develop-
7 ment Fund”, \$1,060,000,000, to remain available until
8 expended, for necessary expenses for activities authorized
9 under title I of the Housing and Community Development
10 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster
11 relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure
12 and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the
13 most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a
14 major disaster that occurred in 2018 pursuant to the Rob-
15 ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That funds shall
17 be awarded directly to the State, unit of general local gov-
18 ernment, or Indian tribe (as such term is defined in sec-
19 tion 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act
20 of 1974) at the discretion of the Secretary: *Provided fur-*
21 *ther*, That any funds made available under this heading
22 and under the same heading in Public Law 115–254 that
23 remain available, after the funds under such headings
24 have been allocated for necessary expenses for activities
25 authorized under such headings, shall be allocated to

1 grantees, for mitigation activities in the most impacted
2 and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster that
3 occurred in 2018: *Provided further*, That such allocations
4 shall be made in the same proportion that the amount of
5 funds each grantee received under this division and the
6 same heading in division I of Public Law 115–254 bears
7 to the amount of all funds provided to all grantees that
8 received allocations for disasters that occurred in 2018:
9 *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available
10 under the text preceding the first proviso under this head-
11 ing and under the same heading in Public Law 115–254,
12 the Secretary shall allocate to all such grantees an aggre-
13 gate amount not less than 33 percent of the sum of such
14 amounts of funds within 120 days after the enactment of
15 this division based on the best available data, and shall
16 allocate no less than 100 percent of such funds by no later
17 than 180 days after the enactment of this division: *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall not prohibit the
19 use of funds made available under this heading and the
20 same heading in Public Law 115–254 for non-Federal
21 share as authorized by section 105(a)(9) of the Housing
22 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
23 5305(a)(9)): *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
24 available under this heading, grantees may establish grant
25 programs to assist small businesses for working capital

1 purposes to aid in recovery: *Provided further*, That as a
2 condition of making any grant, the Secretary shall certify
3 in advance that such grantee has in place proficient finan-
4 cial controls and procurement processes and has estab-
5 lished adequate procedures to prevent any duplication of
6 benefits as defined by section 312 of the Robert T. Staf-
7 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
8 U.S.C. 5155), to ensure timely expenditure of funds, to
9 maintain comprehensive websites regarding all disaster re-
10 covery activities assisted with these funds, and to detect
11 and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds: *Provided*
12 *further*, That with respect to any such duplication of bene-
13 fits, the Secretary shall act in accordance with section
14 1210 of Public Law 115–254 (132 Stat. 3442) and section
15 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
16 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155): *Provided further*,
17 That the Secretary shall require grantees to maintain on
18 a public website information containing common reporting
19 criteria established by the Department that permits indi-
20 viduals and entities awaiting assistance and the general
21 public to see how all grant funds are used, including copies
22 of all relevant procurement documents, grantee adminis-
23 trative contracts and details of ongoing procurement proc-
24 esses, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*,
25 That prior to the obligation of funds a grantee shall sub-

1 mit a plan to the Secretary for approval detailing the pro-
2 posed use of all funds, including criteria for eligibility and
3 how the use of these funds will address long-term recovery
4 and restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic
5 revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and
6 distressed areas: *Provided further*, That such funds may
7 not be used for activities reimbursed by, or for which
8 funds have been made available by, the Federal Emer-
9 gency Management Agency or the Army Corps of Engi-
10 neers, in excess of the authorized amount of the project
11 or its components: *Provided further*, That funds allocated
12 under this heading shall not be considered relevant to the
13 non-disaster formula allocations made pursuant to section
14 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of
15 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306): *Provided further*, That a State,
16 unit of general local government, or Indian tribe may use
17 up to 5 percent of its allocation for administrative costs:
18 *Provided further*, That the first proviso under this heading
19 in the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief
20 Requirements Act, 2018 (division I of Public Law 115–
21 254) is amended by striking “State or unit of general local
22 government” and inserting “State, unit of general local
23 government, or Indian tribe (as such term is defined in
24 section 102 of the Housing and Community Development
25 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302))”: *Provided further*, That

1 the sixth proviso under this heading in the Supplemental
2 Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act,
3 2018 (division I of Public Law 115–254) is amended by
4 striking “State or subdivision thereof” and inserting
5 “State, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe
6 (as such term is defined in section 102 of the Housing
7 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
8 5302))”: *Provided further*, That in administering the
9 funds under this heading, the Secretary of Housing and
10 Urban Development may waive, or specify alternative re-
11 quirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation
12 that the Secretary administers in connection with the obli-
13 gation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these
14 funds (except for requirements related to fair housing,
15 nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment),
16 if the Secretary finds that good cause exists for the waiver
17 or alternative requirement and such waiver or alternative
18 requirement would not be inconsistent with the overall
19 purpose of title I of the Housing and Community Develop-
20 ment Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding
21 the preceding proviso, recipients of funds provided under
22 this heading that use such funds to supplement Federal
23 assistance provided under section 402, 403, 404, 406,
24 407, 408 (c)(4), or 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
25 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et

1 seq.) may adopt, without review or public comment, any
2 environmental review, approval, or permit performed by
3 a Federal agency, and such adoption shall satisfy the re-
4 sponsibilities of the recipient with respect to such environ-
5 mental review, approval or permit: *Provided further*, That,
6 notwithstanding section 104(g)(2) of the Housing and
7 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
8 5304(g)(2)), the Secretary may, upon receipt of a request
9 for release of funds and certification, immediately approve
10 the release of funds for an activity or project assisted
11 under this heading if the recipient has adopted an environ-
12 mental review, approval or permit under the preceding
13 proviso or the activity or project is categorically excluded
14 from review under the National Environmental Policy Act
15 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.): *Provided further*, That
16 the Secretary shall publish via notice in the Federal Reg-
17 ister any waiver, or alternative requirement, to any statute
18 or regulation that the Secretary administers pursuant to
19 title I of the Housing and Community Development Act
20 of 1974 no later than 5 days before the effective date of
21 such waiver or alternative requirement: *Provided further*,
22 That of the amounts made available under this heading,
23 up to \$5,000,000 shall be made available for capacity
24 building and technical assistance, including assistance on
25 contracting and procurement processes, to support States,

1 units of general local government, or Indian tribes (and
2 their subrecipients) that receive allocations pursuant to
3 this heading, received disaster recovery allocations under
4 the same heading in Public Law 115–254, or may receive
5 similar allocations for disaster recovery in future appro-
6 priations Acts: *Provided further*, That of the amounts
7 made available under this heading and under the same
8 heading in Public Law 115–254, up to \$2,500,000 shall
9 be transferred, in aggregate, to “Department of Housing
10 and Urban Development—Program Office Salaries and
11 Expenses—Community Planning and Development” for
12 necessary costs, including information technology costs, of
13 administering and overseeing the obligation and expendi-
14 ture of amounts under this heading: *Provided further*,
15 That the amount specified in the preceding proviso shall
16 be combined with funds appropriated under the same
17 heading and for the same purpose in Public Law 115–
18 254 and the aggregate of such amounts shall be available
19 for any of the same such purposes specified under this
20 heading or the same heading in Public Law 115–254 with-
21 out limitation: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-
22 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
23 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
24 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985:
25 *Provided further*, That amounts repurposed under this

1 heading that were previously designated by the Congress
2 as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced
3 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act are designated
4 by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant
5 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
6 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

7 **GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE**

8 **SEC. 1001.** (a) Amounts previously made available
9 for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and
10 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et
11 seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restora-
12 tion of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization,
13 and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas
14 resulting from a major disaster, including funds provided
15 under section 145 of division C of Public Law 114–223,
16 section 192 of division C of Public Law 114–223 (as
17 added by section 101(3) of division A of Public Law 114–
18 254), section 421 of division K of Public Law 115–31,
19 and any mitigation funding provided under the heading
20 “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Com-
21 munity Planning and Development—Community Develop-
22 ment Fund” of Public Law 115–123, that were allocated
23 in response to Hurricane Matthew, may be used inter-
24 changeably and without limitation for the same activities
25 in the most impacted and distressed areas related to Hur-

1 ricane Florence. In addition, any funds provided under the
2 heading “Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
3 ment—Community Planning and Development—Commu-
4 nity Development Fund” in this division or in division I
5 of Public Law 115–254 that are allocated in response to
6 Hurricane Florence may be used interchangeably and
7 without limitation for the same activities in the most im-
8 pacted and distressed areas related to Hurricane Matthew.
9 Until HUD publishes the Federal Register Notice imple-
10 menting this provision, grantees may submit for HUD ap-
11 proval revised plans for the use of funds related to Hurri-
12 cane Matthew that expand the eligible beneficiaries of ex-
13 isting programs contained in such previously approved
14 plans to include those impacted by Hurricane Florence.
15 Approval of any such revised plans shall include the execu-
16 tion of revised grant terms and conditions as necessary.
17 Once the implementing Notice is published, any additional
18 action plan revisions shall follow the requirements con-
19 tained therein.

20 (b) Amounts made available for administrative costs
21 for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and
22 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et
23 seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restora-
24 tion of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization,
25 and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas

1 under this division or any future Act, and amounts pre-
2 viously provided under section 420 of division L of Public
3 Law 114–113, section 145 of division C of Public Law
4 114–223, section 192 of division C of Public Law 114–
5 223 (as added by section 101(3) of division A of Public
6 Law 114–254), section 421 of division K of Public Law
7 115–31, and under the heading “Department of Housing
8 and Urban Development—Community Planning and De-
9 velopment—Community Development Fund” of division B
10 of Public Law 115–56, Public Law 115–123, and Public
11 Law 115–254, shall be available for eligible administrative
12 costs of the grantee related to any disaster relief funding
13 identified in this subsection without regard to the par-
14 ticular disaster appropriation from which such funds origi-
15 nated.

16 (c) The additional uses pursuant to this section for
17 amounts that were previously designated by the Congress,
18 respectively, as an emergency requirement or as being for
19 disaster relief pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
20 Emergency Deficit Control Act are designated by the Con-
21 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to
22 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
23 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or as being for
24 disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the

1 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
2 1985.

1 TITLE XI

2 GENERAL PROVISION—THIS DIVISION

3 SEC. 1101. Each amount designated in this division
4 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement
5 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
6 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be
7 available (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only
8 if the President subsequently so designates all such
9 amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

10 This division may be cited as the “Additional Supple-
11 mental Appropriations for Disaster Relief, 2019”.

1 **DIVISION B—OTHER MATTERS**

2 **TITLE I**

3 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT EXTENSION**

4 SEC. 101. Any program, authority, or provision, in-
5 cluding any pilot program, authorized under the Violence
6 Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law
7 113–4; 127 Stat. 54) shall continue in effect through Sep-
8 tember 30, 2019.

9 **TITLE II**

10 **HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND**

11 SEC. 201. In subsequent fiscal years, any discre-
12 tionary appropriation for the Corps of Engineers derived
13 from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (not to exceed
14 the total amount deposited in the Harbor Maintenance
15 Trust Fund in the prior fiscal year) shall be subtracted
16 from the estimate of discretionary budget authority and
17 outlays for any estimate of an appropriations Act under
18 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act
19 of 1974 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
20 Control Act of 1985.

21 SEC. 202. In subsequent fiscal years, funds made
22 available for donor ports, medium-sized donor ports, and
23 energy transfer ports in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 2238c
24 shall be considered to be derived from the Harbor Mainte-
25 nance Trust Fund and may additionally be used for an

- 1 in-water improvement or maintenance of in-water infra-
- 2 structure that benefits commercial navigation.

DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY BY SUBCOMMITTEE

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Farm Disaster Assistance: \$3.005 billion is provided for the USDA Office of the Secretary (OSEC) to cover producers' net exposure to losses stemming from 2018 and 2019 natural disasters. Assistance is also provided to cover blueberry and peach crop losses resulting from freezes and producers impacted by Tropical Storm Cindy. USDA would administer funding through the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP) under OSEC.

Emergency Forest Restoration Program: \$480 million is provided for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) for non-industrial timber restoration.

Emergency Watershed Protection Program: \$125 million is provided for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) for rural watershed recovery.

Rural Community Facilities: \$150 million is provided for Rural Development Community Facilities grants for small rural communities impacted by natural disasters in 2018.

Nutrition Assistance for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI): \$25.2 million is provided for disaster nutrition assistance for the CNMIs impacted by typhoons.

Market Facilitation Program AGI Waiver: Language is included to waive the average gross income requirement for producer eligibility under the administration's Market Facilitation Program. Language is also included to codify a producer's payment limit.

Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance: \$600 million is provided to supplement disaster nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico stemming from 2017 hurricanes.

Puerto Rico Nutrition Study: \$5 million is included for an independent study, including a survey of participants, on the impact of the additional benefits provided through disaster nutrition assistance.

American Samoa Nutrition Assistance: \$5 million is provided for a grant to American Samoa for disaster nutrition assistance.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

The legislation provides \$940 million to recoup disaster related expenditures and make necessary repairs to federal facilities and equipment damaged by recent hurricanes and typhoons, including federal law enforcement and detention facilities, scientific infrastructure, and weather forecasting equipment. Funding also provides states and localities with economic development grants and coastal communities impacted by recently-declared fishery disasters with federal assistance.

Economic Development Assistance Programs:

- \$600 million for the Economic Development Administration to provide grants to

communities directly impacted by hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, and other disasters that occurred in 2018, as well as tornadoes and floods that have occurred in 2019.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

- \$11 million for assessments and removal of marine debris from impacted areas.
- \$32 million for mapping and charting affected coastlines and navigation channels.
- \$3 million to repair or replace damaged NOAA facilities and observing assets
- \$50 million for improving hurricane, flooding, and wildfire forecasting capabilities to better protect lives and property in the wake of future disasters.
- \$50 million for Title IX Fund grants.
- \$150 million for fishery disasters causing severe economic harm in coastal communities.

Department of Justice:

- United States Marshals Service Salaries and Expenses: \$1.3 million for necessary prisoner transfer costs and to repair and replace equipment, including vehicles and radios.
- Federal Bureau of Prisons Buildings and Facilities: \$28 million to repair or replace damaged buildings and facilities.

Related Agencies:

- Legal Services Corporation: \$15 million to provide storm-related services to the Legal Services Corporation client population in affected areas.

DEFENSE

- The bill provides \$200 million to repair damage caused by Hurricane Florence to Marine Corps installations, including Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.
- The bill also provides \$400 million to the Air Force for damages caused by Hurricane Michael to repair facilities and begin the process of rebuilding Tyndall Air Force Base.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Corps of Engineers:

- Includes \$35 million in Investigations and \$740 million for Construction to study and build high-priority flood and storm damage reduction projects in states that were affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and Tropical Storm Gita.
- Includes \$225 million in the Mississippi River and Tributaries account and \$245 million in the Operation and Maintenance account to repair damages to Corps' projects from natural disasters.

Department of the Interior:

- Includes \$350 thousand for the Central Utah Project for wildfire remediation.
- Includes \$15.5 million for the Bureau of Reclamation for fire remediation and suppression emergency assistance.

HOMELAND SECURITY

The bill provides \$526 million for the Coast Guard to repair and upgrade facilities damaged by recent disasters and provide for response and recovery operations costs.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Department of the Interior: \$311.9 million for the repair and reconstruction of critical infrastructure and immediate conservation needs resulting from calendar year 2018 hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, and earthquakes. Funding is included for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Park Service (NPS) to replace and repair damaged equipment and facilities as well as to address urgent historic preservation needs and to conduct assessments that will aid in recovery and rebuilding efforts. Funding is also included for coastal resiliency projects.

Environmental Protection Agency: \$414 million is included to address impacts of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires and earthquakes. Funds provided will provide resources for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure resiliency projects, waste disposal needs, issues with underground storage tanks, and technical assistance.

U.S. Forest Service: \$720 million is provided to repay funds borrowed from non-fire accounts to cover the cost of FY 2018 wildfire suppression activities. Also included is \$134 million to repair national forest visitor and administrative facilities and roads and trails that were severely damaged in Hurricanes Florence and Michael, as well funds to take action to reduce hazardous fuels on federal and non-federal lands, and to prevent an increased risk of significant wildfires from timber resources that were decimated in the storms.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: \$1 million is provided for worker training programs to train workers engaged in activities related to hazardous materials and waste generation, containment, removal, and emergency response.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

The bill provides \$461 million for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to support ongoing disaster responses in areas affected by hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, wildfires, and earthquakes in 2018, and tornadoes and flooding in 2019.

Department of Labor – \$50 million

- \$49.5 million for disaster response economic recovery through the Dislocated Worker National Reserve, including up to \$1 million for other Department of Labor disaster recovery efforts such as worker protection.
- \$500,000 for Office of the Inspector General for oversight of response efforts.

Department of Health and Human Services – \$246 million

- \$80 million for Community Health Centers to support construction, equipment purchase, operational support, and other projects as necessary.
- \$20 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assess and mitigate environmental hazards associated with the covered disasters.
- \$100 million to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to increase access to mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention for those impacted by the covered disasters.
- \$30 million for the Child Care and Development Block grant, including for repairing damaged child care centers.
- \$55 million for Head Start, including for repairing damaged Head Start centers.
- \$5 million for child welfare services.
- \$25 million for the Community Services Block Grant, flexible funding to local organizations to provide a variety of services for vulnerable populations.
- \$5 million for Federal administrative expenses.
- \$1 million to HHS Inspector General for oversight of activities related to allocating response funding.

Department of Education – \$165 million

- \$162 million to: (1) help restart operations at elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities in areas damaged by natural disasters; (2) support school districts and colleges and universities outside of the affected areas receiving students displaced by a natural disaster; and (3) otherwise provide services to students affected by the disaster.
- \$3 million for Federal administration and oversight of activities.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Government Accountability Office (GAO):

- The bill provides \$10 million for GAO to conduct audits and investigations related to Federal spending for 2018 disasters and other disasters as declared pursuant to the Stafford Act.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Military Construction:

- Navy and Marine Corps – \$115.0 million for planning and design of projects to replace facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.
- Air Force – \$700.0 million for planning and design and construction of projects to replace facilities damaged by Hurricane Michael.
- Army National Guard – \$42.4 million to replace facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

- Medical Facilities - \$3.0 million to repair Veterans Health Administration facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, as well as to address the effects of Typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Department of Transportation:

- \$10.5 million for the Federal Transit Administration for emergency relief program.
- \$1.6 billion for Federal-aid Highways emergency relief program.
- Language providing Federal Aviation Administration with access to unused 2017 emergency funds for 2018 disasters.

Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- \$1.06 billion for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grants for 2018 disasters.
- Permits states that received funding for Hurricane Matthew to use the funds interchangeably with funds for Hurricane Florence.

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Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:21:00 AM

Just FYI. Hotlining for temperature check.

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Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:19 AM
Subject: Essential Pay

Hotline

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019 AT 11:19 AM

Essential Pay

Shutdown Fairness Act.

Proceed to a House appropriations bill, insert the Johnson substitute amendment, the Shutdown Fairness Act, and pass the bill as amended.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Farm Bill -- Vote Results (Adoption)
Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 4:56:06 PM

FYI.

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 4:36 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Adoption)

Vote Result

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018 AT 04:35 PM

Conference Report Accompanying the Farm Bill (H.R. 2)

Adopted, 87-13:

Conference report accompanying H.R. 2, the farm bill.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

Alexander Charow, Floor Monitor
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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: First Day at CBO
Date: Monday, June 3, 2019 10:51:11 AM

FYI – Phill Swagel’s term as CBO director starts today.

From: FeedBlitz <feedblitz@mail.feedblitz.com> **On Behalf Of** Congressional Budget Office
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: First Day at CBO



New From CBO

First Day at CBO

I am pleased to start today as the Director of the Congressional Budget Office. I am honored to join the team at CBO, and I thank Keith Hall for his leadership at CBO over the past four years.



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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Friday, January 4, 2019
Date: Friday, January 4, 2019 9:51:29 AM

FYI on Senate schedule.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 9:31 AM
Subject: Friday, Jnuary 4, 2019

Whip Notice

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019 AT 09:31 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Please note, votes are not expected during today's session of the Senate.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes.

UC Items:

S.Res.1 – Quorum of Each House

S.Res.2 – Quorum of Senate Assembled

S.Res.3 – Electing President Pro Tempore

S.Res.4 – President Pro Tempore

S.Res.5 – President Pro Tempore House Notification

S.Res.6 – Hour of Daily Meeting

S.Res.7 – Senate Legal Counsel

S.Res.8 – Deputy Legal Counsel

S.Res.9 – Hour of Daily Meeting over/under the rule

Executive Session:

Cal. # 1048 – William Charles McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

Rule XIV

S.1 – Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act

S.21 – Coast Guard Pay

S.24 – Government Employee Fair Treatment Act

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: House Democrats Add Poison-Pill Demand to Border Security Funding Debate
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 4:06:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

FYI on the Leader's remarks this morning, below. Also FYI on the Leader's motion to move to proceed to H J Res 1. This is just a shell to preserve our procedural options later this week. This does not presume an outcome. Let me know if you have any questions, though. Have a good week! - Jane

MR. McCONNELL: I MOVE TO PROCEED TO CALENDAR NUMBER 6, H.J.
RES. 1.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE CLERK WILL REPORT THE MOTION.

THE CLERK: MOTION TO PROCEED TO CALENDAR NUMBER 6, H.J.
RES. 1,
JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:34 PM
Subject: House Democrats Add Poison-Pill Demand to Border Security Funding Debate



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House Democrats Add Poison-Pill Demand to Border Security Funding Debate

'House Democrats want to set a limit on how many criminal aliens our government can detain. A limit that is not based on any aspect of reality, such as how many criminal aliens there actually are, or what crimes they have committed -- just an arbitrary number a couple of lawmakers have pulled out of thin air. The consequence of such an arbitrary limit is obvious: Thousands of criminal aliens would simply be released into the interior of our country, both immediately and then on a rolling basis.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

“As recently as a few days ago, our government funding discussions seemed to be in a pretty good place. Bipartisan, bicameral negotiations on finishing out the year’s appropriations process seemed to be on track. We appeared headed toward a compromise result that could have provided much-needed investments in border security and completed our remaining appropriations bills to fully fund the government.

“Last week, the Democratic Leader seemed confident that, [quote](#), ‘*We worked out a plan to refund the government, deal with border security in a way that would be acceptable to all sides. That’s working pretty well.*’ Just this past Friday, the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Leahy, suggested, [quote](#), ‘*We’re 95 to 98 percent done.*’ But then, over the weekend, we heard that the talks had suddenly hit a snag. The bipartisan momentum had stalled. What went wrong?

“Here’s what happened: House Democrats decided to add a poison-pill demand into the conversations at the 11th hour. It’s a new demand. And it is extreme: A hard, statutory cap on the number of illegal immigrants who could be detained by the federal government. This would result in the release of thousands of criminal aliens and our inability to detain thousands more criminal aliens whom our federal and state law enforcement authorities will apprehend.

“This is a poison pill that no administration – not this one, not the previous one -- would -- or should -- ever accept. Imagine the absurdity of this. House Democrats want to set a limit on how many criminal aliens our government can detain. A limit that is not based on any aspect of reality, such as how many criminal aliens there actually are, or what crimes they have committed -- just an arbitrary number a couple of lawmakers have pulled out of thin air. The consequence of such an arbitrary limit is obvious: Thousands of criminal aliens would simply be released into the interior of our country, both immediately and then on a rolling basis.

“The National Sheriffs’ Association explained this in a letter to Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy. Here’s what the sheriffs said: ‘*Capping the number of detention beds... not only jeopardizes the integrity of the immigration system, but would cripple ICE’s ability to detain criminal aliens and other aliens who pose a risk to public safety or are a flight risk...*’

“‘*In order to meet the cap being tentatively proposed by Congress, ICE would be compelled to release thousands of aliens from custody.*’ That’s what the National Sheriffs’ Association had to say about it. Released, just like that, right into the United States of America. It’s hard to believe, that this is where some Democrats are: a get-out-of-jail-free card for criminals because the radical left doesn’t like U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. Let me say that again, a get-out-of-jail-free card for criminals because the radical left doesn’t like U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

“It’s hard to believe that this ‘Abolish ICE’ fringe among House Democrats actually thinks enforcing our laws is wrong. It’s hard to believe a group of House Democrats see kneecapping American law enforcement as a higher priority than keeping the government open. But it would be even harder to believe that leading Democrats would be open to this craziness and would let this last-minute poison pill scuttle the entire appropriations process.

“Just last year, when the Democratic Leader was highlighting productive, bipartisan work on this appropriations process. He said, [quote](#): ‘*Both sides have worked to avoid poison pill riders. That has meant steady progress.*’ Ranking Member Leahy celebrated that through last year’s committee process, [quote](#): ‘*We avoided new poison pill riders*’.

“So, I hope that my Democratic colleagues are able to talk some sense into their side. Some House Democrats are risking a second partial government shutdown by calling for this absurd last-minute poison pill. No administration, of any party, would sign a bill that forced them to release criminal aliens into the interior of the United States. No administration would accept this poison pill forcing

the release of criminals now, and on a rolling basis going forward.

“I understand the four leaders on appropriations in both chambers will be meeting in just a few moments. I implore my friends across the aisle: Untangle yourselves from the most extreme far-left voices out on the fringe. Do not let this radical fringe and its absurd demand prevent you from taking ‘yes’ for an answer. Don’t let them torpedo all of the bipartisan work.

“This provision would, rightly, be a total non-starter with the White House -- with any White House, not just this one. It would erase our progress and kick us back to square one. A total poison pill, pure and simple. The American people are not clamoring for more aliens with criminal backgrounds to be roaming at large in their communities. I’ve never heard anybody ask for that. And they certainly are not so eager for that outcome that they want another partial shutdown in order to achieve it. My Democratic colleagues in this chamber need to see this stunt for what it is, bring their side back to the table, and finish our work for the American people.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: House Timing -- Scalise: WHIP FLOOR UPDATE
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:38:33 PM
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FYI on House timing.

From: Nalls, Dennis (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>
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Cc: Wolf (Minkler), Annie (b) (6) [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Scalise: WHIP FLOOR UPDATE



The House currently stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Following the Rules Committee meeting, the House will reconvene and begin debate on the Rule providing for the consideration of the *Conference Report to Accompany H.J. Res. 31 - Consolidated Appropriations Act*.

At **approximately 6:30-7:15 p.m.**, we will have our first vote series of the day on the rule.

Following the first series, the House will move into general debate on the *Conference Report to Accompany H.J. Res. 31 - Consolidated Appropriations Act*.

At **approximately 8:30-9:30 p.m.**, we will have our second and final vote series of the day on passage of the Conference Report.

Walk off the Floor: 8:45-9:45 p.m.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: ICE Talkers and Graphic
Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 11:06:48 AM
Attachments: [Wall.ICE Talkers+Graphic.docx](#)

FYI on TPs on the border security deal that was agreed to in principle yesterday. Please see attached from Chairman Shelby's office.

My two cents --

- Pelosi lost. She knew her position on detention beds was unsustainable and only playing to her fringe. She also said no new miles for wall. She had to step back from both positions.
- Please take a look at the deal compared to a CR level.
 - A CR on wall would have given us \$500 M for new construction. This year's deal in contrast provides \$1.375 B, all new money for the wall. This will fund approximately 55 new miles – double the amount of new miles provided in FY18 and nearly three times as much as would have been available under a CR.
 - On detention beds, the baseline funding in the proposal is a 13% increase over the FY18 funding level, and when the \$750M transfer/reprogramming authority is included, it is a 44% increase above the FY 18 funding level.

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Subject: ICE Talkers and Graphic

Morning folks,

As I'm sure you've seen by now, there has been an agreement in principal reached by the Appropriations committee on border security funding. Attached is some general information about the broad contours of the deal. Please take a look and let us know if you or your bosses have any questions.

4-5844

Morgan Carter Ulmer
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Office of Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL)
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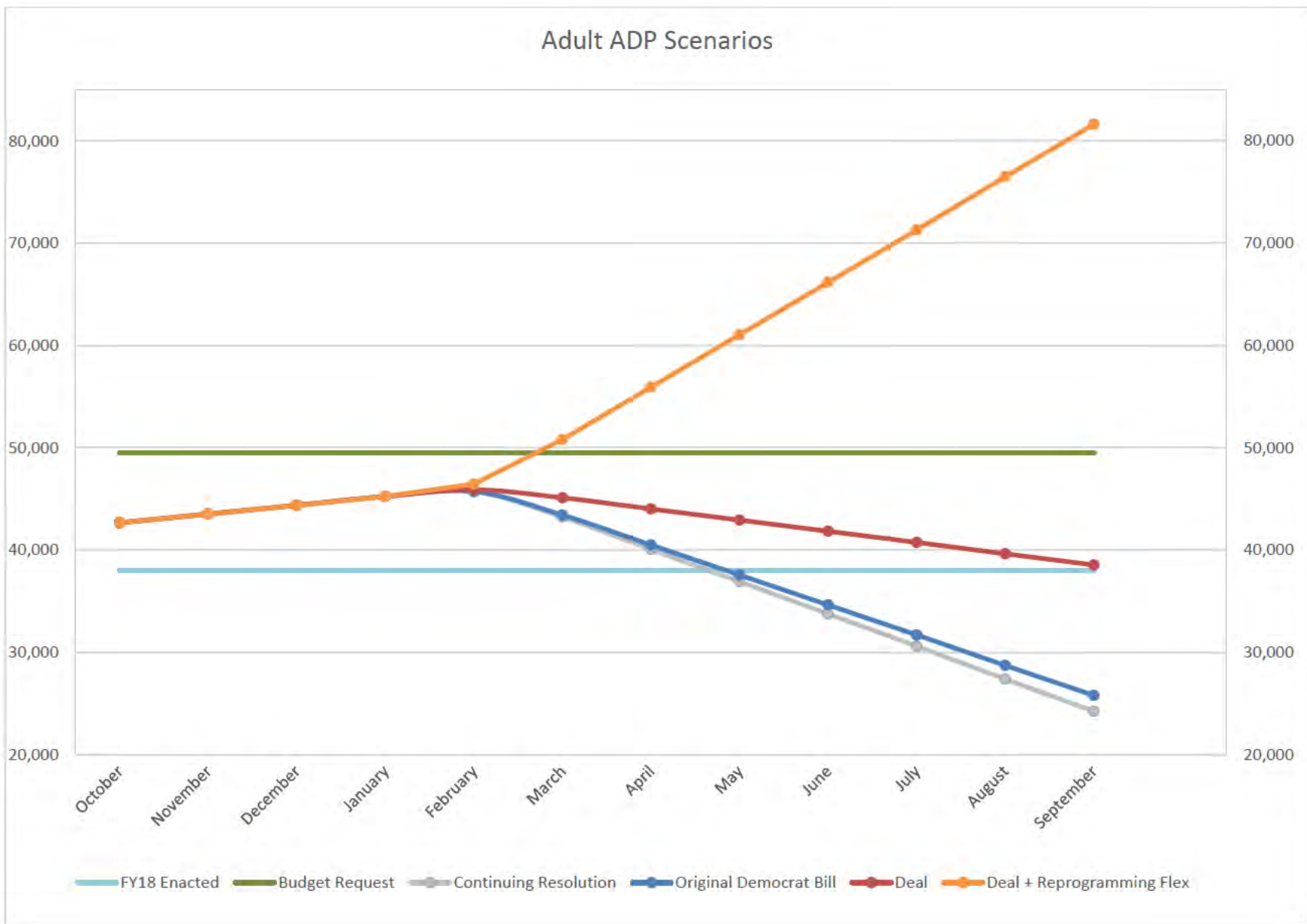
ICE

- NO internal enforcement cap
- Deal provides funds an average detention population of 45,274 (including 2,500 family beds).
- Deal also has another \$750M (available transfer/reprogramming authority) that can be used for additional beds.
- That will pay for another 13,000 beds and give ICE flexibility to bring the total amount of beds to nearly 58,500.
- 58,500 is an increase of 18 percent over the current detention population of 49,057.
- 58,500 is 6,500 more beds than were requested in the President's budget request and 9,000 more than the current detention populations.
- In short, there is more than enough flexibility for ICE to respond to any forthcoming surges in illegal immigrations and apprehensions.
- The Democrats claim a 17% decrease in ICE beds. That number only holds if DHS/ICE use none of the transfer/reprogramming authority we provided. Democrats fought (and failed) to take away this authority because they know DHS/ICE will use it.

Wall

- \$1.375 billion for the border wall
- All of the funding can be used for new miles of border wall
- This will fund approximately 55 new miles – double the amount of new miles provided in FY18 and nearly three times as much as would have been available under a CR.
- Border Patrol can use any currently deployed design (including steel slats)
- All of the miles will be in the Rio Grande Valley sector – Border Patrol's highest priorities on its strategic plan

Adult ADP Scenarios



From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)

To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)

Subject: FW: ICYMI: McConnell on Fox & Friends

Date: Monday, June 17, 2019 12:23:29 PM

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McConnell on Fox & Friends

“What we’re seeing now on the Democratic side is a debate about whether socialism would be a good thing for America. I never thought in my lifetime we would be debating the free enterprise system in this country.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) joined Fox News Channel’s “Fox & Friends” this morning to discuss the crisis at the border, stopping socialism, and Iran. See below for highlights or [click here](#) to watch to the full interview.

On addressing the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

“It’s a real problem. We [recently] passed a supplemental for the floods, storm, damages we had in Puerto Rico, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Nebraska. In the Senate, we wanted to add to it roughly \$5 billion that the president requested to deal, not with the wall, but just the humanitarian part of the crisis at the border. The Democrats insisted on stripping it out. So I’m going to bring it up freestanding next week and see if they really are interested in dealing with this massive humanity that we have to take care of at the border. What is the objection?”

“This is not about the wall, but about the humanitarian crisis. I think it is safe to say the president is getting more cooperation out of Mexico than he is out of Congressional Democrats.”

On stopping socialism:

“Holding the Senate is really important. What we’re seeing now on the Democratic side is a debate about whether socialism would be a good thing for America. I never thought in my lifetime we would be debating the free enterprise system in this country. That is what we’re debating. If we hold the Senate, I’ve said—with a smile on my face—I’m the ‘Grim Reaper.’ What I meant was, none of these socialist schemes, the ‘Green New Deal,’ ‘Medicare for All,’ are going to pass the Senate. Of course, when the president is reelected that would be the backstop as well to veto that kind of stuff that would fundamentally change America into something it has never ever been.”

On Iran:

“We’re squeezing them very hard with sanctions that the Treasury Department has done an excellent job of pursuing. That is why you see them striking out with these attacks on vessels in the Persian Gulf. The sanctions are really hurting. The president made the right decision backing out of the nuclear deal because it wasn’t much of a deal.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Judge Kavanaugh -- Vote Results (Cloture)
Date: Friday, October 5, 2018 10:59:12 AM

FYI. Now, 30 hours of debate. Barring consent to move up the confirmation vote, the clock will expire around 4:30 PM, Saturday.

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 10:53 AM
Subject: Vote Results (Cloture)

Vote Result

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018 AT 10:52 AM

Executive Session (Kavanaugh Nomination)

Invoked, 51-49:

Cloture on Executive Calendar #1127, Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

Alexander Charow, Floor Monitor
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Subject: FW: Justice Kavanaugh -- Vote Results (Confirmation)
Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018 4:19:02 PM

FYI. Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh. Vote result, below.

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 6, 2018 4:14 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Confirmation)

Vote Result

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018 AT 04:14 PM

Executive Session (Kavanaugh Nomination)

Confirmed, 50-48:

Executive Calendar #1127, Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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Lowest Unemployment In 50 Years

'No Denying This Is A Strong Jobs Report': 'U.S. Labor Market Is Still Red-Hot,' 'The Unemployment Rate Fell To A Fresh Half-Century Low,' There Are 'Real Gains In The Paychecks Of Average Workers'

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL: (R-KY): "The last two years have been a case study in how much American families benefit when Republican policies get the government out of the way. Helped along by tax reform, regulatory reform, and other efforts, the country is seeing historically low unemployment, faster wage growth — more opportunities for more families to get ahead and build their lives." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 5/02/2019](#))

'The U.S. Jobs Machine Kept Humming Along In April' 'And The Unemployment Rate Fell To A Fresh Half-Century Low, Adding To Signs Of A Healthy U.S. Economy'

"American employers picked up the pace of hiring in April and the unemployment rate fell to a fresh half-century low, adding to signs of a healthy U.S. economy." (["U.S. Hiring Jumped in April: Unemployment Falls to 3.6%," The Wall Street Journal, 5/03/2019](#))

- "The U.S. jobs machine kept humming along in April, adding a robust 263,000 new hires ..." (["Jobs Surge In April, Unemployment Rate Falls To The Lowest Since 1969," CNBC, 5/03/2019](#))
- "Hiring was strong across most sectors with especially large gains in business services (76,000 jobs added), construction (33,000 jobs added) and health care (27,000 jobs added)." (["U.S. Unemployment Fell To 3.6 Percent, Lowest Since 1969," The Washington Post, 5/03/2019](#))

"The unemployment rate fell to 3.6% last month, the lowest level since December 1969." (["U.S. Hiring Jumped in April: Unemployment Falls to 3.6%," The Wall Street Journal, 5/03/2019](#))

- "The official unemployment rate has been at or below 4 percent for more than a year." (["U.S. Unemployment Fell To 3.6 Percent, Lowest Since 1969," The Washington Post, 5/03/2019](#))

"The United States has more job openings than unemployed people, a situation some economists call 'full employment' since most job seekers are able to land a job. Hispanic unemployment dropped to 4.2 percent, a record low since the Labor Department started measuring it in the 1970s." (["U.S. Unemployment Fell To 3.6 Percent, Lowest Since 1969," The Washington Post, 5/03/2019](#))

Economists: 'There Is No Denying This Is A Strong Jobs Report'

"There is no denying this is a strong jobs report,' said Joel Prakken, chief U.S. economist at Macroeconomic Advisers." (["U.S. Unemployment Fell To 3.6 Percent, Lowest Since 1969," The Washington Post, 5/03/2019](#))

"The job market looks good on about any measure,' said Matthew Luzzetti, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank." (["U.S. Unemployment Fell To 3.6 Percent, Lowest Since 1969," The Washington Post, 5/03/2019](#))

'Real Gains In The Paychecks Of Average Workers'

"Indications of strength of the labor market could be found throughout the report. The average hourly wage was up 3.2% compared to a year ago, well above the 1.9% rise in prices, meaning real gains in the paychecks of average workers." (["US Economy Has Added Jobs For 103 Straight Months. Unemployment Rate Falls To 3.6%," CNN, 5/03/2019](#))

- "Low unemployment is forcing employers to raise pay and become more aggressive about hiring and training workers. Average hourly earnings rose 3.2 percent in the past year, well above inflation, and lower wage workers enjoyed some of the largest gains as companies scrambled to fill jobs ..." (["U.S. Unemployment Fell To 3.6 Percent, Lowest Since 1969," The Washington Post, 5/03/2019](#))
- "In the years after the Great Recession there was deep concern that wages weren't rising and Americans who had lost jobs had lost hope of getting one again. There's been mostly good news on both fronts in recent months ... [E]conomists see encouraging trends as people who weren't even actively looking for jobs are suddenly getting hired." (["U.S. Unemployment Fell To 3.6 Percent, Lowest Since 1969," The Washington Post, 5/03/2019](#))

'Torrent Of Job Offers, Bigger Salaries Offer More Proof U.S. Labor Market Is Still Red-Hot'

"Americans still think plenty of jobs are available and companies are offering better pay as they compete for a shrinking pool of available labor, new study by the New York Federal Reserve shows. The Fed study is the latest proof the jobs market continues to sizzle." (["Torrent Of Job Offers, Bigger Salaries Offer More Proof U.S. Labor Market Is Still Red-Hot," MarketWatch, 4/16/2019](#))

- "Business leaders increasingly say their number one challenge is finding enough people to fill job openings. McClane Company is a large trucking and warehouse firm that specializes in moving food and grocery items around the country. They are advertising truck driving jobs for \$70,000 a year and a \$6,000 sign on bonus in

Jessup, Pennsylvania ..." (["U.S. Unemployment Fell To 3.6 Percent, Lowest Since 1969," The Washington Post, 5/03/2019](#))

'The U.S. Economy Started 2019 With A Pop, Growing Rapidly' With 3.2% GDP Growth In The First Quarter

"The U.S. economy started 2019 with a pop, growing rapidly despite multiple headwinds ... Gross domestic product—the value of all goods and services produced in the U.S., adjusted for inflation and seasonality—rose at a 3.2% annual rate from January through March, the strongest rate of first-quarter growth in four years, the Commerce Department reported ..." (["U.S. Economy Grew at 3.2% Rate in First Quarter," The Wall Street Journal, 4/26/2019](#))

- "The economy is in a sweet spot for now with not enough inflation to cause the Fed to raise rates, and with inflation not low enough to worry Fed officials that economic demand is weakening, which could require rate cuts,' said Chris Rupkey, chief economist at MUFG in New York." (["U.S. Consumer Spending Roars Back, But Inflation Tame," Reuters, 4/29/2019](#))

Other Key Economic Indicators Show Americans 'Feeling Confident About Their Economic Prospects,' 'Laying Groundwork For Stronger Wage Growth And Continued Economic Expansion'

"U.S. consumers picked up their spending in February and March, a sign that households were feeling confident about their economic prospects." (["U.S. Consumer Spending Rises in February, March," The Wall Street Journal, 4/29/2019](#))

- "U.S. consumer spending increased by the most in more than 9-1/2 years in March as households stepped up purchases of motor vehicles, but price pressures remained muted, with a key inflation measure posting its smallest annual gain in 14 months." (["U.S. Consumer Spending Roars Back, But Inflation Tame," Reuters, 4/29/2019](#))
- "The big jump in consumer spending is encouraging because it suggests that the overall economy had solid momentum going into the April-June quarter." (["U.S. Consumer Spending Spikes 0.9 Percent In March," The Associated Press, 4/29/2019](#))

"U.S. workers' efficiency improved during the past year at the best pace in nearly a decade, laying groundwork for stronger wage growth and continued economic expansion. The productivity of nonfarm workers, measured as the output of goods and services for each hour on the job, increased at a 3.6% seasonally adjusted annual rate in the first quarter from the prior three months, the Labor Department said Thursday. From a year earlier, productivity rose 2.4%. That was the best gain year-over-year since the third quarter of 2010, when the economy was just emerging from a deep recession." (["U.S. Worker Productivity Advances at Best Rate Since 2010," The Wall Street Journal, 5/02/2019](#))

- "Productivity tends to be strong in the early days of an economic cycle. Accelerating improvement nearly 10 years after the recession ended raises hopes that a combination of more efficient workers and Americans rejoining the labor force could provide necessary fuel to extend one of the longest expansions in the post-World War II era." (["U.S. Worker Productivity Advances at Best Rate Since 2010," The Wall Street Journal, 5/02/2019](#))

- “Productivity growth in the longer run is also associated with wage gains. If workers are more efficient, employers can raise pay without cutting into profit margins.” ([“U.S. Worker Productivity Advances at Best Rate Since 2010,” The Wall Street Journal, 5/02/2019](#))

“The recent gains could be a sign that an uptick in investment following tax-law changes passed in 2017 means businesses are spending on the technology and tools necessary to increase output.... ‘The machines people bought last year, they are turning them on this year,’ Kevin Hassett, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said last week.” ([“U.S. Worker Productivity Advances at Best Rate Since 2010,” The Wall Street Journal, 5/02/2019](#))

‘[T]he U.S. Economy Is Remarkably Resilient When Government Doesn’t Get In The Way’

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITORS: “[T]he U.S. economy is remarkably resilient when government doesn’t get in the way.” ([Editorial, “The Tide Keeps Rising,” The Wall Street Journal, 4/26/2019](#))

- “The Trump Administration lifted the threat of new regulation and harassment of business in 2017, which liberated long-stifled animal spirits. Then came the Trump tax reform with its sharp reduction in business tax rates and immediate 100% expensing of new investment. This was targeted precisely to stimulate the weak capital investment that had stymied growth in the Obama years.” ([Editorial, “The Tide Keeps Rising,” The Wall Street Journal, 4/26/2019](#))
- “This has also kept the U.S. expansion going even as growth in the rest of the world has slowed markedly. U.S. growth over the last four quarters year over year is now above 3%.” ([Editorial, “The Tide Keeps Rising,” The Wall Street Journal, 4/26/2019](#))
- “The first quarter was also notable for the slowdown in inflation, with the price index for gross domestic purchases rising 0.8%. That’s the slowest pace since the first quarter of 2016.” ([Editorial, “The Tide Keeps Rising,” The Wall Street Journal, 4/26/2019](#))

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: May Rack Up / June Look Ahead
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019 3:50:04 PM

FYI.

The Monday return vote will be cloture (60 votes) on the motion to proceed to Cal.#78, S.1332, A bill to set forth the congressional budget (Paul).

See you next week.

From: Popp, David (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 3:23 PM
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Subject: May Rack Up / June Look Ahead

TO: The Fourth Estate
FROM: Popp
RE: May Rack Up / June Look Ahead

Folks-

The Senate had another productive work period in May. Specifically, on nominations, we confirmed nearly twice as many nominations in half the time. Click [here](#) for more on this important statistic.

Below is the May rack up, along with a broad look ahead for June- including our workload for next week when we return from the State Work Period.

- Popp

May Rack Up

- Completed long overdue disaster relief
- Confirmed four Circuit Court Judges for lifetime appointments, including two to the 9th Circuit- for a grand total of 41 to date.
- Confirmed 11 District Court judges for lifetime appointments
- Confirmed 30 critical executive branch employees, many in the national security space
- Flipped the EEOC – the last of the Democratic controlled boards
- Established a working quorum on the Export-Import Bank – a high Administration priority
- Passed the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act 97-1

June Look Ahead

- Continued work on the border supplemental to address the humanitarian crisis at our southern border
- Continued work on budget negotiations
- Continued work to confirm the president's well-qualified nominees to critical positions within the administration
- NDAA, following last week's Armed Services Committee markup

Week of June 3rd Agenda

- Motion to proceed to Cal.#78, S.1332, A bill to set forth the congressional budget (Paul).
 - *(If cloture is not invoked, we'll move to the following nominees, in this order)*
- Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025. (Reappointment)
- David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs)
- Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2024.
- Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.
- Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.
- Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

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Subject: McConnell Announces Senior Staff Changes



For Immediate Release, Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Contacts: Don Stewart, David Popp
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McConnell Announces Senior Staff Changes

Scott Raab Promoted to Policy Director, Scott Sloofman to be Staff Director of the Senate Republican Communications Center, and Jen Kuskowski rejoins the McConnell team as Policy Advisor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) today announced a promotion and two additions to his senior staff in the Majority Leader office.

Longtime McConnell Policy Advisor Scott Raab will be promoted to the Policy Director position at the beginning of the 116th Congress, replacing Hazen Marshall, who will depart the Leader's office at the end of this Congress. Former McConnell staffer Scott Sloofman will return to the Leader's office to serve as Staff Director for the Senate Republican Communications Center. Sloofman previously worked in the Senate Republican Communications Center as a Communications Advisor. Another former McConnell staffer, Jen Kuskowski, will join his Leader Office policy team as Policy Advisor, taking over Raab's policy portfolio, including health care, commerce, and telecommunications issues.

Since joining the McConnell team in 1999, Raab has played a key role in advancing numerous McConnell legislative priorities. Before joining the Republican Leader office in 2010, he served as the Legislative Director in McConnell's personal office. A graduate of George Washington University, Raab also worked for the offices of Bill Brewster and Wes Watkins of Oklahoma.

"I have relied on Scott's sound counsel and policy expertise for two decades to deliver victories for Kentucky and our nation," McConnell said. "I look forward to his continued service as Policy Director to help shape and implement our Conference's policy agenda."

Most recently, Sloofman served as Communications Director for Governor Larry Hogan's (R-MD) re-election campaign. A graduate of American University, Sloofman also served as Research Director for Leader McConnell's most recent re-election campaign.

"I'm excited to welcome Scott Sloofman back to my team to serve in this important role. Senate Republicans have a great story to tell after delivering wins across the board for the American people," McConnell added.

Kuskowski currently serves as Health Policy Director to Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) on the Senate Finance Committee and was previously a Senior Policy Advisor for the committee. Prior to joining the Finance Committee, she served as Legislative Director in McConnell's personal office and worked in the office of Mary Bono. A graduate of Franklin & Marshall College, Kuskowski also served in the Peace Corps in Ecuador.

"Jen has applied her legislative expertise to the benefit of Kentucky, our conference and the nation. I'm happy to have her back on my team in this important role," McConnell added.

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McConnell on Border Security, Government Funding: It's Time to Get This Done

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

“Yesterday, Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, and their House counterparts continued finalizing their legislative proposal to fund the government. Their negotiated solution would wrap up this year’s appropriations process and avoid another partial government shutdown. As our colleagues hammer out the final details, I’d like to thank them again for the cooperative, bipartisan efforts that have brought us to this point.

“The agreement reached on Monday was achieved because the conference committee set aside far-left poison pills and absurd demands. None of these radical non-starters was allowed to torpedo the process. Notwithstanding weeks of over-the-top rhetoric from Speaker Pelosi, the agreement did not cave to the far-left demand that no more than a single dollar go toward new barriers on the southern border. No, indeed, it provides well over a billion such dollars. The negotiators also prevented last-minute efforts to hamstring U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with an unprecedented statutory limit on their ability to detain criminal aliens in the interior of our country.

“Instead, here’s what their agreement does provide. It provides another significant down payment on the president’s plan to secure our nation’s borders with new physical barriers and keep American communities safe. It provides nearly \$1.4 billion for new barriers in the Border Patrol’s highest-priority areas, enough to build nearly twice as many miles as were funded last year. It gives ICE the capacity and the flexibility to continue responding to surges in illegal immigration. And it continues to provide the president with appropriate reprogramming authority, so he can direct additional funding toward urgent homeland security priorities should circumstances require.

“Of course, in addition to all this, the legislation will wrap up all of our outstanding regular appropriations bills and get the entire federal government funded the right way. It goes without saying that neither side is getting everything it wants. That’s the way it goes in divided government. If the text of the bill reflects the principles agreed to on Monday, it won’t be a perfect deal -- but it will be a good deal. I hope that our colleagues will complete the process of turning those principles into legislation soon and final text that can become law before this Friday’s deadline.

“We can’t let any unrelated, cynical partisan plays get in the way of finishing this important process. I understand, for example, that Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats are apparently objecting – objecting, believe it or not -- to a modest extension of the *Violence Against Women Act*. The Speaker is objecting to a modest extension of the *Violence Against Women Act*? This authority will expire this Friday. Republicans believe that we should follow standard procedure and extend this important legislation through the end of this fiscal year, which is about seven months.

“There are new Chairmen this Congress of both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees, and a modest extension of this authority would allow them to work on a longer-term reauthorization of this important law. In addition, a modest extension of this law is consistent with how this matter has been handled in the past. Every time that a continuing resolution was necessary in the past Congress, Republicans made sure it included an extension of the VAWA. I don’t know what cynical ploy my Democratic colleagues may be trying to pull, but surely no political maneuvering should be worth letting the *Violence Against Women Act* lapse this Friday – 2 days from now. So, it’s time to get this done.”

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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
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McConnell on President's Emergency Declaration: I Will Vote To Uphold It

"But let's not lose sight of the particular question before us today: Whether the facts tell us there is truly a humanitarian and security crisis on our southern border, and whether the Senate for some reason feels that this particular emergency on our own border does not rise to the level of the 31 other national emergencies which are currently in effect. In my own view, these narrow questions are not especially difficult ones to answer. The president is operating within existing law and the crisis on our border is all too real. I will vote to support the president's decision later today and I encourage my colleagues to do the same."

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding today's vote on the president's southern border emergency declaration:

"Later today, the Senate will vote on a resolution related to the state of emergency the president has declared on our southern border. Let me first say that I support the president's decision. So I will vote today to uphold it and reject this resolution of disapproval. But I want to begin where this whole discussion should begin. Beyond all the partisan rhetoric and denials of reality that we see from our friends across the aisle.

"Just the facts of the matter. And the facts are not ambiguous: There is a clear border security and humanitarian crisis on the southern border of the United States of America. It was only last week that the president's top officials in the matter -- Secretary Nielsen and CBP Commissioner McAleenan -- each came before Congress to once again spell this out. The man charged with protecting our nation's borders didn't mince words ahead of last week's hearing. Quote: 'The system is well beyond capacity, and remains at the breaking point.'

"The Commissioner pointed out to our colleagues on the Judiciary Committee that the 76,000 attempted illegal crossings documented in February marked an 11-year high for that month. And based on CBP projections, by the middle of this month -- that is, tomorrow -- apprehensions for FY 2019 will already be twice what they were in all of FY 2017. And in front of the House Homeland Security Committee, the Secretary of Homeland Security elaborated, saying, quote: 'Our capacity is already severely strained, but these increases will overwhelm the system completely.'

"This is one of the president's senior advisors -- a cabinet secretary -- and she's telling members of

Congress that the current situation is very much a crisis -- one that requires immediate action. Over the past five years, CBP has recorded a 620% increase in apprehensions of family units at the U.S.-Mexico border. Last year's figure marked an all-time high. Research suggests upwards of 30% of women apprehended at the border report experiencing sexual assault during their journeys. Lately, a daily average of 56 individuals taken into CBP custody have required emergency medical care.

"The men and women of the Border Patrol are brave. They are well-trained and highly-skilled. And they volunteered for a challenging job. But today they are facing challenges they are not fully equipped to overcome. Now, it's no secret I take the Senate as an institution extremely seriously. I take the separation of powers extremely seriously. And I take Congress's prerogative over appropriations extremely seriously.

"But -- as I argued yesterday in the context of the Yemen resolution -- the Senate should not be in the business of misusing specific resolutions to express opinions on more general matters. President Trump has not invoked some vague Article II authority or simply swept aside existing law, as President Obama did to establish his DACA policy. He has simply operated within existing law -- the National Emergencies Act of 1976 -- to invoke a narrow set of authorities to reprogram a narrow set of funds.

"If Congress has grown uneasy with this law, as many have, then we should amend it. If the 116th Congress regrets the degree of flexibility that the 94th Congress gave the executive, the 116th Congress can do something about it. I have suggested to the Chair of the Homeland Security Committee that they examine how the law can be updated to reflect these concerns. I hope that they can report bipartisan solutions through the regular order that the full Senate can take up.

"But let's not lose sight of the particular question before us today: Whether the facts tell us there is truly a humanitarian and security crisis on our southern border, and whether the Senate for some reason feels that this particular emergency on our own border does not rise to the level of the 31 other national emergencies which are currently in effect. In my own view, these narrow questions are not especially difficult ones to answer. The president is operating within existing law and the crisis on our border is all too real. I will vote to support the president's decision later today and I encourage my colleagues to do the same."

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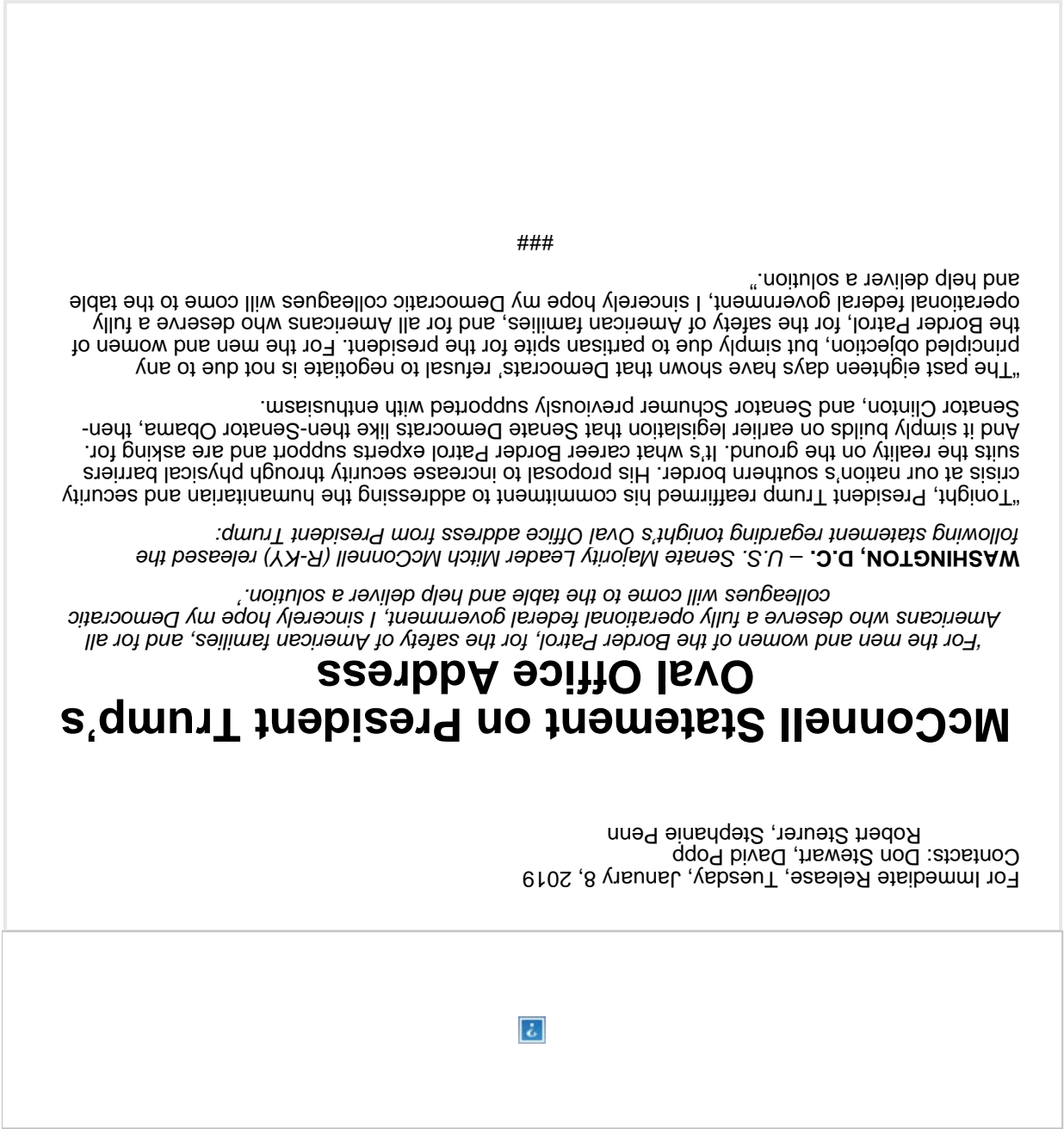
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McConnell Statement on President Trump's Oval Office Address

'For the men and women of the Border Patrol, for the safety of American families, and for all Americans who deserve a fully operational federal government, I sincerely hope my Democratic colleagues will come to the table and help deliver a solution.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement regarding tonight's Oval Office address from President Trump:

"Tonight, President Trump reaffirmed his commitment to addressing the humanitarian and security crisis at our nation's southern border. His proposal to increase security through physical barriers suits the reality on the ground. It's what career Border Patrol experts support and are asking for. And it simply builds on earlier legislation that Senate Democrats like then-Senator Obama, then-Senator Clinton, and Senator Schumer previously supported with enthusiasm.

"The past eighteen days have shown that Democrats' refusal to negotiate is not due to any principled objection, but simply due to partisan spite for the president. For the men and women of the Border Patrol, for the safety of American families, and for all Americans who deserve a fully operational federal government, I sincerely hope my Democratic colleagues will come to the table and help deliver a solution."

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McConnell Statement on President's National Emergency Announcement

'President Trump's decision to announce emergency action is the predictable and understandable consequence of Democrats' decision to put partisan obstruction ahead of the national interest.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement following President Trump's announcement:

"President Trump's decision to announce emergency action is the predictable and understandable consequence of Democrats' decision to put partisan obstruction ahead of the national interest. I urge my Democratic colleagues to quickly get serious, put partisanship aside, and work with the president and our homeland security experts to provide the funding needed to secure our borders as we begin the next round of appropriations."

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Jim Neill

Policy Advisor

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

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McConnell Statement on Secretary of Defense Nominee Patrick Shanahan

Acting Secretary Patrick Shanahan is a well-regarded leader and the duties of the Secretary are too important for this position to remain unfilled. I look forward to meeting with Acting Secretary Shanahan soon and to the Senate's prompt consideration of his nomination.

LOUISVILLE, KY – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement regarding the president's intent to nominate Patrick Shanahan for Secretary of Defense:

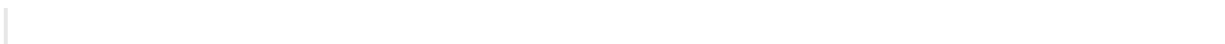
"I am glad to learn that President Trump has made his choice for the next Secretary of Defense. Acting Secretary Patrick Shanahan is a well-regarded leader and the duties of the Secretary are too important for this position to remain unfilled. I look forward to meeting with Acting Secretary Shanahan soon and to the Senate's prompt consideration of his nomination.

"The United States faces a range of significant national security challenges, from renewed competition with powers like Russia and China to the continued threat of global terrorist organizations like ISIS and Al Qaeda. Meeting these challenges will require our continued focus on the readiness and modernization of our armed forces, on the strength of critical alliances such as NATO, and on meaningfully implementing the National Defense Strategy to ensure America continues to lead from a position of strength around the world.

"I look forward to discussing these pressing issues with Acting Secretary Shanahan. I hope all my colleagues will give this nomination the full and fair consideration that it deserves."

Background: The Senate will consider this nomination in a timely manner. Additional details and scheduling announcements regarding confirmation hearings will be forthcoming from the [Senate Armed Services Committee](#).

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Hi there, Wanted to consolidate resources that were circulated over the past several weeks on border security. Please see attached from CBP.

Also ICYMI, the Leader's remarks from this morning in support of the House amendment are below.

Please feel free to email or call if you have any questions. X4-2492.

- Jane

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
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McConnell: Let's Secure Our Country

'I support the additional border security and disaster aid that the House added to the bill and I will proudly vote for it.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

"Yesterday, the House passed an amended version of the continuing resolution to sustain government funding and sent it here for our consideration. In addition to giving the entire federal government the necessary resources to operate into the New Year, this legislation also provides much-needed investments in disaster relief for hard-hit communities and in our national security, particularly the integrity of our borders.

"In my view, this is legislation that would be quite uncontroversial in a more normal political moment -- in a moment when both parties put the obvious national interest ahead of any personal spite for the president. I support the additional border security and disaster aid that the House added to the bill and I will proudly vote for it.

"It's not a radical concept that the American people's government should be able to control the people and goods that flow into our country. It's not a radical concept that physical barriers play an

important role in achieving security -- unless there's a caucus of lawmakers who go to bed at night with their front doors wide open that I'm not aware of. What is radical, what is way out of the mainstream, is this absurd premise of the open-borders Far Left that achieving basic stability and law enforcement on our Southern border is somehow -- in itself -- uncompassionate, or discriminatory, or immoral.

"Fairness and compassion don't mean only enforcing some of our laws, half-heartedly. Fairness and compassion mean that we fulfill our governing duties for the American people. And if we continue to throw up our hands and tolerate a status quo that is allowing too many drugs and dangerous criminals to travel freely into our land, then this federal government is not doing its duty.

"The facts are clear on this. The need for greater security on our southern border is not some partisan invention. It's an empirical fact. And the need is only growing. Apprehensions along the border have nearly doubled in the past year. The men and women of the border patrol are encountering greater numbers of gang members and individuals with criminal histories, more family units, more seizures of cocaine and fentanyl.

"This is a real crisis. The implications -- for American communities, for vulnerable children, and for the Border Patrol units that are already stretched thin -- are very real. There's no bright line of principle that sets this request for border funding apart from similar requests that many Democrats have supported in the past. A lot of them have supported this in the past. There is no sharp distinction between the proposal my friends across the aisle have decided to oppose today and proposals they've been happy to endorse in the past.

"The only thing that's really changed are the political winds way over -- way over-- on the Far Left. So let's not end this year the way we began it -- with another shutdown over the issue of illegal immigration. Remember this back in January? All because the Democrats are unwilling to support common-sense measures to address it. Let's advance this legislation. Let's pass it. Let's finish our work for this year. Let's secure our country."

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State of the Border Talking Points

- Apprehensions
 - On the southern border, more than 75 percent of total apprehensions and inadmissibles are encountered by Border Patrol between the ports of entry.
 - In FY 2018, USBP apprehended 404,000 illegal aliens—a 30 percent increase from FY 2017.
 - October 2018 showed an 88 percent increase in apprehensions compared to the same month the prior year.
- FMUA and UAC Apprehensions
 - October was the first month that family unit apprehensions surpassed single adults.
 - In FY18 the number of family units and unaccompanied children totaled 157,000—nearly 40 percent of the total southern border apprehensions of 396,000. In October, they had increased to 55 percent of apprehensions.
 - The Rio Grande Valley Sector is the busiest sector on the southern border, with about 40 percent of apprehensions.
 - FY19 is already shaping up to be busier for our busiest sector—RGV saw a nearly 300 percent increase in family units in October compared to October 2017.
 - RGV is not alone, nearly every sector on the border saw a 200-350 percent increase in family units during the same period. Some sectors—El Paso, San Diego, and Yuma—saw an over 500 percent increase.
 - El Paso in particular went from about 200 family apprehensions in October 2017 to nearly 5,200 this October. At the same time, El Paso also experienced a 300 percent increase in UACs.
 - At the same time that certain locations seeing high levels of families and children, others are still encountering primarily single adults.
 - In FY 2018, single adults made up nearly 90 percent of apprehensions in Laredo Sector and approximately 80 percent of apprehensions in the Tucson, El Centro and San Diego sectors.
- Criminal and Gang Apprehensions
 - Last year, Border Patrol apprehended over 800 gang members—a 50 percent increase over the prior year.
 - We also apprehended nearly 6,700 aliens with criminal histories that include theft, drug and weapons trafficking, and violent crimes.
 - We often talk about RGV sector having the highest number of families and children along the border, but this sector also has the second highest number of criminal aliens mixing in with that vulnerable population: 1,337 criminal aliens last year.
 - RGV also has the highest number of assaults on our agents: 236 incidents last year that represented 35 percent of border assaults.
- Country of Origin
 - So far this year, Mexican nationals have remained steady at approximately 25,000 apprehensions compared to this time last year.

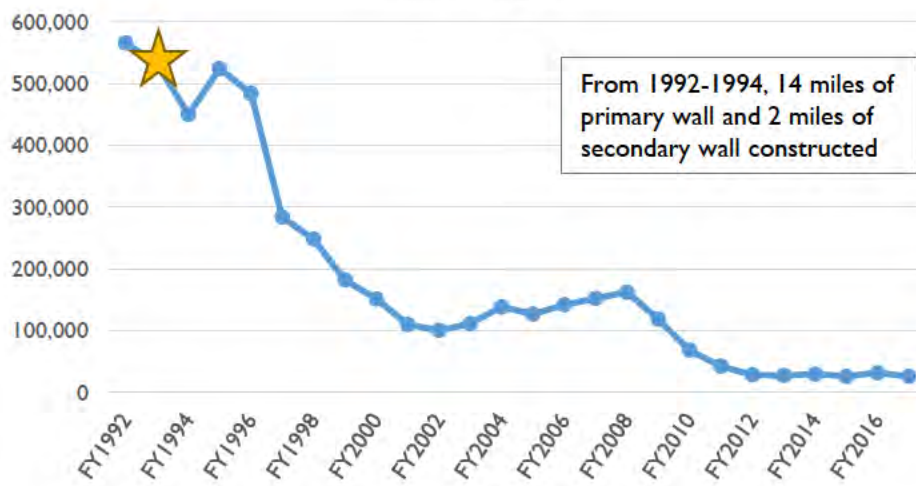
State of the Border Talking Points

- By contrast, Northern Triangle migrants have increased from 27,000 to 69,000, a nearly 40 percent increase.
- Drug Seizures
 - Marijuana continues to be the largest volume drug seized along the border—though we've seen significant decreases in recent years, we seized over 450,000 pounds last year.
 - We also seize 7,000 pounds of cocaine and heroine, and an increasing amount of methamphetamine—up 75 percent since FY 2015.
 - As our colleagues in CBP Field Operations are seeing the rapid increase of fentanyl through the mail and ports of entry, Border Patrol saw a 115 percent increase in fentanyl seizures in 2018.

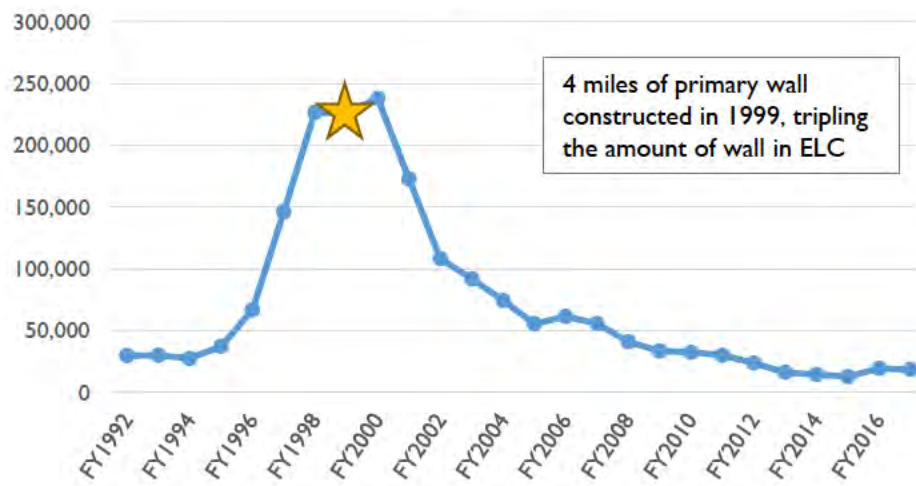


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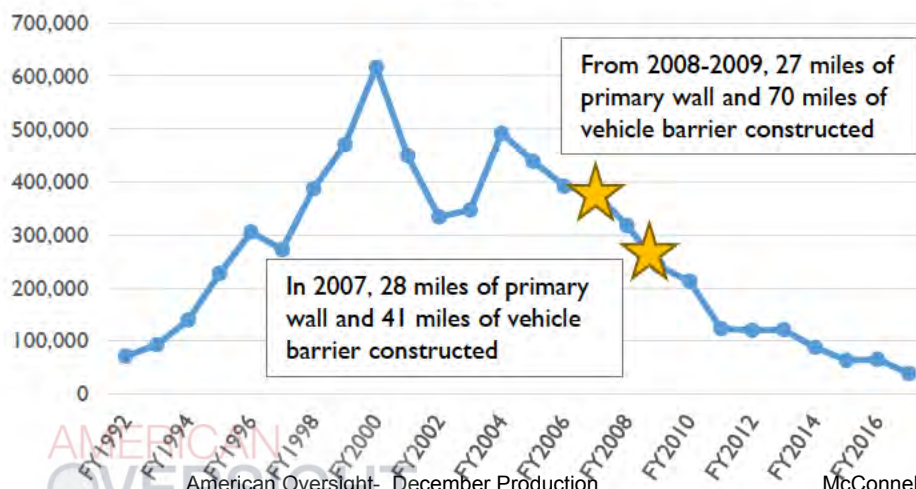
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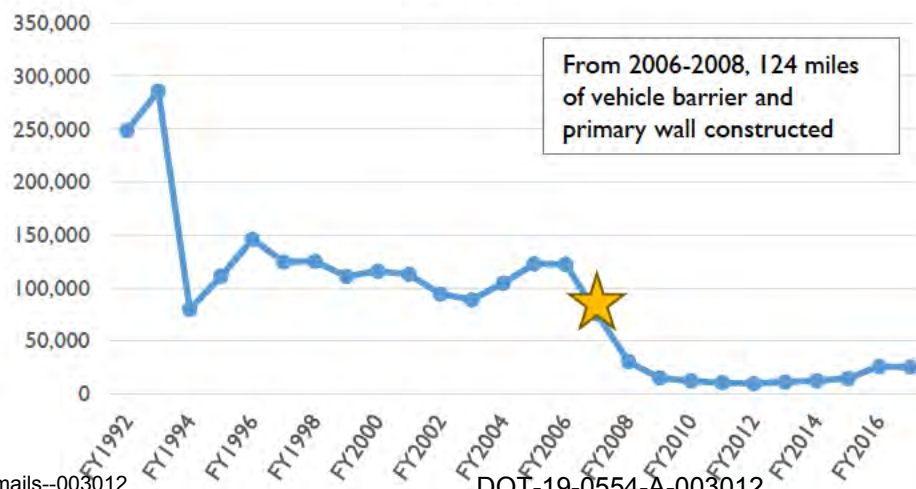
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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW: McConnell: The American People Need Democrats to Work Together
Date: Thursday, January 3, 2019 1:26:09 PM
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FYI on today's remarks.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_McConnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 1:23 PM
Subject: McConnell: The American People Need Democrats to Work Together



For Immediate Release, Thursday, January 3, 2019
Contacts: Don Stewart, David Popp
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2AsLs5g>
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2F6HIII>

McConnell: The American People Need Democrats and Republicans to Work Together

"So we know that the Senate, with this Republican majority, is fertile soil for big bipartisan accomplishments. The question is: Will the newly Democratic House join in this good momentum, or bring it to a standstill? It's a clear choice, and it will be clear to the American people watching at home. Good governance, or political performance art? The public interest, or presidential harassment?"

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

"So, as we begin this new Congress together, one fact is abundantly clear: the American people need Democrats and Republicans to work together. Today illustrates that very point. Last November, voters expanded our Republican majority here in the Senate -- but ensured that 60 votes will only be attainable by working across the aisle. And incoming Speaker Pelosi will be leading a new Democratic majority over in the House. This is the landscape in which we'll be operating. Fortunately, the record of the 115th Congress illustrates just how much is possible when both sides make bipartisan collaboration a priority.

"Here in the Senate, our good faith efforts yielded an historic tally of legislative accomplishments on behalf of the American people. We passed landmark legislation to help heal the wounds of the opioid epidemic. We delivered measures to help lower prescription drug prices and expand access to safe treatments.

"We reached a major agreement to rebuild America's military and designed VA reforms that will help our nation better keep its solemn promises to the brave men and women who have served. We brought a bipartisan scalpel to financial regulations, so that fewer of Main Street's local lenders will get trapped in the maze of Wall Street's rule book. We reassessed a commitment to regular order appropriations. We laid the groundwork for rebuilding American infrastructure. We delivered certainty and predictability to farming communities across the nation.

"So we know that the Senate, with this Republican majority, is fertile soil for big bipartisan accomplishments. The question is: Will the newly Democratic House join in this good momentum, or bring it to a standstill? It's a clear choice, and it will be clear to the American people watching at home. Good governance, or political performance art? The public interest, or political spite?"

Policymaking, or presidential harassment? The first test case is already upon us. Just yesterday, I was glad to join House and Senate leaders of both parties in a meeting with President Trump at the White House to discuss border security and outstanding appropriations. This meeting included a briefing on the urgent crisis at our southern border. The facts on the ground are striking.

“As the Border Patrol Chief testified before the Judiciary Committee a few weeks ago, the border patrol apprehended more than 800 gang members last year -- a 50% increase over the previous year. Methamphetamine seizures are up 75 percent since Fiscal 2015. Importantly, we also know that in each of four CBP sectors where physical barriers have been improved or expanded, illegal traffic has dropped by at least -- now listen to this -- 90%. In these areas where there are physical barriers, illegal traffic has dropped by 90%. These are the facts on which the entire conversation must turn. And yet, as yesterday marked the twelfth day of this ongoing partial government shutdown, my Democratic colleagues seemed less concerned with these facts than with their unreasonable political standoff with the president.

“So, for the benefit of all involved, let me restate the terms of engagement. In other words, where we are. We need a bicameral, bipartisan, compromise solution. We need an arrangement that can check these three boxes: passage in the House; achieve the support of at least 60 Senators; and the president’s signature. It’s not complicated – that’s how you make a law. The legislation that House Democrats reportedly plan to vote on later today is not a serious attempt to check all three of those boxes. In fact, it ignores the bipartisan conference negotiations and progress made on these spending bills over the last month. So, I would call it political theater; not productive lawmaking.

“I’ve made it clear on several occasions, and let me say it again: The Senate will not take up any proposal that does not have a real chance of passing this chamber and getting a presidential signature. Let’s not waste the time. Let’s not get off on the wrong foot, with House Democrats using their new platform to produce political statements rather than serious solutions. Let’s pick up where we left off and dedicate this 116th Congress to the spirit of bipartisan collaboration to create more victories for the American people.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: NEWS: Conferees Introduce Legislation to Secure Border, Fund Government
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:53:51 AM
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From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppress@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 12:15 AM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: NEWS: Conferees Introduce Legislation to Secure Border, Fund Government

Shelby letterhead



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 13, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

CONFEREES INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO SECURE BORDER, FUND GOVERNMENT

Package Includes Remaining Seven FY2019 Appropriations Bills, Provides \$22.54 Billion in Total Border Security

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate and House conferees today filed a comprehensive appropriations package that contains a bipartisan agreement on border security and completes government funding for the current fiscal year. The legislation provides \$22.54 billion in total border security funding, including \$1.375 billion for 55 new miles of physical barriers in the most needed areas along the southwest border. The Senate and House will vote on the package this week, prior to the funding deadline of Friday, February 15. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby issued the following statement regarding the legislation:

“I am pleased that my fellow conferees and I were able to reach an agreement to secure the border and avoid another government shutdown. This legislation makes a significant down payment on the border wall and provides a bipartisan path forward to complete the remaining FY19 spending bills. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this package so we can demonstrate to the American people that we are here to work together and do our jobs.”

The funding measure contains FY2019 appropriations bills for Homeland Security; Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; Financial Services and General Government; Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies; and State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.

The following are links to the legislative text, explanatory statement, and summaries for each portion of the package:

[Conference Report on H.J. Res. 31](#)

[Statement of Managers FY2019 Consolidated Appropriations Act](#)

[Homeland Security, 2019](#)

[Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, 2019](#)

[Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, 2019](#)

[Financial Services and General Government, 2019](#)

[Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, 2019](#)

[State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, 2019](#)

[Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, 2019](#)

[Full Package Summary](#)

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: NEWS: President Breaks Gridlock on Disaster Aid
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019 2:19:25 PM
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From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppress@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) <(b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: NEWS: President Breaks Gridlock on Disaster Aid

Shelby letterhead



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 23, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

PRESIDENT BREAKS GRIDLOCK ON DISASTER AID

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today released the text of [emergency supplemental appropriations legislation](#) to help millions of Americans recover and rebuild from recent natural disasters. The measure provides \$19.1 billion in relief for states and territories recently ravaged by tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, volcanoes, typhoons, and other such events. Senate action on the package is expected today. Shelby issued the following statement:

“I want to thank President Trump for breaking the gridlock and getting this disaster relief to Americans who so desperately need it. We have been working on this package for several months, and I am pleased to say that help is finally on the way.”

The disaster relief bill provides critical aid for states affected by disasters in 2018 and 2019, as well as ongoing relief for disasters that occurred in 2017, including: agriculture disaster relief for farmers; development grants for small, rural communities; assistance for veterans’ health facilities and military construction projects; emergency funds for critical timber, watershed, and wastewater infrastructure needs; and resources to restore highways, aviation facilities, and other transit projects. The measure also includes \$600 million in nutrition assistance and \$304 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for Puerto Rico – key Democratic priorities in the bill. The legislation further

includes billions of dollars in additional funding for states in the Midwest and the South that have experienced catastrophic flooding and tornadoes in 2019. Finally, the bill includes an extension of the National Flood Insurance Program.

The following are links to the legislative text and summary for the disaster supplemental:

[Disaster Supplemental Text](#)

[Disaster Supplemental Summary](#)

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: NEWS: Shelby Releases Disaster Supplemental Appropriations Legislation
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:28:46 PM
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FYI – We started the process to move the Senate disaster relief package. Cloture was invoked (vote to end debate) on the motion to proceed, 90-10.

We will have 30 hours of debate, barring consent, and then a vote on the motion to proceed to the House underlying vehicle.

Shelby substitute text was circulated earlier today, below.

From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppress@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: NEWS: Shelby Releases Disaster Supplemental Appropriations Legislation

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 26, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

SHELBY RELEASES DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today released the text of [emergency supplemental appropriations legislation](#) that will help millions of Americans recover and rebuild from recent natural disasters. The measure provides \$13.45 billion in supplemental funding for states and territories recently ravaged by tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, volcanoes, typhoons, and other such events. The Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to the legislation today. Chairman Shelby issued the following statement regarding his support for the bill:

“Millions of Americans are hurting as a result of natural disasters that occurred last year and are currently ongoing. This legislation is the product of months of bipartisan discussions and contains important input from both sides of the aisle and both chambers of Congress. It now also includes critical relief for states like Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and

Kansas that are experiencing ongoing, catastrophic flooding. I hope my Democratic colleagues will join us in providing the relief these people need and not stand in the way just because it does not include every single provision they wanted.”

The supplemental appropriations bill provides critical aid for states affected by disasters in 2018, as well as ongoing relief for disasters that occurred in 2017, including: agriculture disaster relief for farmers; development grants for small, rural communities; assistance for veterans’ health facilities and military construction projects; emergency funds for critical timber, watershed, and wastewater infrastructure needs; and resources to restore highways, aviation facilities, and other transit projects. The measure also includes an additional \$600 million in nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico – a key Democratic priority in the bill. In addition, the legislation expands eligibility in certain accounts for states in the Midwest and the South that have experienced catastrophic flooding and tornadoes in 2019.

The following are links to the legislative text and summary for the disaster supplemental:

[Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief, 2019](#)

[Disaster Supplemental Summary](#)

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Noms // Setting up the week after Thanksgiving
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018 5:28:03 PM

FYI

From: Soares, Erica (McConnell)
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 5:11 PM
To: Soares, Erica (McConnell) <(b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Noms // Setting up the week after Thanksgiving

Hi everyone –

Leader McConnell just filed cloture on the following nominations, setting us up for the week after Thanksgiving (November 26):

1. Exec. Cal. #544 Stephen Vaden to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.
2. Exec. Cal. #939 Karen Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.
3. Exec. Cal. #626 Thomas Farr to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.
4. Exec. Cal. #1141 Jonathan Kobes to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.
5. Exec. Cal. #1064 Kathleen Kraninger to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, for a term of five years.

Have a great night (Tax Prom? Fed Soc? Binge watching the Sopranos?)

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Obstruction for obstruction's sake. It cannot stand and it will not stand.
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:06:07 PM
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FYI. At 5:30 pm, on Monday, April 1st, the Senate will vote to end debate (60 votes) on the Senate disaster relief package, Shelby amendment #201.

Leader also filed cloture on S. Res. 50, related to nominations. FYI below on some background.

From: Popp, David (McConnell) <(b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Popp, David (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Obstruction for obstruction's sake. It cannot stand and it will not stand.

To: The Fourth Estate

From: Popp

RE: Next Week / Rules Change

This afternoon, Leader McConnell filed cloture on the motion to proceed to [S. Res. 50](#), a resolution to reduce the amount of post-cloture debate time required for sub-cabinet level nominees and lower court judges.

The Leader has spoken exhaustively on the mindless obstruction from Senate Democrats as it relates to all nominations, specifically on this group. His floor remarks from today are below and you can find his remarks from the Rules Committee markup of S. Res. 50 [here](#).

As the Leader said today, even though the resolution passed the Rules Committee on a party line vote, Democrats have the opportunity to support cloture next week so this rules change can, and should, be adopted under regular order- just as a similar one on this topic was adopted in 2013.

WHAT'S NEXT

After consideration of the disaster supplemental package, we'll have the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. Res. 50. I would expect this vote to take place early next week.

The Leader will have more to say on this ahead of and after the cloture vote. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

In honor of [Opening Day and Scherzday](#), two things for you:

- Your 2019 Pups in the Park [Schedule](#)
- [Remington](#)

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For Immediate Release, Thursday, March 28, 2019

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YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2U1lfoR>

Senate Resolution Would End Systematic Obstruction on Nominees

'So I urge every one of my colleagues -- let's get the Senate back to the normal, historical pattern for handling presidents' nominations. Let's give President Trump as well as all future presidents a functional process for building their administrations. Let's give the American people the governments they actually elected. And let's seize this chance to do so through bipartisan regular order that we're pursuing here, both in committee and now here on the floor. The status quo is unsustainable for the Senate and for the country. It is unfair to this president and to future presidents of either party. It cannot stand -- and it will not stand.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding a resolution to reduce the amount of post-cloture debate time required for sub-cabinet level nominees and lower court judges:

"I come to the floor to discuss the unprecedented obstruction that has faced President Trump's nominees for the past 26 months and counting -- and to announce that the Senate is going to do something about it. The systematic, across-the-board delay and obstruction that have crippled this administration's nominations is unique in American history. Every presidential election since Adams beat Jefferson in 1796 has left some Senators disappointed their side lost. There's always a losing side, and they're never happy about it.

"But the past two years have been the first time ever that the unhappy party has used Senate procedure to systematically blockade the new president's nominees and prevent him from staffing up an administration. Let me say that again. Since January 2017, for the first time in the 230-year history of the United States Senate, a minority of Senators have used Senate procedure to systematically prevent the President of the United States from putting a full team in place.

"During the first two years of the last six presidential administrations before President Trump, 24 total cloture votes had to be held to advance nominations. And in President Trump's first two years? 128 cloture votes on nominees. For 42 different executive branch positions, cloture votes have been required for the first time ever. Uncontroversial Assistant Secretaries. Agencies' General Counsels. Never required cloture votes before, ever -- until this particular Democratic minority.

"Or just compare President Trump's first two years to President Obama's. Overall, we confirmed 22% fewer nominations for President Trump and sent more than twice as many back to the White House. Take just the Foreign Relations Committee as one example. The share of nominees sent to the Foreign Relations committee who were still not confirmed after President Trump's first two years was more than three times what it was for President Obama.

"To be clear, the lion's share of all this is not controversial, high-profile figures. In most cases they are unambiguously well-qualified nominees for critical but lower-profile jobs. For example, it took more than six months and several tragic railroad accidents that made national news before a minority of Senators would allow us to confirm the president's nominee to head the Federal

Railroad Administration. Six months and railroad accidents to get us to confirm the president's nominee to head the Federal Railroad Administration.

"He'd worked in railroads as an engineer, manager, and executive for 45 years. Our colleagues on the Commerce Committee voice-voted him out of committee. And, actually, when Democrats finally allowed his nomination to come to the floor, he was confirmed here by voice vote. But despite the fact that nobody actually objected to the nominee, this important job was held empty for six long months. Obstruction for obstruction's sake. It's the same story with even the least controversial judicial nominees.

"Last January, it took more than a week of floor time to confirm four district judges. All of whom had been voice-voted out of the Judiciary Committee the previous autumn. But still, months of delays. And then cloture votes were required for each. But once we finally plowed through to the confirmation votes, they were all confirmed unanimously. Months of delays and procedural roadblocks for four bipartisan nominees whom not a single Senator actually opposed. Not a principled maneuver. Not thoughtful use of minority powers. Obstruction simply for the sake of obstruction.

"This historic campaign isn't fair to our duly-elected president. And more importantly, it is not fair to the American people. The American people deserve the government they elected. They deserve for important positions to be promptly filled with capable individuals – not held open indefinitely out of political spite. And from an institutional perspective, as we all acknowledge, this is completely unsustainable. But if we allow it to persist, it seems guaranteed to become standard operating procedure for every administration going forward. Let's assume two years from now, my side is in the minority and there's a Democratic president. If we allow this to persist, we'll be doing the same thing to those guys that they've been doing to us. It would be the new norm.

"Some of our colleagues who are leading this systematic obstruction are actually running for president themselves. Well, these tactics will virtually guarantee that any future Democrat administration is subjected to this same paralysis. Everybody will be doing it. Is this how American government is going to work from here on out? Whichever party loses the White House basically prohibits the new president from standing up an administration? We can't accept this. This just can't be allowed to continue. We need to restore the Senate to the way it functioned for decades.

"Remember, the idea that nominees would regularly require cloture votes was completely foreign to the Senate until this sad chapter began during President George W. Bush's Administration in the early 2000s. As of 1968, cloture had never been required for any nomination. As of 1978, it had been required for two. Until 2003, in no Congress had more than 12 cloture motions ever been needed for nominations. But now, again, President Trump's chosen nominees faced 128 cloture votes during the Congress just past. So this entire conversation is a modern aberration. This hasn't been going on forever – this is a fairly recent thing. This behavior is new. We need to restore Senate tradition in this area.

"Fortunately, we have a clear roadmap to do just that. In 2013, immediately after President Obama's re-election, 78 Senators -- including me -- passed a bipartisan standing order to speed up the consideration of many presidential nominees. 78 members of this body passed a standing order to help President Obama speed up the executive calendar. It reduced the post-cloture time for most nominations without touching the Supreme Court, circuit courts, or the highest levels of the executive branch. Essentially everything else got a more streamlined process so nominees could be confirmed more efficiently.

"Again, President Obama had just been inaugurated for the second time days earlier. You better believe Republicans were disappointed we'd lost. But we did not throw a systematic tantrum. Instead, a sizeable number of us came over and joined the Democrats to help the Senate process non-controversial nominations as it had for the vast bulk of the history of the Senate. I was Republican leader in the minority, and still I supported it. We judged it was the right thing to do. So we did it. The standing order passed 78 to 16.

“So today, I am filing cloture on a resolution that takes that bipartisan effort as its blueprint. This resolution from Senator Blunt and Senator Lankford would implement very similar steps and make them a permanent part of the Senate going forward. The Supreme Court, circuit courts, cabinet-level executive positions, and certain independent boards and commissions would not change.

“But for most other nominations – for the hundreds of lower-level nominations that every new president makes – post-cloture debate time would be reduced from 30 hours to 2 hours. This would keep the floor moving. It would facilitate more efficient consent agreements. And most importantly, it would allow the administration — finally, two years into its tenure — to staff numerous important positions that remain unfilled, with nominees who have been languishing.

“This resolution has come up through regular order, through the Rules Committee. And next week, we will vote on it. It deserves the same kind of bipartisan vote that Sen. Schumer and Sen. Reid’s proposal received back during the Obama Administration. I understand that many of my Democratic colleagues have indicated they would be all for this reform as long as it doesn’t go into effect until 2021, when they obviously hope someone else might be in the White House. But they’re reluctant to support it now.

“Give me a break. That is unfair on its face. My Democratic colleagues were more than happy to support a similar proposal in 2013 under President Obama. They whisper in our ears privately that they’d support it now if it took effect in 2021. But they can’t support it now, especially under these unprecedented circumstances, simply because we have a Republican president. So look, fair is fair. Members of this body should only support reforms that they would be ready to support in the minority as they are in the majority. Put another way, if my side is in the minority two years from now, I don’t think this will be unfair – it will not disadvantage us in the wake of a new Democratic president. This is a change the institution needs, a change the institution made already basically with a two-year experiment when President Obama was in office. This is a reform that every member should embrace -- when their party controls the White House and when it does not control the White House.

“So I urge every one of my colleagues -- let’s get the Senate back to the normal, historical pattern for handling presidents’ nominations. Let’s give President Trump as well as all future presidents a functional process for building their administrations. Let’s give the American people the governments they actually elected. And let’s seize this chance to do so through bipartisan regular order that we’re pursuing here, both in committee and now here on the floor. The status quo is unsustainable for the Senate and for the country. It is unfair to this president and to future presidents of either party. It cannot stand -- and it will not stand.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opioids -- McConnell (UC)
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:34:24 AM

FYI – Vote to pass opioids bill at 3:15 PM, today.

From: SRC UC Tracker (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:26 AM
Subject: McConnell (UC)

UC Agreement

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018 AT 10:25 AM

McConnell (UC)

Senator McConnell: (10:18 a.m.)

- Unanimous Consent –
 - That following disposition of the motion to concur with regard to H.R. 302, the majority leader or his designee be recognized to make a motion to concur in the House message accompanying H.R. 6, the opioid bill.
 - Further, notwithstanding the previous order in relation to H.R. 6, at 3:15 p.m. today the Senate VOTE on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 6, the opioid bill.
 - (Without objection)
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Alexander Charow, Floor Monitor
SRC

Email: (b) (6) @src.senate.gov

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opioids -- Vote Results (Motion to Concur)
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 4:02:42 PM

FYI

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 3:53 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Motion to Concur)

Vote Result

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018 AT 03:53 PM

Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the opioid bill (H.R. 6)

Agreed to, 98-1:

Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6, the opioid bill.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

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FYI

From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW: Partial Government Shutdown Prolonged by Democrats' Refusal to Negotiate
Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:44:39 AM
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From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <leader_mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:07 AM
Subject: Partial Government Shutdown Prolonged by Democrats' Refusal to Negotiate



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Partial Government Shutdown Prolonged by Democrats' Refusal to Negotiate

“Today’s Democrats now say the same fencing and barriers that were A-okay when President Obama was in the White House are now “immoral” because President Trump is the one making the request. This isn’t how you make serious policy. Partisan tantrums are no way to govern. My Democratic colleagues need to get serious about their responsibilities, seek treatment for their brand-new partisan allergy to border security, sit down with the president, and negotiate a solution that works for everyone. That is the only way to move the country forward.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

“All week, I’ve been outlining the humanitarian and security crisis at our nation’s southern border. I’ve discussed the threats from the inflow of drugs and criminal aliens. I’ve shared career border security experts’ strong support for physical barriers. And I’ve cited the empirical data that actually backs up them up. But on Day 20 of this partial government shutdown -- a shutdown being prolonged by my Democratic colleagues’ refusal to even come to the table -- I thought I might try something different this morning.

“So, I brought a visual aid. The chart behind me sums up my Democratic colleagues’ past and present positions on border security. On the left, here, we have a steel bollard border fence at the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales, Arizona. Construction on this upgraded, steel-slat barrier began in 2011, at the direction – mind you – of President Obama’s Department of Homeland Security.

“Just five years prior, of course, then-Senator Obama joined with then-Senator Hillary Clinton, the current Democratic Leader, and several other Democrats when they all voted to authorize about 700 miles of physical barriers under the Secure Fence Act of 2006. Now, here on the right, we have an example of a barrier like those the new Speaker of the House has recently described as ‘immoral.’ Now I would defy my colleagues to tell me what the difference is. They’re exactly identical.

“So, we went from the Obama Administration – where everyone was supporting a wall that looked just like this – to the Trump Administration where now, it’s ‘immoral.’ The kind of barrier all of a sudden, that Senate Democrats are so opposed to, that they’d rather prolong a partial government shutdown. They’d rather do that than agree to an additional investment of approximately one-tenth of one percent of federal spending. Identical walls, exactly alike. When President Obama was there they were for it and when President Trump’s there they’re not.

“As I said, it’s the same photograph twice basically. I do that to underscore the point that the Trump Administration is requesting funding for the same kinds of physical barriers that the Obama Administration was proud to build: Fencing with spaced slats that allow visibility, made with reinforced steel. They’re the same kinds of barriers that Customs and Border Protection experts have told us actually produce real results. You can call them walls. You can call them fences. You can call them steel slats. What they really are is effective. Call them what you will – they’re effective.

“According to the Government Accountability Office, after the outdated fencing in Nogales was replaced by this steel-slat structure, the Border Patrol reported a significant drop in violent encounters with illegal immigrants. During the two years leading up to the 2011 construction, 376 assaults on Border Patrol agents were recorded in the Nogales station. In the two years after the bollard fence went up, the number of assaults fell to 71. That’s a decline of 81%. We’ve seen big success in other sectors, as well. The Trump Administration reports that, in four border sectors where physical barriers were recently built or upgraded, illegal traffic dropped by – listen to this – more than 90%.

“So, it’s a fact that physical barriers are effective. As Democratic Senators used to understand perfectly well -- and indeed, used to say publicly -- they are an essential ingredient in a balanced strategy for securing our border. That was then, and this is now. So, why this tale of two completely Democratic parties? Why does the Speaker of the House feel compelled to denounce as ‘immoral’ the very kinds of structures that her own party leaders recently praised as essential? Why does my colleague the Democratic Leader feel the need to prolong this partial government shutdown to avoid getting more of the same investments he used to vote for? What’s the reason for this bizarre about-face?

“Well, even these very Democrats are finding it difficult to invent a good excuse. On Tuesday, the distinguished House Majority Leader, Mr. Hoyer, was asked by reporters how there is any real daylight between the border security construction projects that Democrats have supported in the past and the ones they are now trying to block. Here’s what Majority Leader Hoyer said to those reporters. Now, this is an honest man -- ‘... I don’t have an answer that I think is a really good answer.’ That’s the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

“The reason is there isn’t a good answer. There’s no credible answer to this massive flip-flop. So, we all know what the real reason is: My Democratic colleagues are operating purely on political spite directed at the President of the United States. Why else would they rather have a partial government shutdown drag on for nearly three weeks than get more of what they used to vote for and brag about? Why else would they plug their ears and refuse to listen to the experts on the ground? Like President Obama’s own former Border Patrol chief, who stated just days ago – this is a direct quote -- ‘I cannot think of a legitimate argument why anyone would not support the wall as part of the multilayered border security issue.’

“Remember, the proposal we’re talking about today would represent one tenth of one percent of federal spending for this year. One one-thousandth. So, with a straight face, Democrats are trying to convince the country that the federal government simply cannot reopen. That they simply cannot negotiate with the president. Because the sky would come crashing down if we invest one one-thousandth of federal spending in proven border security solutions that, by the way, their own party used to support. And that President Obama’s Border Patrol chief and other security experts continue to support.

“Let’s call this what it is. A flip-flop that is not based in principle, or in evidence, but solely in the fact that President Trump is the occupant of the White House. Republicans support the president’s commonsense request. The experts on the ground, who actually risk their own safety to secure our nation, support it. Even the 2006 versions of President Obama, Secretary Clinton, and my friend the Democrat Leader would have supported it.

“But today’s Democrats now say the same fencing and barriers that were A-okay when President Obama was in the White House are now ‘immoral’ because President Trump is the one making the request. This isn’t how you make serious policy. Partisan tantrums are no way to govern. My Democratic colleagues need to get serious about their responsibilities, seek treatment for their brand-new partisan allergy to border security, sit down with the president, and negotiate a solution that works for everyone. That is the only way to move the country forward.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Roll Call Vote Update
Date: Monday, December 3, 2018 3:20:06 PM

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Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 3:10 PM
Subject: Roll Call Vote Update

Vote Alert

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018 AT 03:09 PM

Roll Call Vote Update

At 4:00 pm, on Wednesday, December 5th, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #1153, Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2020.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Roll Call Vote Update
Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 2:13:34 PM

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Subject: Roll Call Vote Update

Vote Alert

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 AT 02:11 PM

Roll Call Vote Update

At 12:30 pm on Thursday, January 24th, the Senate will proceed to a procedural vote.

Further, at 2:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to up to two roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R.268, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Amendment #5
2. If cloture is not invoked on Amendment #5, the Senate will immediately proceed to the motion to invoke cloture on Amendment #6

Please note, further roll call votes are possible this week.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Roll Call Votes Scheduled
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:14:30 PM

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Subject: Roll Call Votes Scheduled

Vote Alert

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019 AT 03:08 PM

Roll Call Votes Scheduled

At 3:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to 2 roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.J.Res.1, Appropriations Package
 2. (If cloture is invoked) Adoption of the Conference Report to Accompany H.J.Res.1, Appropriations Package
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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Roll Call Votes Scheduled
Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018 4:42:19 PM

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Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 4:38 PM
Subject: Roll Call Votes Scheduled

Vote Alert

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 AT 04:37 PM

Roll Call Votes Scheduled

Roll Call Vote Alert:

At approximately 4:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to a series of roll call votes on confirmation of the following nominations:

(Please note, voice votes are possible)

Cal. #1007 - David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Cal. #1081 - Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Cal. #1082 - Richard J. Sullivan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Cal. #627 - William M. Ray II, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Cal. #628 - Liles Clifton Burke, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Cal. #629 - Michael Joseph Juneau, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Cal. #634 - Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Cal. #638 - Eli Jeremy Richardson, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Cal. #894 - Thomas S. Kleeh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Cal. #895 - Peter J. Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Cal. #905 - Susan Brnovich, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Cal. #906 - Chad F. Kenney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Cal. #907 - Jeremy D. Kernodle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Cal. #945 - James Patrick Hanlon, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

Cal. #947 - Lance E. Walker, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

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Subject: FW: RPC summary - CR with House amendment
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Leader supports the House amendment.

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 10:18 AM
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Subject: RPC summary - CR with House amendment

LDs and Budget LAs,

Below is a summary of the CR, as amended by the House (House amdt. to the Senate amdt. to H.R. 695, making further additional continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019). The House passed it on a 217-185 [vote](#). **Text is available [here](#).**

Divisions A and B:

Provides funding through February 8, 2019 for the appropriations measures currently under the CR that expires on Friday, December 21 (Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, Financial Services-General Government, Homeland Security, Interior-Environment, State-Foreign Ops, and Transportation-HUD). The bill replaces the date in Section 105(3) of Division C of [H.R. 6157](#) with February 8, 2019.

Provides extensions, through the length of the CR, for the following expiring authorities for programs extended in previous CRs:

- National Flood Insurance Program;
- Violence Against Women Act;
- Pesticide Registration Improvement Act;
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; and
- Immigration extensions (EB-5, E-Verify, Conrad 30 program for international medical school graduates, Special Immigrant Religious Workers program, and H2B returning worker authority for Department of Homeland Security)

Includes new extensions for expiring authorities:

- Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Act – through the length of the CR.
- Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act – two expiring provisions are extended through the length of the CR:
 - Freedom of Information Act exemption – safeguards vital countermeasure information that could threaten national security, such as that pertaining to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats.
 - Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority provision –

without the extension, BARDA would be unable to coordinate discussions with industry partners during pandemic outbreaks.

- Medicaid Money-Follows-the-Person and Spousal Impoverishment, and offsets
 - Extends Money-Follows-the-Person, a demonstration program to support Medicaid beneficiaries to transition from institutional facilities, such as nursing homes, back to their own homes and communities. This extension of funds will support states in assisting Medicaid beneficiaries.
 - Extends through March 31, 2019, Medicaid's spousal impoverishment rules, which are set to expire December 31, 2018. They allow married couples to keep certain assets while the beneficiary spouse is under Medicaid home or community-based care. This is the current standard for couples in institutional facilities.
 - State Asset Verification Programs – the bill includes a provision that would reduce the medical assistance percentage (FMAP) that states receive from the federal government for not having an electronic asset verification program (AVP) in place, as required by current law. Should states go beyond the 2020 compliance deadline, they will be subject to a penalty.
- The Statutory PAYGO scorecard balance is debited to the following year.

Appropriates \$5.7 billion for Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction, and improvements (see Section 141).

- \$5 billion would complete DHS' top 10 border priorities in its long-term border security improvement plan and could build 215 miles of new and improved wall.
- The \$1.3 billion that Democrats have said they support under a year-long CR could build as few as 19 miles of fencing, depending on how the language is written.
- DHS has nearly \$1 billion of fiscal year 2018 wall funding on contract. There is little wall funding remaining that is not on contract or will not be on contract in the next 60 days.

Removes a restriction in current appropriations bills on wall construction to currently deployed designs (see Section 142).

- If enacted, funds appropriated under this Act could be used for wall designs not currently deployed. CBP has indicated that it intends to use fiscal year 2019 construction funding for currently deployed designs, included steel bollards.

Division C:

Provides \$7.8 billion in supplemental appropriations for disaster relief activities in response to hurricanes, typhoons, wildfires, and volcanic eruptions in 2018.

- The funds are for certain programs at the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, the Corps of Engineers, and other departments and agencies.
- For example, funds are appropriated to:
 - USDA for grant assistance related to crop losses and the Forest Service's wildland fire management activities;
 - Commerce for economic development assistance and for NOAA's property and equipment repair and marine debris assessment and removal;
 - DOT for highway and transit emergency relief program activities; and

- Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance costs related to repairing projects and dredging federal navigation projects.

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U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee
Chairman John Barrasso



From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: Rules Change / What's Next

Folks-

Senate Democrats have decided not to join Republicans in implementing a rules change to lower the post-cloture debate time required for sub-cabinet level nominees and lower court judges.

The Leader has spoken exhaustively on the mindless obstruction from Senate Democrats on nominations. The Leader put a finer point on this [in an op-ed that ran yesterday](#) that I would encourage you to read if you have not already.

WHAT'S NEXT

Republican Senators will meet to discuss what next steps they will take on this issue. As a reminder, the Leader filed cloture yesterday on two nominees (below). Their cloture ripens one hour after we convene tomorrow.

1. Executive Calendar #8, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.
2. Executive Calendar #32, Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. I will be sure to let everyone know when I have an update on when / what is next.

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In the meantime, be sure to send Cooper some love [before he heads to training](#).

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Scalise: WHIP FLOOR UPDATE
Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:17:19 AM
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FYI on House schedule. Passage of DoD-LHHS conference report expected in House. Floor consideration around 5 PM.

Politico today: “The GOP victories in the package are extensive. It includes the biggest pay raise for troops in nearly a decade, billions of dollars to fight opioid addiction...Congress is on the cusp of a funding victory that hasn’t been accomplished in a generation.”

Still more to do on the spending front. Part of the regular order process has been moving the bills through committee, floor and conference. We need cooperation in both chambers – your continued help always is appreciated.

In the interim, my usual reminder on stats:

- Upon enactment of this DoD package, it will be the most spending bills enacted on time since FY1997 (1996), more than 20 years. This will be the first time that the Defense Department itself will not operate under a continuing resolution, stop-gap funding, in a decade.
- Last time, per CRS, the following bills were considered by October 1st:
 - Defense: 2008, for FY2009, enacted on Sept. 30, 2008
 - Labor-HHS-Education: 1996, for FY1997, enacted on Sept. 30, 1996
 - Energy and Water: 1999, for FY2000, enacted on Sept. 29, 1999
 - Military Construction-VA: 2016, for FY2017, enacted on Sept. 29, 2016
 - Legislative Branch: 2009, for FY2010, enacted on Oct. 1, 2009

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Good Wednesday morning. The House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. Following One Minute speeches, we will move into debate on the combined rule providing for consideration of *H. Res. 1071 - Recognizing that allowing illegal immigrants the right to vote devalues the franchise and diminishes the voting power of United States citizens* and the *Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 6157 - Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act and Continuing Appropriations Act*.

At **approximately 1:10-1:30 p.m.**, we will have our first vote series of the day on the combined rule and a postponed suspension.

Following the first vote series, the House will debate one scheduled suspension.

Then, we will move into debate on the *Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 6157 - Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act and Continuing Appropriations Act*.

Next, the House will move into debate on *H. Res. 1071 - Recognizing that allowing illegal immigrants the right to vote devalues the franchise and diminishes the voting power of United States citizens*.

Then, we will move into debate on scheduled suspensions.

At **approximately 5:00-5:30 p.m.**, we will have our second and final vote series of the day on *H. Res. 1071*, the *Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 6157*, and a postponed suspension.

Walk off the Floor: 5:45-6:15 p.m.

Following the second and final vote series, we will continue suspension debate.

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Subject: FW: Schumer, McConnell oppose House Dems" show votes tonight
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Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 5:09 PM
Subject: Schumer, McConnell oppose House Dems' show votes tonight

To: The Fourth Estate
From: STEW
RE: Schumer, McConnell oppose House Dems' show votes

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While the new Speaker will make a big deal about the show votes on funding bills this evening, remember that both the Minority and Majority Leaders in the Senate have already ruled out voting on her proposals.

[Sen. Schumer said](#) Congress should **not** be voting on funding bills **unless** they have the President's support **and** the support of all four congressional leaders. His bottom line requirement for voting on a funding bill was that, "all four congressional leaders must sign off and the President must endorse it and say he will sign it."

"Most importantly," Sen. Schumer continued, "the President must publicly support and say he will sign an agreement **before it gets a vote in either Chamber.**"

The Senate Majority Leader agrees. [Here's what he said this afternoon:](#)

"I've made it clear on several occasions, and let me say it again: The Senate will not take up any proposal that does not have a real chance of passing this chamber and getting a presidential signature. Let's not waste the time. Let's not get off on the wrong foot, with House Democrats using their new platform to produce political statements rather than serious solutions.

Sen. Schumer's strict criteria has not been met: All four leaders have not signed off, and the White House issued a SAP opposing the House bill.

So while the House Democrats are rushing to pass a bill they know is going nowhere, both Sen. Schumer and Sen. McConnell have already agreed that the Senate should not be voting on the Pelosi legislation.

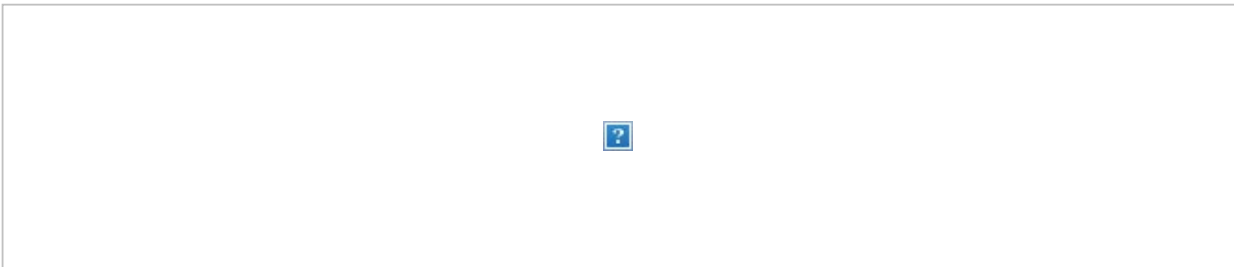
And while it's a couple days late, [please enjoy.](#)

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Sen. Schumer's Short Memory

The Democratic-Controlled Senate Kept Working During The 2013 Government Shutdown

THE WASHINGTON POST: 'Democrats Pledge To Paralyze Senate As Shutdown Negotiation Tactic' ([The Washington Post, 1/07/2018](#))

THE HILL: 'Democrats Plan To Jam Up Senate Over Shutdown Fight' ([The Hill, 1/07/2019](#))

But The Senate Passed Legislation Unrelated To Government Funding During The 2013 Shutdown

The federal government was shut down from October 1, 2013, until October 17, 2013. (["How We Got Here: A Shutdown Timeline," NPR, 10/17/2013](#))

Between October 1, 2013, and October 17, 2013, the Senate passed at least 5 bills:

- [S. 812](#)
- [S. 1276](#)
- [H.R. 1848](#)
- [H.R. 3095](#)

- [H.R. 3233](#)

(Congress.gov, Accessed 1/07/2019)

During this time, the Senate also passed at least 11 Senate resolutions, and at least 2 concurrent resolutions.
(Congress.gov, Accessed 1/07/2019)

The Senate also requested conference committees and appointed conferees on the 2014 farm bill (H.R. 2642) and the Fiscal Year 2014 budget resolution (S. Con. Res. 8) during the shutdown. ([H.R. 2642, 113th Congress](#); [S. Con. Res. 8, 113th Congress](#))

And The Senate Confirmed 28 Executive Branch And Judicial Nominations During The 2013 Shutdown

The Senate held confirmation votes on two district judges on October 7th and October 14th, 2013. ([PN384, Roll Call Vote #213: Confirmed 96-0: D 51-0: R 43-0: I 2-0, 10/07/2013](#); [PN409, Roll Call Vote #217: Confirmed 90-0: D 51-0: R 37-0: I 2-0, 10/14/2013](#))

In addition, the Senate confirmed another 26 nominees between October 7, 2013 and October 16, 2013 by voice votes. ([Congress.gov, Accessed 1/07/2019](#))

Those nominations included:

- Caroline Kennedy to be Ambassador to Japan
- A judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- General Counsels to the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security
- Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- 2 Assistant Secretaries of State
- A US Attorney
- Inspector General for the Department of Labor
- CFO for the Department of Transportation
- An Assistant Secretary of Energy
- Several members of boards and commissions such as NTSB and OPIC

([Congress.gov, Accessed 1/07/2019](#))

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Senate calendar 2019 (attached)
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FYI.

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Subject: Senate calendar 2019 (attached)

Chiefs, LDs, and SDs:

Leader McConnell just shared the 2019 schedule with members. It is attached for your use.

Thanks,
Erica

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2019 Senate Schedule

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From: [Lee_Jane_\(McConnell\)](mailto:Lee_Jane_(McConnell)@senate.gov)
To: [Lee_Jane_\(McConnell\)](mailto:Lee_Jane_(McConnell)@senate.gov)
Subject: FW: Senate Moving Forward with Legislation to Address Crisis at Our Southern Border
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019 2:59:53 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

FYI from this morning's remarks. Senate Appropriations reported a bill to provide critical funding for humanitarian relief and security measures at the border, 30-1.

"We need to vote on this legislation before we recess at the end of the month. The Senate should not let even more time slip by without addressing this crisis head-on. And if we receive the same kind of bipartisan cooperation that was signaled in the committee vote yesterday, we won't have to."

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mccconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 12:00 PM
Subject: Senate Moving Forward with Legislation to Address Crisis at Our Southern Border



For Immediate Release, Thursday, June 20, 2019
Contacts: David Popp, Doug Andres
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2NeH7vI>
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2XmTF7z>

Senate Moving Forward with Legislation to Address Crisis at Our Southern Border

'The House Democrats have failed to get their act together. So now the Senate is moving forward. Yesterday, thanks to the leadership of Chairman Shelby and Senator Leaty, the Appropriations Committee approved a significant funding measure by an overwhelming vote of 30 to 1. Thirty to one. Just the kind of big, bipartisan vote that we ought to see in this situation. Non-controversial funding for necessary programs to mitigate a national crisis. Republicans have been urging this kind of consensus for weeks. And now the Senate is rising to the occasion.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

"For nearly two months, my Republican colleagues and I have come to the floor constantly to raise the alarm on the humanitarian crisis on our border. Record numbers of migrants have pressed upon the U.S.-Mexico border, including never-before-seen numbers of families and unaccompanied children. The agencies that care for these individuals and the facilities that house them have been stretched dangerously thin.

"We all know this. It's why the administration requested supplemental funds seven weeks ago. It's why agency heads and law enforcement officials have literally begged Congress to act. But until yesterday, we had not seen progress. Why? Because — stop me if this sounds familiar — the Democratic House of Representatives has been more interested in denying this White House whatever it asked for, however necessary it might be, simply because it was this White House that was asking for it.

“My friend the Democratic Leader has acknowledged publicly it was the Democrat-controlled House that has been the hurdle. One House Democrat from a border state has likewise admitted it’s the left flank of his own conference that’s been the stumbling block. As the press has noted, some leading Democrats let partisanship so cloud their judgment that they actually called the humanitarian problems a ‘*manufactured*’ crisis, or an ‘*artificial*’ crisis. Well, these seven weeks of wasted time have made two things abundantly clear: Partisanship doesn’t change the facts. And ‘the Resistance’ doesn’t pay the bills.

“The House Democrats have failed to get their act together. So now the Senate is moving forward. Yesterday, thanks to the leadership of Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy, the Appropriations Committee approved a significant funding measure by an overwhelming vote of 30 to 1. Thirty to one. Just the kind of big, bipartisan vote that we ought to see in this situation. Non-controversial funding for necessary programs to mitigate a national crisis. Republicans have been urging this kind of consensus for weeks. And now the Senate is rising to the occasion. We need to vote on this legislation before we recess at the end of the month. The Senate should not let even more time slip by without addressing this crisis head-on. And if we receive the same kind of bipartisan cooperation that was signaled in the committee vote yesterday, we won’t have to.”

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To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Senate Names Conferees for Homeland Security Appropriations Conference Meeting
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 6:04:17 PM
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FYI

From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppres@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 6:02 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>; Tilton, Jay (Appropriations) (b) (6) @appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Senate Names Conferees for Homeland Security Appropriations Conference Meeting

Shelby letterhead



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 25, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor \(Shelby\)](#)
[Jay Tilton \(Leahy\)](#)

SENATE NAMES CONFEREES FOR HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE MEETING

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Senate today announced the members who will participate in the Conference Committee to finalize the FY2019 Homeland Security appropriations bill. The Senate conferees are as follows:

- Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.)
- Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.)
- Senator John Hoeven (R-N.D.)
- Senator Roy Blunt (R-Mo.)

- Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)
- Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.)
- Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont.)

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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW: Senate Passes Bipartisan Disaster Relief Bill
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019 6:48:37 PM
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FLI. On to the House. Congrats to Chairman Shelby's team and all offices who tirelessly contributed to this bill's success.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_McConnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 6:31 PM
Subject: Senate Passes Bipartisan Disaster Relief Bill



Senate Passes Bipartisan Disaster Relief Bill

'So I am grateful and relieved that Chairman Shelby, Senator Leahy, and colleagues of ours including Senators Perdue, Isakson, Scott, Rubio, Ernst, Thune, Blunt, Sasse and others have brought us to this point with their tireless work on this subject. And I am grateful to the president for his leadership and his focus on getting an outcome. I'm glad we have passed this legislation and sent it on to the House. And I urge our colleagues over in the House to support it.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks today on the Senate floor regarding Senate passage of disaster assistance funding legislation:

"All week, Chairman Shelby and a number of our colleagues worked tirelessly to get a supplemental funding agreement for disaster relief over the finish line. He has prepared one thoughtful, good-faith, compromise offer after another.

"In fact, this has been going on for months now. Compromise offer after compromise offer from Republicans. Constant engagement and good-faith work. So I am pleased that, today, all this hard work has finally paid off. Thanks to efforts from a number of our colleagues, and thanks to leadership from President Trump and the administration, and I might add the occupant of the chair who has been extremely persistent in this effort over the last weeks and months, the Senate has now passed a compromise solution for disaster funding and we've sent it on to the House.

Regrettably, they are gone.

"The president has indicated he supports it. So the Senate's bipartisan vote is a big step toward making law and actually delivering the relief that communities across our nation sorely need.

"Now, I am sorry that our House Democratic colleagues blocked commonsense efforts to include funding in this legislation for the ongoing humanitarian crisis down on the southern border. Despite days of negotiations, House Democrats insisted that we could not provide more funding for our overwhelmed agencies which are running on fumes – without including other poison-pill policy riders. So, as a result, today's agreement omits those needed resources.

“This wasn’t money for the wall, or even for law enforcement. It was money so that the federal government could continue to house, feed, and care for the men, women, and children showing up on our southern border. Money for agencies that are currently running on fumes. This is money that is so uncontroversial that even *The New York Times* published an editorial entitled ‘*Congress, Give Trump His Border Money.*’ *The New York Times*. They also said, ‘*political gamesmanship [that] threatens to hold up desperately needed resources.*’ That’s what they call this.

“Well, I’m sorry to say their political gamesmanship did hold up those resources. Apparently our House Democrat colleagues heard ‘President Trump’ and the word ‘border’ in the same sentence and decided they preferred no action at all to the sensible compromise that even *The New York Times* had called for. I’m sorry that partisan spite has infected even such blindingly obvious priorities as the humanitarian efforts on our own southern border. I’m sorry that our Democratic friends have become so committed to the ‘resistance’ that they’re now to the left of *The New York Times* editorial board.

“But, nevertheless, we should celebrate the progress that we are making today. The Senate passage of this legislation marks a huge step forward for communities across the United States that have gone far too long without receiving this federal assistance to help them get back on their feet.

“Finally, the millions of Americans who have grappled with nature’s worst are closer to receiving the supplemental aid they urgently need. The western communities that are still sorting through the ashes of last year’s record-breaking wildfires. Our coastal states in the southeast, and Puerto Rico, where hurricane damage punched holes in homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. The Deep South communities victimized by tornadoes. And for those still grappling with the floodwaters that have surged over farms and towns across the Midwest, and in my own state of Kentucky.

“So I am grateful and relieved that Chairman Shelby, Senator Leahy, and colleagues of ours including Senators Perdue, Isakson, Scott, Rubio, Ernst, Thune, Blunt, Sasse and others have brought us to this point with their tireless work on this subject. And I am grateful to the president for his leadership and his focus on getting an outcome. I’m glad we have passed this legislation and sent it on to the House. And I urge our colleagues over in the House to support it.”

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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW: Senate Proceeds with Funding, Border Security Legislation
Date: Friday, December 21, 2018 6:24:37 PM
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FYI. Motion to proceed to the House amended CR was agreed to, 48-47.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_McConnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 6:02 PM
Subject: Senate Proceeds with Funding, Border Security Legislation



For Immediate Release, Friday, December 21, 2018
Contacts: Don Stewart, David Popp
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2LVGVN6>

Senate Proceeds with Funding, Border Security Legislation

“[T]he Senate has voted to proceed to the legislation before us in order to preserve maximum flexibility for productive conversations to continue between the White House and our Democratic colleagues. I hope Senate Democrats will work with the White House on an agreement that can pass both houses of Congress and receive the president’s signature. So colleagues, when an agreement is reached, it will receive a vote here on the Senate floor.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and fund the government:

“My colleagues, here’s where we are. It’s now clear that Republicans have enough votes to proceed to the pending legislation on government funding, disaster relief, and border security. Within the Republican conference, there is strong support for the president’s reasonable request for more resources to tackle the urgent situation on our southern border. Republicans support the House-passed bill which includes additional border security funding. However, we are also eager to complete the remaining appropriations bills which the Senate has already passed. Since any eventual solution will require 60 votes here in the Senate, it’s been clear that from the beginning that two things are necessary: The support from enough Senate Democrats to pass the proposal at 60, and a presidential signature.

“As a result, the Senate has voted to proceed to the legislation before us in order to preserve maximum flexibility for productive conversations to continue between the White House and our Democratic colleagues. I hope Senate Democrats will work with the White House on an agreement that can pass both houses of Congress and receive the president’s signature. So colleagues, when an agreement is reached, it will receive a vote here on the Senate floor.”

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To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
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Release: <https://bit.ly/2RtFJFJ>

Senate Republican Committee Assignments for the 116th Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Republicans announced their committee assignments for the 116th Congress. The assignments are subject to ratification by the Republican Conference as well as the full Senate, which is expected next week.

Committee chairs will be selected by a vote of the members of each committee and then ratified by the Republican Conference after the new Congress convenes.

Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

Pat Roberts, Kansas

John Boozman, Arkansas

John Hoeven, North Dakota

Joni Ernst, Iowa

Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mississippi

Mike Braun, Indiana

David Perdue, Georgia

Chuck Grassley, Iowa

John Thune, South Dakota

Deb Fischer, Nebraska

Appropriations

Richard Shelby, Alabama

Mitch McConnell, Kentucky

Lamar Alexander, Tennessee

Susan Collins, Maine

Lisa Murkowski, Alaska

Lindsey Graham, South Carolina

Roy Blunt, Missouri

Jerry Moran, Kansas

John Hoeven, North Dakota

John Boozman, Arkansas

Shelley Moore Capito, West Virginia

John Kennedy, Louisiana
Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mississippi
Steve Daines, Montana
Marco Rubio, Florida
James Lankford, Oklahoma

Armed Services

Jim Inhofe, Oklahoma
Roger Wicker, Mississippi
Deb Fischer, Nebraska
Tom Cotton, Arkansas
Mike Rounds, South Dakota
Joni Ernst, Iowa
Thom Tillis, North Carolina
Dan Sullivan, Alaska
David Perdue, Georgia
Kevin Cramer, North Dakota
Martha McSally, Arizona
Rick Scott, Florida
Marsha Blackburn, Tennessee
Josh Hawley, Missouri

Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

Mike Crapo, Idaho
Richard Shelby, Alabama
Pat Toomey, Pennsylvania
Tim Scott, South Carolina
Ben Sasse, Nebraska
Tom Cotton, Arkansas
Mike Rounds, South Dakota
David Perdue, Georgia
Thom Tillis, North Carolina
John Kennedy, Louisiana
Martha McSally, Arizona
Jerry Moran, Kansas
Kevin Cramer, North Dakota

Budget

Mike Enzi, Wyoming
Chuck Grassley, Iowa
Mike Crapo, Idaho
Lindsey Graham, South Carolina
Pat Toomey, Pennsylvania
Ron Johnson, Wisconsin
David Perdue, Georgia
Mike Braun, Indiana
Rick Scott, Florida
John Kennedy, Louisiana
Kevin Cramer, North Dakota

Commerce, Science and Transportation

Roger Wicker, Mississippi
John Thune, South Dakota
Roy Blunt, Missouri
Ted Cruz, Texas
Deb Fischer, Nebraska
Jerry Moran, Kansas
Dan Sullivan, Alaska
Cory Gardner, Colorado
Marsha Blackburn, Tennessee
Shelley Moore Capito, West Virginia
Mike Lee, Utah
Ron Johnson, Wisconsin
Todd Young, Indiana
Rick Scott, Florida

Energy and Natural Resources

Lisa Murkowski, Alaska
John Barrasso, Wyoming
Jim Risch, Idaho

Mike Lee, Utah
Steve Daines, Montana
Bill Cassidy, Louisiana
Cory Gardner, Colorado
Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mississippi
Martha McSally, Arizona
Lamar Alexander, Tennessee
John Hoeven, North Dakota

Environment and Public Works

John Barrasso, Wyoming
Jim Inhofe, Oklahoma
Shelley Moore Capito, West Virginia
Kevin Cramer, North Dakota
Mike Braun, Indiana
Mike Rounds, South Dakota
Dan Sullivan, Alaska
John Boozman, Arkansas
Roger Wicker, Mississippi
Richard Shelby, Alabama
Joni Ernst, Iowa

Finance

Chuck Grassley, Iowa
Mike Crapo, Idaho
Pat Roberts, Kansas
Mike Enzi, Wyoming
John Cornyn, Texas
John Thune, South Dakota
Richard Burr, North Carolina
Johnny Isakson, Georgia
Rob Portman, Ohio
Pat Toomey, Pennsylvania
Tim Scott, South Carolina
Bill Cassidy, Louisiana
James Lankford, Oklahoma
Steve Daines, Montana
Todd Young, Indiana

Foreign Relations

Jim Risch, Idaho
Marco Rubio, Florida
Ron Johnson, Wisconsin
Cory Gardner, Colorado
Mitt Romney, Utah
Lindsey Graham, South Carolina
Johnny Isakson, Georgia
John Barrasso, Wyoming
Rob Portman, Ohio
Rand Paul, Kentucky
Todd Young, Indiana
Ted Cruz, Texas

Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Lamar Alexander, Tennessee
Mike Enzi, Wyoming
Richard Burr, North Carolina
Johnny Isakson, Georgia
Rand Paul, Kentucky
Susan Collins, Maine
Bill Cassidy, Louisiana
Pat Roberts, Kansas
Lisa Murkowski, Alaska
Tim Scott, South Carolina
Mitt Romney, Utah
Mike Braun, Indiana

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Ron Johnson, Wisconsin
Rob Portman, Ohio

Rand Paul, Kentucky
James Lankford, Oklahoma
Mitt Romney, Utah
Rick Scott, Florida
Mike Enzi, Wyoming
Josh Hawley, Missouri

Indian Affairs

John Hoeven, North Dakota
John Barrasso, Wyoming
Lisa Murkowski, Alaska
James Lankford, Oklahoma
Steve Daines, Montana
Martha McSally, Arizona
Jerry Moran, Kansas

Joint Economic Committee

Mike Lee, Utah
Tom Cotton, Arkansas
Ben Sasse, Nebraska
Rob Portman, Ohio
Bill Cassidy, Louisiana
Ted Cruz, Texas

Judiciary

Lindsey Graham, South Carolina
Chuck Grassley, Iowa
John Cornyn, Texas
Mike Lee, Utah
Ted Cruz, Texas
Ben Sasse, Nebraska
Josh Hawley, Missouri
Thom Tillis, North Carolina
Joni Ernst, Iowa
Mike Crapo, Idaho
John Kennedy, Louisiana
Marsha Blackburn, Tennessee

Rules and Administration

Roy Blunt, Missouri
Mitch McConnell, Kentucky
Lamar Alexander, Tennessee
Pat Roberts, Kansas
Richard Shelby, Alabama
Ted Cruz, Texas
Shelley Moore Capito, West Virginia
Roger Wicker, Mississippi
Deb Fischer, Nebraska
Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mississippi

Select Committee on Ethics

Johnny Isakson, Georgia
Pat Roberts, Kansas
Jim Risch, Idaho

Select Committee on Intelligence

Richard Burr, North Carolina
Jim Risch, Idaho
Marco Rubio, Florida
Susan Collins, Maine
Roy Blunt, Missouri
Tom Cotton, Arkansas
John Cornyn, Texas
Ben Sasse, Nebraska

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Marco Rubio, Florida
Jim Risch, Idaho
Rand Paul, Kentucky
Tim Scott, South Carolina
Joni Ernst, Iowa

Jim Inhofe, Oklahoma
Todd Young, Indiana
John Kennedy, Louisiana
Mitt Romney, Utah
Josh Hawley, Missouri

Special Committee on Aging

Susan Collins, Maine
Tim Scott, South Carolina
Richard Burr, North Carolina
Martha McSally, Arizona
Marco Rubio, Florida
Josh Hawley, Missouri
Mike Braun, Indiana
Rick Scott, Florida

Veterans' Affairs

Johnny Isakson, Georgia
Jerry Moran, Kansas
John Boozman, Arkansas
Bill Cassidy, Louisiana
Mike Rounds, South Dakota
Thom Tillis, North Carolina
Dan Sullivan, Alaska
Marsha Blackburn, Tennessee
Kevin Cramer, North Dakota

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From: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Senate Schedule -- RPC Floorcast attached
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From: Laird, Carolyn (RPC) (b) (6) @rpc.senate.gov>
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RPC FLOORCAST

This memo is based on comments made to Senate Republican Legislative Directors by Chris Barkley of RPC and Erica Suares of the Republican Leader's Office on Monday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. in SR-349.

At 3:00 p.m. today, the Senate will convene and pass resolutions relating to the Lying in State of the late President George H.W. Bush. There will be no roll call votes today and Tuesday. The first vote of the week will occur on Wednesday afternoon at a time to be announced.

Senators are asked to gather in the Senate Chamber at 4:15 p.m. today in order to proceed to the Rotunda for the Lying in State ceremony.

The following items on the Senate's agenda will be shifted to later this week or next week:

- A short-term CR of up to 2 weeks; the continuing resolution for certain parts of the federal government, including the Department of Homeland Security, expires at the end of the day Friday, December 7;
- An extension of the National Flood Insurance Program; the current authorization expires at the end of the day on December 7;
- Cloture and confirmation on Executive Calendar #1153, Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2020;
- Confirmation votes on Executive Calendar #1141, Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Executive Calendar #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and
- A vote in relation to the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 54, the Lee/Sanders Joint Resolution relating to Yemen. Last week the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 54 from the Foreign Relations Committee was agreed to by a vote of 63-37, and the joint resolution was placed on the Senate Calendar.

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Other items the Senate may consider before the end of the 115 Congress include:

- More nominations;
- H.R. 6147 (2nd minibus) conference report, if it comes available;
- Reauthorizing expiring authorizations;
- Tax extenders;
- Disaster relief aid; and
- Farm bill conference report.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Senate Schedule -- Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 9:09:53 AM

FYI – Noon vote to pass FAA 5-year authorization bill, today.

From: Majority Whip <whipalerts@cornyn.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 9:00 AM
Subject: Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Whip Notice

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018 AT 09:00 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am.

At 12:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to concur in the House Message to accompany H.R.302, FAA.

Look Ahead:

Nominations, Opioids Package Conference Report, Appropriations, and Water Infrastructure.

Tuesday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes.

UC Items:

There were no UC items.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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At 5:30 p.m., there will be two minutes of debate, equally divided, followed by two votes on:

- 1) En bloc confirmation of Executive Calendar #849, Jackie Wolcott, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador Executive Calendar #850, Jackie Wolcott, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador; and
- 2) Cloture on Executive Calendar #938, Peter A. Feldman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 26, 2019.

On Tuesday, September 18, cloture was filed on Executive Calendar #941, Peter A. Feldman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2019 (Reappointment). Cloture will ripen on this nomination following disposition of Executive Calendar #938.

On Wednesday, the House will pass a five-year FAA reauthorization that also includes disaster recovery money, hurricane money for the Carolinas, drone language, foreign assistance, and more. The current authorization expires at the end of this month.

A LOOK AHEAD: Other items the Senate is expected to consider during the work period include:

- Nominations, including the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court;
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Release: <https://bit.ly/2FTNUPJ>
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2Mwxkml>

Senate to Vote Today on Compromise to End Government Shutdown

Later today -- on Day 34 of this partial government shutdown -- the Senate will be voting on a proposal to end it. We'll be voting on the one plan -- the only one on the table -- that could reopen the shuttered portions of the federal government. A pragmatic compromise that could end this impasse right away. So the choice is clear and the nation is watching. Members can vote to immediately reopen the entire government with a compromise package that the president will sign. Or they can hold out for the Democratic Leader's dead-end proposal that stands no chance of earning the president's signature and ending this partial shutdown.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need to secure our border and re-open the government:

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"The president's compromise would accomplish three key things. First, it ends the shutdown and resumes pay for federal workers right away. Second, it strikes a bipartisan compromise on the issue of immigration and border security with ideas from both sides. And third, it provides stable, full-year funding for the federal government -- not another short-term band-aid.

"So, first -- ending the shutdown. We've heard from federal workers whose lives are in disarray. We've heard about the family hardships caused by Democrats' unwillingness to sit down and negotiate with the president. We've heard from those who've endured over a month without pay. We've heard from the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard, air traffic controllers, TSA agents, other federal employees. And every American deserves a fully-operational government. Taxpayers aren't getting special tax refunds for these weeks when services and agencies have been diminished or unavailable.

"The president's been at the negotiating table, ready to talk and fix this. Democrats have made the opposite political calculation. And our nation is paying the price. But the way forward is simple. We all know the ground rules. We need a compromise that can pass both chambers and earn the president's signature. And the first proposal we will vote on today is the only legislation that exists, period, with any chance of checking those boxes.

"Now -- on immigration and border security. This legislation provides the resources that the men and women who risk their own safety to defend our border tell us are necessary. In the past year, they've watched as apprehensions of family units at the border have risen -- more young people brought into danger. They've seen more interdiction of illicit substances like heroin, methamphetamines, and fentanyl, and higher rates of attempted crossings by gang members and criminals. The need for more security on our border is not a partisan invention. It is a fact. It's a reality most Senate Democrats readily admit. *'I'm willing to support more border security,'* said one.

"Certainly, you need barriers. And we support barriers," said another. Not to be outdone, a third said, quote, *'I'm a huge advocate of border security.'* Well, if they agree with the need, they should agree with this modest proposal. It would fund new enforcement and surveillance technologies, recruiting and training hundreds of new Border Patrol agents. And it would direct about one one-thousandth of federal discretionary spending for physical barriers along the highest-priority sections of the border. Barriers like the ones that the current Democratic Leader joined then-Senators Obama, Biden, and Clinton in supporting back in 2006. Like the barriers constructed by President Obama's own administration. Like the barriers in which many of my Democratic colleagues happily voted to invest billions of dollars during just the last Congress.

"So these commonsense physical barriers were a bipartisan point of agreement until about five minutes ago. But the president went even further to win Democrats' support. For example, his proposal also provides for three-year legal status for certain individuals currently covered by DACA and TPS. That's what this law provides. The border security we need plus actual, statutory authorization for DACA recipients -- written in law, for the first time. Not the unilateral hand-waving of the Obama Administration.

"And finally, this bill would complete the full-year appropriations that both parties worked out last year. The last thing we need is another temporary measure. Last year's appropriations process left stable, bipartisan funding measures on the one-yard line. We don't need to punt from the one-yard-line and set up another crisis just like this a couple of weeks from now. We need to finish our work and run these seven, full-year, bipartisan funding bills into the end zone.

"So let me conclude by simply stating what will be on display in this chamber today. The American people will see plainly which senators want to make a law and clean up this mess, and which senators are content to continue making political points and nothing else. Making law versus making points. That's the choice. Any one of my Democratic colleagues who reject the compromise offer but vote for the Democratic Leader's partisan showmanship will be saying the following: They'll be saying that political fights with the president matter more than federal workers and their families, border security, DACA and TPS recipients, and government funding.

"Let me say that again. If my Democratic colleagues reverse their voting records on border security, if they decide that spending one one-thousandth of federal spending on Obama-style steel barriers has become totally impermissible just because President Trump is in the White House, then they will be saying that political games outrank federal workers, the Coast Guard, DACA recipients, TPS recipients, and all their constituents -- as far as this Democratic Party is concerned.

"Deep down, my friends across the aisle know this is not a reasonable reaction to a president of the other party. They know the Speaker of the House is unreasonable on these subjects, with her own members and her own House Majority Leader openly contradicting her on national television, and that Senate Democrats are not obligated to go down with her ship. They know that denying the president one-tenth of 1% of spending for needed border security is not worth hurting this many

people.

“It’s obvious what the Senate needs to do. Today, we’ll decide whether we turn a new corner and begin putting the last month behind us, or whether we will all continue to show up for work, stuck in exactly the same situation. Only one bill does all the bipartisan things I’ve discussed. Only one bill has any chance of becoming law. So, we ought to vote for it.”

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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
Subject: FW: Senate Will Not Adjourn Without Voting to Fund Communities Hit by Natural Disasters
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019 11:59:30 AM
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From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_McConnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
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Subject: Senate Will Not Adjourn Without Voting to Fund Communities Hit by Natural Disasters



Senate Will Not Adjourn Without Voting to Fund Communities Hit by Natural Disasters

'I want to thank Chairman Shelby and all our colleagues whose leadership has brought a bipartisan, bicameral solution this close to the finish line. And I implore our counterparts in the House and my colleagues in this chamber to quickly resolve the last few issues and produce compromise legislation today. Because, one way or another, the Senate is not leaving without taking action. We are going to vote this week. And I sincerely hope we'll be voting on a bicameral, bipartisan, negotiated solution that can become law for the American people.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need for disaster assistance funding:

“As I have stated, the Senate will not adjourn this week until we have voted on legislation to deliver long-overdue relief funding for communities that have been hit hard by natural disasters. None of my colleagues need to hear me recite yet again why action in this area is such an important priority. Why it is so urgently needed. It is a shame this overdue subject has been allowed to languish for so long due to extraneous questions and, frankly, partisan small-ball.

“Wildfire victims in western states don't want to hear about House Democrats' various disagreements with the White House on a variety of issues. They simply want the relief they need and have been waiting for. The same goes for the flooded midwest. The hurricane-ravaged southeast. The Kentuckians I myself represent. They don't want to hear about more Washington D.C. difficulties. They want an outcome.

“And of course, everybody is well aware that we have an ongoing humanitarian crisis on our southern border, and that our federal government needs more resources to deal with it. Even the New York Times editorial board wrote a few weeks ago that, quote, ‘As resources are strained and the system buckles, the misery grows. Something needs to be done. Soon.’ The editorial went on: ‘the program that deals with unaccompanied minors is expected to run dry next month... Democrats need to find a way to provide money for adequate shelter.’ And here was the title of this editorial: ‘Congress, Give Trump His Border Money.’ In the New York Times.

“So on all these matters, it is past time to bring these negotiations to a close. I want to thank Chairman Shelby and all our colleagues whose leadership has brought a bipartisan, bicameral solution this close to the finish line. And I implore our counterparts in the House and my colleagues in this chamber to quickly resolve the last few issues and produce compromise legislation today. Because, one way or another, the Senate is not leaving without taking action. We are going to vote this week. And I sincerely hope we’ll be voting on a bicameral, bipartisan, negotiated solution that can become law for the American people.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Spring Break is Almost Over
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019 4:27:31 PM

FYI for next week. Hope everyone's doing well.

From: Popp, David (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
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Subject: Spring Break is Almost Over

To: The Fourth Estate
From: Popp
RE: Easter Candy is Still on Sale

Folks-

I hope everyone had a nice state work period. This is what we've got coming up.

Next Week

We will confirm the following nominees (in this order). *Note: All of these nominees fall under the new rule of two hours of post-cloture debate time. I'd direct you back to the Leader's [remarks on April 11th](#) where he highlighted the new, reasonable pace at which the Senate is confirming unobjectionable nominees with bipartisan support under the new rule.*

1. Executive Calendar #123, William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.
2. Executive Calendar #188, R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).
3. Executive Calendar #214, Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years.
4. Executive Calendar #26, J. Campbell Barker, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.
5. Executive Calendar #29, Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.
6. Executive Calendar #33, Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.
7. Executive Calendar #34, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico
8. Executive Calendar #36, Joshua Wolson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The Senate will also process the president's veto message on the Yemen resolution by the end of the

week. We will be sure to let everyone know when we have additional scheduling announcements on this.

Leader McConnell Headlines from the State Work Period

Tristatehomepage.com Video: [Sen. McConnell Talks About Green New Deal Mueller Probe in Owensboro](#)

Tristatehomepage.com: [Sen. McConnell Talks About Age Change to Buy Tobacco Products \(Owensboro\)](#) Messenger-Inquirer: [McConnell Touts Hemp During Visit](#)

The Hill: [Senate Buzzsaw Awaits 2020 Progressive Proposals](#)

- **“The Senate under Mitch McConnell’s watch is the place where progressive ideas go to die,”** Ezra Levin, co-executive director of Indivisible, a progressive activist group said.

Washington Post: [House Democratic Leaders Say No Immediate Plans to Open Impeachment Proceedings Against Trump](#)

- **“Well, look, I think it’s time to move on. This investigation was about collusion, there’s no collusion, no charges brought against the president on anything else, and I think the American people have had quite enough of it,”** McConnell said when questioned during a stop in Owensboro, Ky.

FOXNews.com: [McConnell vows to be 'grim reaper' of socialist Dem proposals](#)

- **“I don't want you to think this is just a couple of nutcases running around on the fringe. This is pervasive policy view on the other side”** McConnell told supporters in Owensboro, Kentucky.

(Michigan) [Mlive.com: Mitch McConnell lectures on Constitution, free speech at Hillsdale College](#)

- **“I admire the way we are respecting him (McConnell) for what he’s done well, because no matter what you think about politics right now, he’s done a lot of good for our country. This was an honor and shows respect for the college since at other universities, people would refuse to listen.”** Said Hillsdale College sophomore Grace Balkan, who added that she respects the college’s leadership for having the conservative Senate leader speak on campus.

Welcome Wagon

[In case you missed it](#), Doug Andres joined the Leader’s press team as Press Secretary this week. Be sure to send him some fan mail as he gets started (b) (6) [@mcconnell.senate.gov](#)

Even though Spring Break is almost over, [let’s admire our friends](#) enjoying the time off.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) - Senate Amendment to H.R. 268
Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 12:34:24 PM
Attachments: [SAP Senate Amendment to HR 268.pdf](#)

FYI, two SAPS in advance of the 2:30 votes, tomorrow:

- **Supports passage** of the End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act:
 - “The Administration supports passage of the Senate amendment to H.R. 268, sponsored by Senator Shelby, the End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act. Most importantly, this commonsense, compromise legislation addresses the immediate security and humanitarian crisis at our southern border.”
- **Veto threat** on the contents of the Schumer amendment (HR 268 underlying Pelosi vehicle):
 - https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/saphr268h_20190116.pdf

Background on House CRs:

- Another CR a month into shutdown only guarantees that we will face the same impasse a few weeks or a month later. We need a solution that secures the border now.
- Vote Record on recent House CRs:
 - House disaster supp with CR, 237-187, only 6 Republican ayes
 - House Feb 8 CR, 237-187, only 6 Republican ayes
 - House DHS CR, 239-192, only 5 Republican ayes

NOTE: All House CRs have presidential veto threats.

From: OMB-SAP <OMB-SAP(b) (6)> **On Behalf Of** OMB Legislative Affairs
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 10:02 AM
To: OMB-SAP(b) (6)
Subject: Statement of Administration Policy - Senate Amendment to H.R. 268

Good Morning,

Please see the attached Statement of Administration Policy on the [Senate Amendment to H.R. 268, the End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act](#).

Sincerely,

OMB Legislative Affairs

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January 23, 2019
(Senate)

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY
Senate Amendment to H.R. 268 - End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act
(Sen. Shelby, R-AL)

The Administration supports passage of the Senate amendment to H.R. 268, sponsored by Senator Shelby, the End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act. Most importantly, this commonsense, compromise legislation addresses the immediate security and humanitarian crisis at our southern border. It also provides legal certainty for hundreds of thousands of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients, provides additional disaster relief to impacted communities, immediately reopens the Federal Government and funds it through the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2019, and sets the stage for broader, permanent immigration reforms.

To physically secure our southern border, the bill includes \$5.7 billion for a steel barrier system, including embedded investments in technology and roads, in the priority areas on the southern border designated by professionals from the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

In addition, this legislation provides critical funding to address several other needs at our southern border, including:

- \$800 million in humanitarian assistance, medical support, and new temporary housing;
- \$805 million for technology, canines, and personnel to help stop the flow of illegal drugs, weapons, and other contraband;
- \$782 million to hire an additional 2,750 border agents, law enforcement officers, and staff;
- \$4.2 billion for space to detain those who are apprehended entering the Nation illegally and who may pose a threat to the safety and security of our communities;
- \$563 million to support the immigration court system, including funding to hire 75 new immigration judge teams to reduce the immigration court backlog of over 800,000 cases; and
- a new system to allow Central American minors to apply for asylum in their home countries, and reforms to promote family reunification for unaccompanied children.

In order to build the trust, goodwill, and bipartisan support necessary to begin real immigration reform, the Shelby Amendment provides three years of legislative relief for approximately 700,000 DACA recipients brought to the United States unlawfully as children by their parents. This relief would prevent these DACA recipients from being deported and continue to allow

them access to work permits and Social Security numbers. This legislation also provides a three-year extension of TPS for the over 300,000 immigrants whose protected status is currently facing expiration.

In addition, the Shelby Amendment provides appropriations for FY 2019 that would immediately reopen the Federal Government for the American people, and provides disaster relief to impacted communities. While the Administration remains concerned with the overall discretionary funding levels included in this bill, and with disaster spending that is unnecessary and premature, it supports this compromise approach as part of legislation that addresses the crises at the southern border.

If the Shelby Amendment to H.R. 268 were presented to the President in its current form, his advisors would recommend that he sign the bill into law.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Supplemental Vote Results (Passage)
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Subject: Vote Results (Passage)

Vote Result

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 AT 04:42 PM

The Vehicle for the Disaster Supplemental, as Amended (H.R. 2157)

Passed, 85-8:

H.R. 2157, the vehicle for the disaster supplemental, as amended.

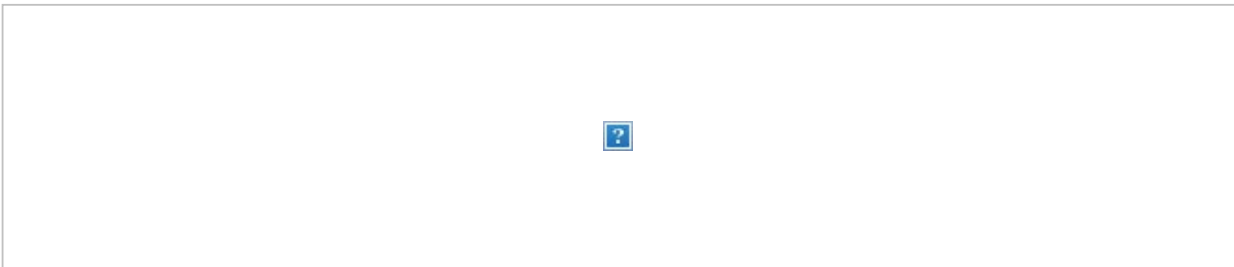
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The Green New Deal's Mind-Boggling Costs

The Astonishing \$93 Trillion Price Tag Is More Money Than The United States Government Has Spent In Its Entire History

An Estimate Finds The Green New Deal Could Cost Up To \$93 TRILLION DOLLARS

"The so-called Green New Deal may tally between \$51 trillion and \$93 trillion over 10-years, concludes American Action Forum, which is run by Douglas Holtz-Eakin, who directed the non-partisan CBO from 2003 to 2005. That includes between \$8.3 trillion and \$12.3 trillion to meet the plan's call to eliminate carbon emissions from the power and transportation sectors and between \$42.8 trillion and \$80.6 trillion for its economic agenda including providing jobs and health care for all." (["Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal Could Cost \\$93 Trillion, Group Says," Bloomberg News, 2/25/2019](#))

- "We find that the GND would be very expensive. Its social impact, however, would likely exceed its enormous price tag because of its expansive re-engineering of social norms, policy processes, and key institutions." ([Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Dan Bosch, Ben Gitis, Dan Goldbeck, and Philip Rossetti, "The Green New Deal: Scope, Scale, and Implications," American Action Forum, 2/25/2019](#))

Goal	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost Per Household
Low-carbon Electricity Grid	\$5.4 trillion	\$39,000
Net Zero Emissions Transportation System	\$1.3 trillion to \$2.7 trillion	\$9,000 to \$20,000
Guaranteed Jobs	\$6.8 trillion to \$44.6 trillion	\$49,000 to \$322,000
Universal Health Care	\$36 trillion	\$260,000
Guaranteed Green Housing	\$1.6 trillion to \$4.2 trillion	\$4,000 to \$12,000
Food Security	\$1.5 billion	\$10

[\(Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Dan Bosch, Ben Gitis, Dan Goldbeck, and Philip Rossetti, "The Green New Deal: Scope, Scale, and Implications," American Action Forum, 2/25/2019\)](#)

Estimated 10-Year Cost Sums	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost Per Household
Low-End Estimate	\$51.1 trillion	\$361,010
High-End Estimate	\$92.9 trillion	\$653,010

SEN. JOHN BARRASSO (R-WY), Senate Environment & Public Works Committee Chairman: "The 'Green New Deal' drives a stake into the heart of our strong and healthy and growing economy. It's \$93 trillion.... It's clearly unaffordable. It's clearly unworkable." (Sen. Barrasso, Press Conference, 2/26/2019)

SEN. JONI ERNST (R-IA): "[W]e need to be realistic about our nation's current energy needs and capabilities. This proposal from the Democrats is far too costly, extreme, and impractical." ("['Green New Deal' Receiving Mixed Reactions Among Iowa Business Leaders](#)," KCRG-TV, 2/15/2019)

How Much Is \$93 Trillion (\$93,000,000,000,000)?

It's over \$10 trillion LARGER than the COMBINED GDP OF EVERY NATION ON EARTH in 2017. The World Bank lists the world's combined GDP in 2017 as only \$80.7 trillion. (["GDP \(Current US\\$\)," The World Bank, Accessed 2/26/2019](#))

In fact, IT EXCEEDS THE ENTIRE RECORDED SPENDING OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT since the Constitution went into effect in 1789 by nearly \$10 trillion. According to the Fiscal Year 2019 U.S. Budget, the U.S. government has spent \$83.2 trillion since 1789. ([Historical Tables, pp. 24-25, Budget of the U.S. Government Fiscal Year 2019, Office of Management and Budget](#))

- It would take OVER TWO DECADES of the ENTIRE spending of the United States budget at current levels to spend \$93 trillion. ([Historical Tables, p. 25, Budget of the U.S. Government Fiscal Year 2019, Office of Management and Budget](#))

It's over 4 AND A HALF TIMES GREATER than the current \$20.2 trillion gross public debt of the United States. ([Historical Tables, p. 132, Budget of the U.S. Government Fiscal Year 2019, Office of Management and Budget](#))

Democrats Running For The White House Have Rushed To Embrace This Sweeping Scheme

REP. ALEXANDRA OCASIO-CORTEZ (D-NY): "The Green New Deal that we introduced two weeks ago, which was an amazing step forward ... And then the first day, we were able to introduce a resolution in both chambers co-sponsored by ... every Democratic presidential candidate and 65 House members." ([Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Remarks, 2/16/2019](#))

Sen. Ed Markey's (D-MA) bill is cosponsored by Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN). ([S. Res. 59, 116th Congress](#))

- A total of 12 Senate Democrats have signed on to sponsor or cosponsor the Green New Deal. ([S. Res. 59, 116th Congress](#))

SEN. KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND (D-NY): "I'm calling for a Green New Deal ..." ([Sen. Gillibrand, @SenGillibrand, Twitter, 2/22/2019](#))

SEN. KAMALA HARRIS (D-CA): "I wanted to share some really important news with you: I'm proud to announce that I've signed on as an original co-sponsor of the Green New Deal in the Senate." ([Kamala Harris, "Green New Deal,"](#)

[Medium, 2/07/2019\)](#)

SEN. ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MA): "I'm in all the way for a #GreenNewDeal." ([Sen. Warren, @ewarren, Twitter, 2/22/2019](#))

SEN. CORY BOOKER (D-NJ): "Excited to support a #GreenNewDeal." ([Sen. Booker, @CoryBooker, Twitter, 12/14/2018](#))

FOX NEWS' BRET BAIER: "Here's the Green New Deal, if the Senate Majority Leader brings it to the floor, how do you vote on it?"

SEN. AMY KLOBUCHAR (D-MN): "The Green New Deal? ... I would vote yes ... " (Fox News' "Special Report w/ Bret Baier," 2/12/2019)

"Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is working on a 'comprehensive' climate proposal that 'builds on the (Green New Deal) resolution that was introduced and fleshes out a lot of those details,' communications director Josh Miller-Lewis said." ([NBC News, 2/17/2019](#))

CNN'S JAKE TAPPER: "Do you endorse the Markey/Ocasio-Cortez Green New Deal?"

MAYOR PETE BUTTIGIEG: "Yes, I think it's the right beginning." ([CNN's "State of the Union," 2/10/2019](#))

SECRETARY JULIAN CASTRO: "We're gonna say ... yes to passing a Green New Deal." ([Julian Castro, @JulianCastro, Twitter, 1/12/2019](#))

'This Is An Opportunity To Go On Record'

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "I've been reading with some amusement that our friends on the other side seem to be reluctant to vote on the 'Green New Deal.' ... The only question I would ask is if this is such a popular thing to do and so necessary why would one want to dodge the vote? This is an opportunity to go on record ..." (Sen. McConnell, Press Conference, 2/26/2019)

"Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), an avowed Green New Deal supporter, said that if the resolution does come up, Democrats should seize the opportunity to debate it.... 'I'd encourage everyone to look at what's actually in the resolution,' Merkley said. 'Absolutely, I'd vote for it.'" (["The Trailer: Tulsi Gabbard Finds Her People In Iowa," The Washington Post, 2/12/2019](#))

"'He's trying to bully the party, and he's banking on people not being courageous,' Ocasio-Cortez said Tuesday of McConnell's plans [to hold a vote on the Green New Deal]. 'I think people should call his bluff.'" (["You Can Feel It Now: New Democrats Push Party, And 2020 Candidates, To The Left On Divisive Issues," The Washington Post, 2/12/2019](#))

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<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/449214-dems-make-u-turn-on-calling-border-a-manufactured-crisis>

Democrats have done a U-turn on their claim from earlier this year that President Trump's concern about illegal immigration at the southern border was a "manufactured crisis."

Democrats now acknowledge there is a genuine humanitarian crisis and are preparing to pass legislation that would provide as much as \$4.5 billion in federal aid to address the surge of migrants from Central America.

A surging number of arrests, media reports of smugglers renting children to desperate migrants to help them gain entry into the United States and stories of children dying in U.S. custody have changed the narrative.

Earlier this year, Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) accused Trump of exaggerating problems at the border to stoke fear among Americans and distract from the turmoil of his own administration.

After Trump issued an Oval Office address to the nation on Jan. 8 proclaiming the border situation a "crisis of the heart and a crisis of the soul," Schumer and Pelosi gave a side-by-side rebuttal.

"This president just used the backdrop of the Oval Office to manufacture a crisis, stoke fear and divert attention from the turmoil in his administration," Schumer said in the midst of a 35-day government shutdown sparked by a partisan disagreement over funding border barriers.

Other Democrats made similar dismissals.

"The President has manufactured a humanitarian crisis. It is solely Trump's fault NOT the Democrats," House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) tweeted.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), a leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, admonished Trump in a video statement: "Mr. President, we don't need to create artificial crises. We have enough real ones."

Trump subsequently backed down and agreed to reopen the government despite getting only \$1.3 billion for border barriers, less than what Democrats on the Senate Appropriations Committee voted for earlier in the year.

Democrats again balked before the Memorial Day recess when they refused to add Trump's request for \$4.5 billion in emergency border funding to a disaster relief bill that the president signed into law two weeks ago. But the steady stream of heart-wrenching stories and eye-popping statistics has changed the political environment on Capitol Hill, and it now appears a bipartisan deal on the border is imminent.

Polling shows that voters have grown more concerned about the migrant surge at the border since the government shutdown over Trump's border wall earlier this year. A Washington Post-ABC News poll published in late April found that more than a third of Americans saw illegal immigration as a "crisis," an increase of 11 percentage points compared to January.

A Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll survey published in early May found that 56 percent of U.S. voters said they believed there is "a growing humanitarian and security crisis" at the border, while 44 percent said it was a "manufactured political crisis."

Schumer last week described the Democrats' plan to address the crisis in a floor speech, and two of its main elements mirrored a plan being pushed by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Graham said Tuesday that he is in talks with Schumer to merge their proposals and expressed hope that reforms such as allowing migrants from Central America to apply for asylum from their own countries or from Mexico and to provide money for more immigration judges on the border — two ideas that Schumer has also endorsed — could be added to the border supplemental bill.

"I haven't heard anyone say it's a manufactured crisis for quite some time," Senate Homeland Security Committee Chairman Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) observed of his Senate Democratic colleagues.

Customs and Border Protection agents have seen a 135 percent increase in apprehensions on the southern border, including a 74 percent increase in unaccompanied minors and a 463 percent increase in family units during the first six months of fiscal 2019 compared to 2018.

Arrests at the border jumped to 144,000 in May, including 55,000 children apprehended. It marked a 32 percent increase compared to April and the highest number of arrests in one month in more than a decade. At least five migrant children have died after being detained by Border Patrol agents.

"In recent weeks it's gotten clearer and clearer there is a dramatic humanitarian crisis, again, at the border," said Sen. Christopher Coons (D-Del.), a member of the Judiciary Committee.

He blamed Trump's "refusal to move forward" on comprehensive immigration reform as "contributing to that humanitarian crisis" but added "there's a lot we could do jointly and should do jointly" in Congress right now to address the border situation.

Democrats such as Coons admit that “manufactured crisis” was probably not the best phrase to use months ago as it might now be seen as minimizing the human suffering at the border. Coons said colleagues who used that terminology were trying to argue that Trump’s policies had made the situation worse.

“The phrase manufactured crisis could be misunderstood as suggesting it’s not a real crisis. It is a real crisis. There are people actually suffering. There are children dying. There are families in distress. It is a crisis,” Coons said. “The phrase ‘manufactured’ I think was used by some to emphasize the president’s role in making it worse.”

Asked Tuesday if it was right to call the border situation a manufactured crisis earlier this year, Schumer blamed Trump for making conditions much worse.

“The bottom line is very simple: The border situation has been made worse and worse and worse by President Trump,” he said.

Schumer argued that Trump’s policy of removing young children from their parents in detention is “inhumane” and called the president’s varying strategies for slowing the migrant surge, such as calling for a border wall and threatening tariffs against Mexico, “erratic.”

“Now he says send a million immigrants back home. Every day he has a new policy, none of which have never been followed through on,” he said.

Democrats now concede, however, they may need to give ground on improving border security but claim that Republicans should also be more open to providing assistance to Central American countries, improving the conditions of immigrants detained and giving them a chance to pursue legitimate asylum claims.

Sen. Gary Peters (Mich.), the ranking Democrat on the Homeland Security Committee, said conditions at the border have deteriorated dramatically since Democrats accused Trump of using the Oval Office to stoke fears about a “manufactured crisis.”

“It’s actually evolved. We’ve seen an escalation just in the last couple months. We have seen a big increase in the last two of half months from Central America. It evolved over time,” he said.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Thursday, December 6, 2018
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:13:55 AM

FYI on Senate schedule. Votes on FERC and CFPB, today.

On two-week CR spending measure, we will pick up for consideration once House passes.

From: Majority Whip <whipalerts@cornyn.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:09 AM
Subject: Thursday, December 6, 2018

Whip Notice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 AT 09:06 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 9:30 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #1153, Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2020, post-cloture, with the time until 12:00 pm equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees.

At 12:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of the McNamee nomination.

Further, at 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Look Ahead:

Nominations, Appropriations, Farm Bill Conference Report, and NFIP Extension.

Wednesday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #1153, Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2020. (Invoked, 50-49)

UC Items:

S.Res.715 – George H.W. Bush

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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FYI on Senate schedule.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
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Subject: Thursday, January 3, 2019

Whip Notice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019 AT 11:26 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 12:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Please note, the Senate will begin the 116th Congress at 12:00 noon and Senators will be sworn in groups of four in alphabetical order.

Please also note, the Senate will convene for a Pro Forma session only, with no business conducted, on Thursday, January 3rd at 11:50 am and stand adjourned until it next convenes at 12:00 pm on Thursday, January 3rd.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes.

UC Items:

There were no UC items.

Executive Session:

Treaty 7: U.N. Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade

PN 1999 in the Coast Guard, referred to the Commerce Committee between 9/6/2018-11/26/2018.

PN 2210 - Robert S. Brewer, Jr., of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

PN 2270 – Nicholas A. Trutanich, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of

Nevada for the term of four years.

PN 1963 - Brian T. Moran, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

PN 2213 - Matthew J. Schneider, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

PN 2437 - John C. Milhiser, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years.

PN 2448 - David L. Anderson, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

PN 2450 - Lawrence Keefe, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida for the term of four years.

PN 2598 - Aaron L. Weisman, of Rhode Island, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

PN 1893 - Denny Wade King, of Tennessee, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

PN 2242 - John M. Garrison, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

PN 1965 - Todd L. Nukes, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

PN 2120 - Michael S. Yeager, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

PN 2214 - Mark B. Shepherd, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years

Cal. #1148 - Kim Gaffney, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Cal. #1149 - Bradley Jay LaRose, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

Cal. #1150 - Douglas J. Strike, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

PN 2642 - L. E. Sola, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

PN 2641 - Daniel B. Maffei, of New York, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2022. (Reappointment).

Cal. #1106 - Tamara Bonzanto, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection).

Cal. #1107 - James Paul Gfrerer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

Cal. #1198 - Donald L. Palmer, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2021.

Cal. #1199 - Benjamin Hovland, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2019.

Cal. #1192 - Erhard R. Chorle, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2022.

PN 2702 - Johnathan Bragg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2019.

PN 2703 - Johnathan Bragg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2024. (Reappointment)

PN 2704 - Thomas Jayne, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2023.

Cal. #1092 - James W. Carroll, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Cal. #612 - Brendan Carr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2018.

Cal. #940 - Geoffrey Adam Starks, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2017.

Cal. #1078 - Kelvin Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Cal. #1079 - Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Cal. #1143 - Thomas F. Gilman, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Cal. #1144 - Thomas F. Gilman, of Arizona, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

Cal. #1049 - Mary Bridget Neumayr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

PN 2478 - Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Cal. #1080 - Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Cal. #1052 - Teri L. Donaldson, of Texas, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy.

Cal. #1075 - Carmen Guerricagoitia McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #1145 - Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2020.

Cal. #1146 - Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

Cal. #1170 - Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

Cal. #1171 - Richard S. Tischner, of Virginia, to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia for a term of six years.

Cal. #823 - Patrick Fuchs, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for the term of five years. (New Position)

Cal. #1044 - Martin J. Oberman, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023. (Reappointment)

Cal. #1016 - Daniel Simmons, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

Cal. #1112 - Alan Ray Shaffer, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

Cal. #1108 - Casey Wardynski, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Cal. #1110 - Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Cal. #1041 - Ellen E. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Cal. #1124 - Ron Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Cal. #1125 - Jeff Merkley, of Oregon, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Cal. #1172 - Michael T. Harvey, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Cal. #1173 - Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Central African Republic.

Cal. #1174 - Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Tunisia.

Cal. #1175 - Craig Lewis Cloud, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana.

Cal. #1176 - Judith Gail Garber, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus.

Cal. #1177 - Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Mali.

Cal. #1178 - Simon Henshaw, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea.

Cal. #1179 - William H. Moser, of North Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Cal. #1180 - Michael Peter Pelletier, of Maine, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently as Ambassador of the United States of America to the Union of the Comoros.

Cal. #1183 – Richard Carlton Paschall III, of North Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of The Gambia.

Cal. #1184 – Eric Williams Stromayer, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Togolese Republic.

Cal. #1185 – Eric George Nelson, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Cal. #1186 – Dennis Walter Hearne, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique.

Cal. #1187 – Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Cal. #1188 – John Mark Pommersheim, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Cal. #1189 – Susan N. Stevenson, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Cal. #1216 - Kyle McCarter, of Illinois, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Kenya.

Cal. #1217 - Michael S. Klecheski, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Mongolia.

Cal. #1218 - Matthew John Matthews, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam.

Cal. #1219 - Earle D. Litzenberger, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Cal. #1220 - Sarah-Ann Lynch, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Cal. #1221 - Christopher Paul Henzel, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Yemen.

Cal. #1222 - Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Armenia.

Cal. #1223 - Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of Australia.

Cal. #1224 - Bonnie Glick, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Cal. #1225 - Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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FYI on schedule today.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
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Subject: Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Whip Notice

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019 AT 08:30 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate stands adjourned under the provisions of S. Res. 173, in honor of Richard Lugar, former United States Senator from the State of Indiana, and will convene at 10:00 am today. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #123, William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, post-cloture.

At 11:45 am, the Senate will proceed to a two roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #123, William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #188, R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Please note, further votes are expected during Tuesday's session of the Senate.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #123, William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. Invoked (63-32)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.172 – Legal Counsel

S.Res.173 – Richard Lugar

Executive Session:

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #207 – the following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Julian D. Alford

Brig. Gen. Michael S. Cederholm

Brig. Gen. Dennis A. Crall
Brig. Gen. Karsten S. Heckl
Brig. Gen. William M. Jurney
Brig. Gen. Tracy W. King
Brig. Gen. Christopher J. Mahoney
Brig. Gen. Gregory L. Masiello
Brig. Gen. Stephen M. Neary
Brig. Gen. Paul J. Rock, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Joseph F. Shrader
Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Sklenka

ARMY

Cal. #208 – Gen. Stephen J. Townsend to be General

NAVY

Cal. #210 – Rear Adm. James W. Kilby to be Vice Admiral

AIR FORCE

Cal. #211 – Lt. Gen. Jeffrey L. Harrigian to be General

Cal. #212 – Gen. Tod D. Wolters to be General

Cal. #213 – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Christopher P. Azzano
Brig. Gen. Kenneth T. Bibb, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Angela M. Caldwell
Brig. Gen. Sean M. Farrell
Brig. Gen. Alexis G. Grynkewich
Brig. Gen. Michael A. Guetlein
Brig. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh
Brig. Gen. Eric T. Hill
Brig. Gen. David R. Iverson
Brig. Gen. Lance K. Landrum
Brig. Gen. Jeannie M. Leavitt
Brig. Gen. Michael J. Lutton
Brig. Gen. Corey J. Martin
Brig. Gen. Tom D. Miller
Brig. Gen. Richard D. Moore, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Aaron M. Prupas
Brig. Gen. Bradley C. Saltzman
Brig. Gen. Michael J. Schmidt
Brig. Gen. William A. Spangenthal
Brig. Gen. David H. Tabor
Brig. Gen. Andrea D. Tullos
Brig. Gen. John T. Wilcox, II
Brig. Gen. Craig D. Wills

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Further information on Senate schedule.

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Subject: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Whip Notice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 AT 02:30 PM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S.1.

Please note, on Friday, January 4, the Leader filed cloture on the motion to proceed to S.1.

Last Friday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

There were no roll call votes.

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items.

Rule XIV

S.28 – US-Jordan Defense Cooperation Extension Act

H.R.21 – House Appropriations

H.J.Res.1 – House CR

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Update: Judge Kavanaugh, Opioids, FAA
Date: Friday, September 28, 2018 7:23:36 PM

FYI on schedule for next week and statements on both Kavanaugh confirmation and appropriations, below.

From: Stewart, Don (McConnell)
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 6:51 PM
Subject: Update: Judge Kavanaugh, Opioids, FAA

To: The Fourth Estate
From: STEW
RE: Update

Today, by voice vote, the Senate proceeded to the nomination of **Judge Brett Kavanaugh** to serve as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Senate also passed a short-term FAA bill and the Majority Leader filed cloture on the full **FAA bill** for a cloture vote on Monday at 5:30. After the cloture vote the Senate will remain in executive session with the post-cloture time running.

The Majority Leader also locked in a consent to take up the message from the House on the **opioids legislation** (“at a time to be determined”) and send it to the White House.

And I hope [this](#) helps.

STEW
[@StewSays](#)

The following are the [Majority Leader's remarks](#) on Judge Kavanaugh:

Remarks of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
Friday, September 28, 2018

“For the information of all our colleagues, there were two very significant developments today. This morning, the Judiciary Committee reported out Judge Kavanaugh favorably. All eleven Republican members of the Judiciary Committee voted in favor of reporting him out with a favorable recommendation. Number two, we will shortly move to proceed to the Kavanaugh nomination. And I’m pleased to announce that all 51 republican members of the Senate support the motion to proceed to the nomination. One hundred percent of the Republican conference supports proceeding to the Kavanaugh nomination.

“Now in Committee, they reviewed the most pages of documents ever produced pertaining to any Supreme Court nomination. Literally hundreds of judicial opinions from his tenure on the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. And five days of hearings, during which Judge Kavanaugh testified for nearly 40 hours. Judge Kavanaugh testified on every topic from complicated legal subjects to sensitive personal matters. And there were testimony and statements from countless personal friends, classmates, coworkers, former clerks, and other associates.

“So the picture that emerged from all this is clear: Judge Kavanaugh is one of the most qualified and most impressive Supreme Court nominees in the history of our country. He has excelled at the highest levels of legal scholarship. He holds two degrees from Yale, and for years has lectured at Harvard Law School. He has issued more than 300 legal opinions from what is widely

considered the second highest court in the nation. Several have subsequently been cited in the Supreme Court's own majority opinions. Along the way, he has built an outstanding reputation within the legal community for his clear, thoughtful writing and his exemplary, fair-minded judicial temperament.

"Judge Kavanaugh's qualifications have been affirmed by his peers and by renowned legal scholars from across the ideological spectrum. One self-described liberal Democrat who advised him at Yale said that Judge Kavanaugh, quote, 'commands wide and deep respect among scholars, lawyers, and jurists.' And this praise has been echoed by hundreds of character witnesses who have testified before the Senate or written us letters to praise Judge Kavanaugh's personal character and his integrity in the strongest terms.

"The Committee has also thoroughly investigated the last-minute allegations that have been brought forward. The evidence that has been produced either fails -- fails -- to corroborate these accusations, or in fact supports Judge Kavanaugh's unequivocal denial. And in some cases, the accusers have even recanted their baseless allegations. All in all, this is a nominee who has received what many consider the 'gold standard' of judicial qualification -- a rating of 'unanimously well qualified' from the American Bar Association.

"So, this is a nomination that deserves to move forward -- and that is precisely what is happening. I commend our colleagues on the Committee for sending this impressive nominee here to the floor with a favorable recommendation. Now we will keep the process moving: The full Senate will begin considering Judge Kavanaugh's nomination today."

For Immediate Release, Friday, September 28, 2018

Contacts: Don Stewart, David Popp

Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn

Release: <https://bit.ly/2DCoxlw>

President Signs Major Appropriations Package Into Law

'This marks a significant milestone in our efforts to return to a regular process for responsibly, effectively allocating taxpayer dollars. Congress has passed more appropriations bills on time this year than it has in twenty years. This was only possible because of the leadership of Chairman Shelby, Senator Leahy, and all my colleagues on the Senate Appropriations Committee, in addition to our counterparts in the House and -- of course -- the president's leadership.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement regarding the Senate's work on appropriations:

"With President Trump's signature, our second major appropriations package for the coming year is now law. This marks a significant milestone in our efforts to return to a regular process for responsibly, effectively allocating taxpayer dollars.

"Congress has passed more appropriations bills on time this year than it has in twenty years. This was only possible because of the leadership of Chairman Shelby, Senator Leahy, and all my colleagues on the Senate Appropriations Committee, in addition to our counterparts in the House and -- of course -- the president's leadership.

"The legislation that was signed today will provide more support for the health and prosperity of American families and American workers; more support for the fight against substance abuse and the devastating effects it has on communities in my state of Kentucky and across the country; and more support for the best-trained, best-equipped, and strongest military force in the world.

"After years of belt-tightening, our men and women in uniform will benefit from the largest year-on-year increase in defense funding in 15 years. That includes the largest pay raise for servicemembers in nearly a decade. The measure funds the priorities of Secretary Mattis and our military leaders. It invests in cutting-edge capabilities. And it delivers hundreds of billions in base support and maintenance funding, ensuring that critical ongoing missions continue -- from Fort

Knox, Fort Campbell, and the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky to installations around the country and overseas.

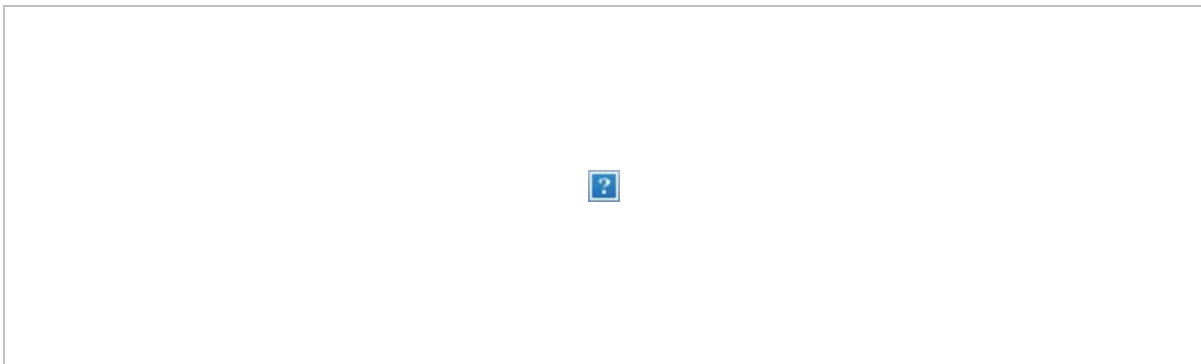
“I am proud our commitment to restoring regular appropriations has yielded such a significant success.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW: UPDATED ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for the Week of May 6, 2019
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From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppress@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 4:39 PM
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Subject: UPDATED ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for the Week of May 6, 2019



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 7, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the hearing schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the week of May 6, 2019. **Please note that the location of the Defense Subcommittee hearing on Wednesday, May 8, has been moved to S-128 in the Capitol. Additionally, the time of the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee hearing on Wednesday, May 8, has been delayed and will commence around 11:00 a.m.**

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (Jerry Moran, Chairman)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the Federal Bureau of Investigation

9:30 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

NOTE: Immediately following the open hearing, the subcommittee will reconvene in CLOSED SESSION in SVC-217 in the Capitol Visitor Center. This portion of the hearing is limited to Members and staff with TS clearance only.

Witness:

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (*John Kennedy, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 budget requests for the U.S. Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission

2:30 p.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
U.S. Federal Communications Commission

The Honorable Joseph J. Simons
Chairman
U.S. Federal Trade Commission

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019

LOCATION CHANGE: DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE (*Richard Shelby, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Defense

10:00 a.m., ~~Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building~~ **S-128, The Capitol**

NOTE: Media should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time. Space is limited to one (1) per news organization. Members of the press should contact their respective media galleries for more information. The markup webcast will be available audio-only on appropriations.senate.gov.

Witnesses:

Mr. Patrick M. Shanahan
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense

General Joseph Dunford, Jr., USMC
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

**DELAYED: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE** (*John Kennedy, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 budget requests for the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

~~10:00 a.m.~~, Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Christopher Giancarlo
Chairman
U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

The Honorable Jay Clayton
Chairman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE (*Shelley Moore Capito, Chairman*)

Closed briefing on current global threats relating to the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

10:00 a.m., SVC-217, Senate Security

NOTE: This briefing is limited to Members and staff with TS/SCI clearance only.

Briefers:

The Honorable David Glawe
Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

The Honorable Christopher Krebs
Director

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Mr. Joseph DiPietro
Chief Technology Officer
U.S. Secret Service

Ms. Patricia Cogswell
Acting Deputy Administrator
Transportation Security Administration

Mr. André Hentz
Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Science and Technology
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: UPDATED ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for Week of March 25, 2019
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 4:36:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

FYI

From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <goppress@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 3:09 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: UPDATED ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for Week of March 25, 2019

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March 25, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the hearing schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the week of March 25, 2019. **Please note that the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE (*Richard Shelby, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Army

10:00 a.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Mark T. Esper
Secretary
U.S. Army

General Mark A. Milley
Chief of Staff
U.S. Army

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*Susan Collins, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Transportation

10:00 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (*Lamar Alexander, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Energy

2:30 p.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Rick Perry

Secretary

U.S. Department of Energy

POSTPONED: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (*John Kennedy, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding requests and budget justifications for the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

~~2:30 p.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building~~

Witnesses:

The Honorable J. Christopher Giancarlo
Chairman
U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

The Honorable Jay Clayton
Chairman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SUBCOMMITTEE (*Cindy Hyde-Smith, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding requests and budget justifications for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol

3:00 p.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Carla D. Hayden
Librarian of Congress
Library of Congress

Ms. Christine Merdon
Acting Architect of the Capitol
Architect of the Capitol

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*Roy Blunt, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Education

10:00 a.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Betsy Devos
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education

HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE (*Shelley Moore Capito, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Coast Guard

10:00 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Karl Schultz
Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*John Hoeven, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the Food and Drug Administration

10:30 a.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Scott Gottlieb, M.D.
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: UPDATED ADVISORY: Senate Appropriations Schedule for Week of April 8, 2019
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April 8, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the hearing schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the week of April 8, 2019. **Please note that the Homeland Security Subcommittee hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 11, has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE (*Lindsey Graham, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of State

2:30 p.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Mike Pompeo

Secretary
U.S. Department of State

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES
SUBCOMMITTEE** (*John Boozman, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for Military
Construction and Family Housing

2:30 p.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Robert McMahon

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment
U.S. Department of Defense

Lieutenant General Gwendolyn Bingham

Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management
U.S. Army

Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics
U.S. Navy

Major General Vincent A. Coglianesse

Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command
Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities)
U.S. Marine Corps

Brigadier General John J. Allen

Director of Civil Engineers
Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection
U.S. Air Force

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE (*Richard Shelby, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the National Guard and Reserve

10:00 a.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

General Joseph L. Lengyel

Chief

National Guard Bureau

Lieutenant General Charles D. Luckey

Chief

Army Reserve

Lieutenant General Richard W. Scobee

Chief

Air Force Reserve

Vice Admiral Luke M. McCollum

Chief

Navy Reserve

Major General Bradley S. James

Commander

Marine Corps Forces Reserve

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE
(Jerry Moran, Chairman)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Justice

10:00 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable William Barr

Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mr. Lee Lofthus

Assistant Attorney General for Administration

U.S. Department of Justice

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (*Lamar Alexander, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the U.S. Department of the Interior

2:30 p.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable R.D. James

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)

Lieutenant General Todd Semonite

Commanding General and Chief of Engineers

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The Honorable Brenda Burman

Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation

U.S. Department of the Interior

The Honorable Timothy R. Petty, Ph.D.

Assistant Secretary for Water and Science

U.S. Department of the Interior

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SUBCOMMITTEE (*Cindy Hyde-Smith, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding requests and budget justifications for the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office

3:00 p.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

The Honorable Gene Dodaro

Comptroller General of the United States

Government Accountability Office

Dr. Keith Hall

Director

Congressional Budget Office

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*Roy Blunt, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the National Institutes of Health

10:00 a.m., Room 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

Dr. Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.

Director

National Institutes of Health

Accompanied by:

Dr. Douglas Lowy, M.D.

Acting Director
National Cancer Institute

Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, M.D., M.A.C.P.

Director
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Dr. Anthony Fauci, M.D.

Director
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Dr. Jon Lorsch, Ph.D.

Director
National Institute of General Medical Sciences

Dr. Richard Hodes, M.D.

Director
National Institute on Aging

Dr. Nora Volkow, M.D.

Director
National Institute on Drug Abuse

**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE** (*John Hoeven,
Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S.
Department of Agriculture

10:00 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness:

The Honorable Sonny Perdue

Secretary

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Accompanied by:

Dr. Robert Johansson

Chief Economist
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Mrs. Erica Navarro

Budget Officer
U.S. Department of Agriculture

POSTPONED: HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE (*Shelley Moore Capito, Chairman*)

Hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2020 funding request and budget justification for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

~~10:00 a.m., Room 138, Dirksen Senate Office Building~~

Witness:

The Honorable Kirstjen Nielsen
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: updated speaking order
Date: Friday, October 5, 2018 9:44:41 AM

FYI – Judge Kavanaugh cloture vote at 10:30 AM. If vote to end debate is successful (at simple majority), 30 hours of debate. Barring consent to move up the confirmation vote, the 30 hour clock will expire around 4:30 PM, Saturday.

From: Stewart, Don (McConnell)
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 9:38 AM
Subject: updated speaking order

Following Sen. Grassley will be Sen. Feinstein, Sen. Schumer—and then the Leader will speak right before the vote scheduled for 10:30.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: UPDATED with CR/Conference // Re-opening the government
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 5:14:13 PM
Attachments: [HJR31_01.PDF](#)
[H J Res 28.pdf](#)

FYI on state of play, below. Please see attached text.

From: Stewart, Don (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 4:56 PM
Subject: UPDATED with CR/Conference // Re-opening the government
Importance: High

Beloved Fourth Estate:

- By voice vote., the Senate just passed a short-term funding bill through February 15th (H.J. Res. 28).
- The Senate also went to conference on the DHS appropriations bill using H.R. Res. 31 as the vehicle. This allows the entirety of the DHS appropriations bill to be in scope.
- Backpay, VAWA extension and other provisions are included.

The Senate is adjourned until Monday afternoon. Enjoy your weekend.

Also, do you agree with these [Top 10 selections](#)?

STEW
[@StewSays](#)

From: Stewart, Don (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 2:53 PM
Subject: Re-opening the government
Importance: High

To: The Fourth Estate
From: STEW
RE: Re-opening the government

The President today outlined an agreement with Congressional Democrats for re-opening the government and continuing negotiations on border security funding.

[As the Majority Leader just said](#) on the floor, the President and Democrats “*have reached an agreement that will immediately re-open the government, while providing the room to negotiate a funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security. Further, negotiations on DHS will be prioritized over consideration of any other funding bills. And with cooperation, we can pass legislation opening the government and send the DHS appropriations bill to a conference with the House today.*”

To meet the President’s request, the Senate will pass a CR through February 15 and will soon send the DHS appropriations bill to a conference committee with the House for negotiations.

Once the conference committee reaches an agreement on the DHS appropriations, that bill (and the six other remaining appropriations bills) can then move forward.

As the Leader said: *“Going forward, I hope Democrats will stay true to the commitment they have stated constantly over the past weeks – that once government was re-opened, they would be perfectly willing to negotiate in good faith on full-year government funding that would include a significant investment in urgently needed border security measures, including physical barriers.”*

And I hope your work station looks something like [this](#).

Enjoy your weekend,

STEW

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AMENDMENT NO.

Calendar No.

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

H.J. Res. 31

Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (division C
4 of Public Law 115–245) is further amended—

5 (1) in section 105—

6 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” at
7 the end;

8 (B) in paragraph (3)—

9 (i) by inserting “except as provided in
10 paragraph (4),” before “December”; and

1 (ii) by striking the period at the end
2 and inserting “; or”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) with respect to appropriations and funds
5 made available, and other authorities granted, pur-
6 suant to section 101(5) of this joint resolution for
7 the Department of Homeland Security, February 15,
8 2019.”; and

9 (2) in section 110, by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(c) With respect to mandatory payments whose
12 budget authority was provided in the Department of
13 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018 (division F
14 of Public Law 115–141), subsections (a) and (b) shall be
15 applied by substituting ‘section 105(4)’ for ‘section
16 105(3)’ each place it appears.”.

Hc 1+5

Richard Shelby

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpos: _____

AMENDMENT N^o: 0054

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By: McConnell For Shelby

To: H. J. Res. 28

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GPO: 2018 33-682 (mac)

SECTION 4. SHORT TITLE

This joint resolution may be cited as the "Further

Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019".

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-

2 lowing:

3 SEC. 101. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019

4 (division C of Public Law 115-245) is further amended—

5 (1) by striking the date specified in section

6 105(3) and inserting "February 15, 2019"; and

7 (2) by adding after section 136 the following:

8 "SEC. 137. Amounts made available in this Act for

9 personnel pay, allowances, and benefits in each depart-

10 ment and agency shall be available for obligations incurred

11 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 1341 of title 31,

12 United States Code.

1 “SEC. 138. All obligations incurred and in anticipa-
2 tion of the appropriations made and authority granted by
3 this Act for the purposes of maintaining the essential level
4 of activity to protect life and property and bringing about
5 orderly termination of Government function, and for pur-
6 poses as otherwise authorized by law, are hereby ratified
7 and approved if otherwise in accord with the provisions
8 of this Act.

9 “SEC. 139. (a) If a State (or another Federal grant-
10 ee) used State funds (or the grantee’s non-Federal funds)
11 to continue carrying out a Federal program or furloughed
12 State employees (or the grantee’s employees) whose com-
13 pensation is advanced or reimbursed in whole or in part
14 by the Federal Government—

15 “(1) such furloughed employees shall be com-
16 pensated at their standard rate of compensation for
17 such period;

18 “(2) the State (or such other grantee) shall be
19 reimbursed for expenses that would have been paid
20 by the Federal Government during such period had
21 appropriations been available, including the cost of
22 compensating such furloughed employees, together
23 with interest thereon calculated under section
24 6503(d) of title 31, United States Code; and

1 “(3) the State (or such other grantee) may use
2 funds available to the State (or the grantee) under
3 such Federal program to reimburse such State (or
4 the grantee), together with interest thereon cal-
5 culated under section 6503(d) of title 31, United
6 States Code.

7 “(b) For purposes of this section, the term ‘State’
8 and the term ‘grantee’ shall have the meaning as such
9 term is defined under the applicable Federal program
10 under subsection (a). In addition, ‘to continue carrying
11 out a Federal program’ means the continued performance
12 by a State or other Federal grantee, during the period
13 of a lapse in appropriations, of a Federal program that
14 the State or such other grantee had been carrying out
15 prior to the period of the lapse in appropriations.

16 “(c) The authority under this section applies with re-
17 spect to any period in fiscal year 2019 (not limited to peri-
18 ods beginning or ending after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act) during which there occurs a lapse in appro-
20 priations with respect to any department or agency of the
21 Federal Government which, but for such lapse in appro-
22 priations, would have paid, or made reimbursement relat-
23 ing to, any of the expenses referred to in this section with
24 respect to the program involved. Payments and reimburse-
25 ments under this authority shall be made only to the ex-

1 tent and in amounts provided in advance in appropriations
2 Acts.

3 “SEC. 140. Notwithstanding section 251(a)(1) of the
4 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
5 1985 and the timetable in section 254(a) of such Act, the
6 final sequestration report for fiscal year 2019 pursuant
7 to section 254(f)(1) of such Act and any order for fiscal
8 year 2019 pursuant to section 254(f)(5) of such Act shall
9 be issued, for the Congressional Budget Office, 10 days
10 after the date specified in section 105(3), and for the Of-
11 fice of Management and Budget, 15 days after the date
12 specified in section 105(3).

13 “SEC. 141. Section 319L(e)(1)(A) of the Public
14 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7e(e)(1)(A)) shall
15 continue in effect through the date specified in section
16 105(3) of this Act.

17 “SEC. 142. Section 405(a) of the Pandemic and All
18 Hazards Preparedness Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6a note) shall
19 continue in effect through the date specified in section
20 105(3) of this Act.”

21 SEC. 102. For the purposes of division C of Public
22 Law 115-245, the time covered by such division shall be
23 considered to include the period which began on or about
24 December 22, 2018, during which there occurred a lapse
25 in appropriations.

1 SEC. 103. Subsection (c)(2) of section 1341 of title
2 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting “, and
3 subject to the enactment of appropriations Acts ending the
4 lapse” before the period.

5 SEC. 104. For the purposes of the annual report
6 issued pursuant to section 5 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-
7 Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 934) after adjournment of the
8 second session of the 115th Congress, and for determining
9 whether a sequestration order is necessary under such sec-
10 tion, the debit for the budget year on the 5-year scorecard,
11 if any, and the 10-year scorecard, if any, shall be deducted
12 from such scorecard in 2019 and added to such scorecard
13 in 2020.

~~14 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Further~~
15 ~~Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019”.~~

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Vote Results (Cloture) - Green New Deal
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:21:43 PM

FYI

From: Vote Results <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 4:52 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Cloture)

Vote Result

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 AT 04:51 PM

Motion to Proceed to the Green New Deal (S. J. Res. 8)

Not invoked, 0-57, with 43 senators responding present:

Cloture on the motion to proceed to S. J. Res. 8, the Green New Deal.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Vote Results (Confirmation)
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:49:22 PM

FYI

From: Vote Results (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:19 PM
Subject: Vote Results (Confirmation)

Vote Result

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 AT 02:18 PM

Executive Session (Kraninger Nomination)

Confirmed, 50-49:

Executive Calendar #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

Alexander Charow, Floor Monitor
SRC

Email: (b) (6) @src.senate.gov

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:36:12 AM

FYI on Senate schedule today.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:03 AM
Subject: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Whip Notice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019 AT 09:02 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 9:30 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #107, Neomi J. Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, post-cloture.

At 12:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of the Rao nomination.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #98, William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

Further, if cloture is invoked, at 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of the Beach nomination.

Please note, further votes are possible during tomorrow's session of the Senate.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #19, Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Confirmed (54-45)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #107, Neomi J. Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. Invoked (53-46)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.105 – Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

S.Res.106 – 75th Anniversary UNCF

S.Res.107 – Legal Counsel

S.Res.91 – World Wildlife Day with Coons Amendment

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From: Lee, Jane (McConnell)
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell)

Subject: FW: Well-Qualified Nominees to Receive Prompt Senate Consideration
Date: Monday, April 8, 2019 5:51:40 PM
Attachments: image001.jpg

FYI

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_McConnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2019 5:00 PM
Subject: Well-Qualified Nominees to Receive Prompt Senate Consideration



For Immediate Release, Monday, April 8, 2019
Contacts: David Popp
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2Uqzbt1>
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2Gbtb5x>

Well-Qualified Nominees to Receive Prompt Senate Consideration

As we discussed extensively last week, the past two years have offered a record-setting display of how comprehensively a Senate minority could prevent a president from putting his team in place, extending even to thoroughly uncontroversial nominations. Fortunately, last week, we took a big step toward restoring the sort of productive nominations process that had once been the Senate's routine. And now, it's time to move forward together.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding recent action taken to prevent needless obstruction on sub-cabinet level nominees and lower court judges:

"This week, the Senate will continue its work to move well-qualified nominees off of the executive calendar and give the American people the government they elected. And we'll do it more sensibly and efficiently thanks to last week's action to restore order to the nominations process. As we discussed extensively last week, the past two years have offered a record-setting display of how comprehensively a Senate minority could prevent a president from putting his team in place, extending even to thoroughly uncontroversial nominations.

"Fortunately, last week, we took a big step toward restoring the sort of productive nominations process that had once been the Senate's routine. And now, it's time to move forward together. This week, the Senate will be able to consider a number of the president's capable nominees to positions in the executive branch and on the federal bench. We'll begin with Daniel Domenico, named to serve as U.S. District Judge for the District of Colorado. Mr. Domenico is a graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Virginia School of Law. His well-rounded legal career includes a clerkship on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, a term as Solicitor General of Colorado, as well as work in private practice.

"I would encourage each of my colleagues to join me in supporting Mr. Domenico's nomination. We'll follow it with consideration of Patrick Wyrick, nominated for the Western District of Oklahoma. And then Cheryl Stanton, to be Administrator of the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division. And then John Abizaid, to be Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. And then Holly Brady and David

Morales, to serve as District Judges in Indiana and Texas, respectively. Six more well-qualified nominees. Six nominees who, between them, have passed a combined 2,364 days since the Senate received their nominations. But most importantly, six of the many nominees who will now receive more prompt consideration here on the floor.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Wrap Up (The Senate Stands Adjourned), Sullivan
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 5:28:01 PM

ICYMI – Leader filed cloture on the underlying vehicle for the disaster supplemental.

MR. McCONNELL:

I MOVE TO PROCEED TO CALENDAR NUMBER 15, H.R.268.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE CLERK WILL REPORT THE MOTION.

THE CLERK: MOTION TO PROCEED TO CALENDAR NUMBER 15, H.R. 268, AN ACT MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

MR. McCONNELL: I MOVE THE CLOTURE MOTION TO THE DESK.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE CLERK WILL REPORT THE CLOTURE MOTION.

THE CLERK: WE, THE UNDERSIGNED SENATORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RULE 22 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE HEREBY MOVE TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CALENDAR NUMBER 15 TO ARE H.R. 268 MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, SIGNED BY 17 --.

From: SRC Floor Update (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 5:22 PM
Subject: Wrap Up (The Senate Stands Adjourned), Sullivan

Floor Update

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 AT 05:21 PM

Wrap Up

Monday, March 25 -

- The Senate will next convene for legislative business at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25.
- Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #20, Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
 - At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #20, Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
 - Note: on Thursday, March 14, cloture was filed on the following:
 - Executive Calendar #20, Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
 - Executive Calendar #27, S.J. Res. 8, The Green New Deal.
 - Executive Calendar #15, H.R. 268, Disaster Supplemental Appropriations.

Senator Sullivan: (4:50 p.m.)

- Spoke in tribute to Pete Kaiser.
 - “Right now, we have teams of mushers and their dogs who are barreling 900 miles across the state of Alaska toward the city of Nome in some of the harshest conditions and some of the most difficult and rugged terrain on the planet Earth. The Iditarod, the Last Great Race, is still underway in Alaska right now. Mushers literally as we speak are rolling into Nome today, tomorrow, for the next few days. Now we salute all the mushers and their dogs, the athletes. These dogs are great L athletes. For their hard work. And we're particularly proud this year for the first time in history, three women are among the top ten finishers. Like all races there is a winner. And, Mr. President, our Alaskan of the week, you see a picture of him and his dogs here is the winner after 9 days, 12 hours, 39 minutes, 6 seconds on the trail at 3:39 A.M.”

Caroline Celley, Floor Monitor
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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Wrap Up (The Senate Stands Adjourned)
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:12:54 PM

FYI - Have a good weekend! Happy Opening Day, friends.

From: SRC Floor Update (b) (6) @src.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:09 PM
Subject: Wrap Up (The Senate Stands Adjourned)

Floor Update

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 AT 05:08 PM

Wrap Up

Monday, April 1 -

- The Senate will convene at 3:00 p.m.
 - Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to legislative session and resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 268, Disaster Supplemental Appropriations bill.
 - At 5:30 p.m., the cloture motions with respect to H.R. 268 will ripen and the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Shelby amendment #201, in relation to H.R. 268, Disaster Supplemental Appropriations.
 - Note: Further votes are possible during Monday's session.
 - Note: On Thursday, March 28, cloture was filed on the following:
 - Shelby substitute amendment #201 in relation to H.R. 268.
 - H.R. 268, Disaster Supplemental Appropriations.
 - Motion to proceed to S. Res. 50, the Improved Procedures for Nominations Resolution.
 - Note: cloture on the motion to proceed to S. Res 50 will not ripen before 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2.
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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FYI - on UAC provision
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:32:39 PM
Attachments: [Document1.docx](#)

Few points on the UAC provision:

- 1) There are some major wins that Approps secured. Top two issues they were fending off: They were fighting back on riders to hamstring DHS' funding flexibility on wall and ICE beds. They also fought off a rider on national emergency.
- 2) The UAC provision, I understand, does not:
 - Prevent HHS from sharing information with ICE on sponsors whose background checks discover a list of criminal offenses. Please see attached.
 - Protect a class of individuals from ICE proceedings and removal.
 - HHS should be doing their own checks on sponsors; and
 - it encourages better qualified sponsors to come pick these kids up instead of having them in federal detention.
- 3) This is the largest-ever investment in CBP and ICE through the regular appropriations process.

Please feel free to contact Adam Telle and Shannon Hines, Jonathan Graffeo in the front office if you have any questions. Thanks, Jane

SEC. 224. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act or any other Act, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived by the collection of fees available to the components funded by this Act, may be used by the Secretary of Homeland Security to place in detention, remove, refer for a decision whether to initiate removal proceedings, or initiate removal proceedings against a sponsor, potential sponsor, or member of a household of a sponsor or potential sponsor of an unaccompanied alien child (as defined in section 462(g) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279(g))) based on information shared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply if a background check of a sponsor, potential sponsor, or member of a household of a sponsor or potential sponsor reveals—

- (1) a felony conviction or pending felony charge that relates to—
 - (A) an aggravated felony (as defined in section 101(a)(43) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)));
 - (B) child abuse;
 - (C) sexual violence or abuse; or
 - (D) child pornography;
- (2) an association with any business that employs a minor who—
 - (A) is unrelated to the sponsor, potential sponsor, or member of a household of a sponsor or potential sponsor; and
 - (B) is—
 - (i) not paid a legal wage; or
 - (ii) unable to attend school due to the employment; or
- (3) an association with the organization or implementation of prostitution.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Leader's remarks on President's support of the DHS conference report
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:21:02 PM

FYI. Rollcall votes start at 3:30 PM, today.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: LEADER McCONNELL.

MR. McCONNELL: I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH
PRESIDENT
TRUMP AND HE, I WOULD SAY TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES, HAS
INDICATED
HE'S PREPARED TO SIGN THE BILL. HE ALSO BE ISSUING AN
NATIONAL
EMERGENCY DECLARATION AT THE SAME TIME. I INDICATED TO HIM
I'M
GOING TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION. SO
FOR ALL
OF MY COLLEAGUES, THE PRESIDENT WILL SIGN THE BILL. WE'LL
BE
VOTING ON IT SHORTLY. AND WITH THAT, I ASK THE CHAIR TO
LAY
BEFORE THE SENATE THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION 31.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Objection to disaster relief package; NFIP 2 week extension has passed both chambers
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019 4:39:04 PM

ICYMI on House action.

4:34:43 S. Mr. Evans asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and
P.M. 1693 consider.

4:34:43 S. Considered by unanimous consent. [S. 1693](#) — "**To reauthorize the National Flood
P.M. 1693 Insurance Program.**"

4:35:17 S. On passage Passed without objection.
P.M. 1693

4:35:18 S. Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
P.M. 1693

From: [Van Doren, Terry \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
Subject: RE: Did/does DoT have a position H.R. 6666?
Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 2:38:35 PM

Thank you.

Terry Van Doren

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From: Kan, Derek (OST) <derek.kan@dot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 1:55 PM
To: Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Did/does DoT have a position H.R. 6666?

DOT has no position on this matter

From: Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 12:02 PM
To: Kan, Derek (OST)
Subject: Did/does DoT have a position H.R. 6666?

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr6666eh/pdf/BILLS-115hr6666eh.pdf>

Already passed House. Thanks in advance for insight.

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From: [Van Doren, Terry \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
Subject: RE: Naison FHWA confirmation vote looking likely for tomorrow.
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:34:50 PM

Confirmation vote at 1:45 tomorrow.

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From: Kan, Derek (OST) <derek.kan@dot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:51 PM
To: Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Naison FHWA confirmation vote looking likely for tomorrow.

Great, thx

From: Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) <(b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:49:01 PM
To: Kan, Derek (OST)
Subject: Naison FHWA confirmation vote looking likely for tomorrow.

Probably right after lunch.

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From: [Raab, Scott \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Re: S 3139
Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 8:55:14 PM

Too late for the senate but not the house.

I don't think it is problem but terry thought it might have a gateway impact. I don't think so but thought we should flag

On Sep 25, 2018, at 8:42 PM, Kan, Derek (OST) <derek.kan@dot.gov> wrote:

Sorry, just getting back on email. Is this too late or can I let you know tomorrow?
Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 25, 2018, at 5:38 PM, Raab, Scott (McConnell)
(b) (6) <@mcconnell.senate.gov> wrote:

Derek – I should have flagged this for you all earlier in case Banking did not, but the Senate cleared this on the hotline this evening.

[http://www.lis.gov/cgi-lis/query/z?c115:S.3139:](http://www.lis.gov/cgi-lis/query/z?c115:S.3139)

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: S. 24 - Federal Backpay
Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019 5:54:28 PM

ICYMI – Senate has passed a bill on backpay for federal employees affected by the shutdown.

MR. McCONNELL: I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO PRESIDENT TRUMP A FEW MOMENTS AGO AND WANTED TO INDICATE TO OUR COLLEAGUES THAT HE WILL SIGN THE BILL THAT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING HERE TO GUARANTEE THAT GOVERNMENT WORKERS WHO'VE BEEN DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF THE SHUTDOWN WILL ULTIMATELY BE COMPENSATED. AND SO I WANT TO EASE THEIR ANXIETY ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR POSSIBILITY.

AND WITH THAT IN MIND, I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THE SENATE PROCEED TO THE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR NUMBER 3, S. 24.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE CLERK WILL REPORT.

THE CLERK: CALENDAR NUMBER 3, S. 24, A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF FEDERAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY LAPSES IN APPROPRIATIONS.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: IS THERE OBJECTION TO PROCEEDING TO THE MEASURE? WITHOUT OBJECTION. THE SENATE WILL PROCEED.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Senate passes two week funding extension
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018 1:14:31 PM

CR passed Senate by voice vote. On to the White House.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Two week CR
Date: Monday, December 3, 2018 6:23:40 PM
Attachments: [CR_02_xml.pdf](#)

Please see attached the two week CR through December 21, 2018. All prior extensions/anomalies in the prior CR is extended by incorporation. There is an addition of the NFIP extension through the duration of the CR, as well.

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(Original Signature of Member)

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES.

Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M . submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That division C of Public Law 115–245 is amended—
4 (1) by striking the date specified in section
5 105(3) and inserting “December 21, 2018”; and
6 (2) by adding at the end (before the short title)
7 the following:
8 “SEC. 136. Sections 1309(a) and 1319 of the Na-
9 tional Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)

1 and 4026) shall be applied by substituting the date speci-
2 fied in section 105(3) of this Act for ‘December 7,
3 2018’.”.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Two week CR
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018 12:11:47 PM

FYI. House just passed the two-week extension by UC.

12:01:47 H.J.
P.M. Res. 143 Considered by unanimous consent. [H.J. Res. 143](#) — **"Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes."**

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Updated Summary: End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:46:23 AM
Attachments: [Combined Summary Proposal to Reopen the Government.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Please see attached the updated summary. Link to updated summary from Senate Appropriations: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/download/end-the-shutdown-and-secure-the-border-act-summary>

Quoting from Stew:

“Everyone says they want to re-open the government. This bill would do that right away by funding all the closed portions of the government through the end of the fiscal year. And as the Washington Post editorial board [opined](#), “to refuse even to talk until the government reopens does no favors to sidelined federal workers and contractors.”

Background on House CRs:

- Another CR a month into shutdown only guarantees that we will face the same impasse a few weeks or a month later. We need a solution that secures the border now.
- Vote Record on recent House CRs:
 - House disaster supp with CR, 237-187, only 6 Republican ayes
 - House Feb 8 CR, 237-187, only 6 Republican ayes
 - House DHS CR, 239-192, only 5 Republican ayes

NOTE: All House CRs have presidential veto threats.

END THE SHUTDOWN AND SECURE THE BORDER ACT

Includes FY2019 Funding Bills for all Outstanding Departments and Agencies;
Full Funding of the President's Border Security Request;
Bipartisan Immigration Reforms;
and Disaster Aid

Topline Summaries (with links to additional information):

- *Prioritizes investments in border security, cybersecurity, aviation security, state and local grants, and other programs to keep Americans safe:* The [Homeland Security](#) division of the bill provides \$70.4 billion in discretionary funding, including \$5.7 billion for construction of a physical barrier along the Southwest border.
- *Supporting Law Enforcement, National Security Interests, Economic Development, & Scientific Innovation:* The [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies](#) division of the bill provides \$64.118 billion in discretionary funding, an increase of \$4.518 billion above the FY2018 enacted level.
- *Investing in our Nation's Crumbling Infrastructure & Advancing the Housing System:* The [Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies](#) division of the bill provides \$71.079 billion, an increase of \$779 million above the FY2018 level.
- *Creating Healthier & Safer Communities Across the Country:* The [Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies](#) division of the bill provides \$35.552 billion in discretionary funding, an increase of \$300 million above the FY2018 enacted level.
- *Preserving the Integrity of our Financial Markets & Promoting Growth:* The [Financial Services and General Government](#) division of the bill provides \$23.4 billion in discretionary spending.
- *Strengthening Federal Programs and Operations That Support National Security and American Values Abroad:* The [State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs](#) division of the bill provides \$54.2 billion in discretionary funding, of which \$8 billion is for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO).
- *Supporting American Agriculture, Research, & Rural Development:* The [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies](#) division of the bill provides \$23.042 billion in discretionary funding.
- *Helping Americans Recover and Rebuild from Natural Disasters:* \$12.7 billion in [supplemental disaster funding](#) is included for states recently ravaged by hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, volcanoes, and other such events.

President's Request for New Department of Homeland Security Authorities, 2019

The Bridge Act: The revised BRIDGE (Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy) Act would allow foreign nationals who grew up in the United States and are enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program to receive temporary (three-year), “provisional protected presence” and employment authorization. The updated BRIDGE Act is modeled after legislation that was introduced in the 114th and 115th Congresses. Those who are eligible for this program are persons who:

- Were born after June 15, 1981;
- Entered the United States before 16 years of age;
- Continually resided in US between June 15, 2007 and their application for the program;
- Were physically present in US on June 15, 2012;
- Were unlawfully present in the US on June 15, 2012;
- Were enrolled in school at the time of the application, graduated high school or equivalent or an honorably discharged veteran;
- Have not been convicted of felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors;
- Do not pose a threat to national security or public safety; and,
- Are currently enrolled in good standing in DACA.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS): TPS is a protection granted to nationals of specifically designated countries that face an armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary condition. As of August 2017, an estimated 325,000 TPS recipients lived in the United States. More than 90 percent of individuals with TPS are nationals of El Salvador (195,000), Honduras (57,000), or Haiti (50,000). This legislation would grant temporary (3-year) “provisional protected presence” and employment authorization to individuals who:

- Are physically present in the United States when they apply for the program;
- Had received TPS and remained lawfully in such status until it was terminated pursuant to statute;
- Register with the government, pass security and law enforcement background checks, and pay a reasonable application fee;
- Have not committed a felony or other serious crime and do not pose a threat to our country; and
- Have continually resided in the United States since January 1, 2011.

In-Country Asylum: To address the humanitarian crisis of unaccompanied alien children (UACs), Democrats have proposed in-country asylum processing for Central American Minors. This would require a statutory change, along with reallocation of State Department funds to establish in-country processing capacities at Northern Triangle consulates and embassies. For the new procedure to achieve the desired humanitarian result, a further corresponding statutory change would be required to ensure that those who circumvent the process and come to the United States without authorization can be promptly returned home. Without the latter change, in-country processing will not reduce the unauthorized flow or successfully mitigate the humanitarian crisis.

HOMELAND SECURITY, 2019

\$70.4 Billion in Total Discretionary Spending

- Unprecedented investments in border security, supporting all of the activities and investments identified in a letter from the Office of Management and Budget to Congress earlier this month, including physical barrier, law enforcement personnel, custody enhancements, humanitarian needs, and counter-narcotics and counter-weapons technology.
- Includes \$5.7 billion for construction of a physical barrier along the highest priority locations of the southwest border. This is sufficient funding to complete Customs and Border Protection's Top 10 priority investments for border security.
- Provides funding for 750 new border patrol agents and 375 new customs officers.

HIGHLIGHTS

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) – \$19.9 billion, an increase of \$5.9 billion above the FY2018 enacted level. The bill provides robust funding to support 750 new Border Patrol agents, 375 new CBP officers, equipment, and technology required to support unprecedented operations at our borders and ports of entry. The bill includes a substantial increase to dedicated funding to combat the illicit movement of opioids through ports of entry, as well as funding for tactical communications, comprehensive recapitalization and upgrades to non-intrusive inspection equipment, procurement of additional surveillance systems and other situational awareness technology, three multi-role enforcement aircraft, and enhancements to unmanned aerial system capabilities. In addition, the bill provides \$800 million required to address urgent humanitarian needs for those encountered by Customs and Border Protection along the southwest border.

Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) – \$8.5 billion, \$1.4 billion above the FY2018 enacted level, to dramatically enhance immigration enforcement and provide for the safe and humane supervision of those found to be in violation of immigration laws. The bill provides for an average of 52,000 detention beds per day, the addition of 2,000 law enforcement personnel and support staff, as well as additional legal personnel required to enforce immigration laws. It also includes significant investments to combat drug and human trafficking and other transnational criminal activity. It also provides \$84 million for ICE vehicles and includes \$41 million for new personnel to investigate opioid trafficking.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) – \$4.84 billion to make targeted investments in personnel, canine teams, and advanced checkpoint technology.

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) – \$11.9 billion to support a robust USCG operations and support budget, including additional military personnel. The bill provides necessary funding for construction of a new class of Polar Security Cutter, Offshore Patrol Cutter acquisition, Fast Response Cutter acquisition, aircraft recapitalization, and shore infrastructure enhancements.

U.S. Secret Service (USSS) – \$2.18 billion to fully support USSS activities and additional hiring needed for the 2020 presidential campaign and support for upcoming National Security Special Events. The bill provides full funding to support the National Center for Missing and Exploited

Children and provides a \$6 million increase in funding to train State and local officials in computer forensics and cyber investigations. The bill also enables payment to Secret Service personnel for overtime work performed during 2018.

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency – \$1.68 billion, in addition to \$1.53 billion in fees for the Federal Protective Service accounted for in the bill. Cybersecurity, including protection of civilian Federal networks, is supported at \$1.1 billion. The bill also provides \$33 million to help states and localities guard the integrity of our elections with election security information sharing and assistance. The bill also reflects the recent Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act's directive to transfer the Office of Biometric Identity Management to the Department's Management Directorate.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – \$19.8 billion, of which \$15.5 billion is for the Disaster Relief Fund. The bill includes strong support for state and local first responders and emergency management personnel, providing a total of \$3.3 billion for these grant and training programs when considering the effects of the enactment of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act enacted in October 2018.

Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office (CWMD) - \$429 million to fully support the newly established CWMD, which seeks to detect and prevent chemical, biological, and nuclear attacks against the U.S. and which was authorized by law on December 21, 2018.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – \$132 million for E-Verify operations and enhancements.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2019

\$64.118 Billion in Total Discretionary Funding

- Makes investments in federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; enhances space exploration and basic science research; and promotes continued economic development.
- Maintains current law on abortion and gun-related issues, rejecting poison pill gun riders that would infringe on Americans' 2nd Amendment rights.
- Includes \$468 million to combat the opioid epidemic.
- Provides an increase of more than \$1 billion over FY2018 for critical science research and programs.

HIGHLIGHTS

Department of Justice (DOJ): Funded at \$30.934 billion, \$638 million above FY2018. The constantly-changing landscape of criminal activity at home and abroad tests DOJ's ability to deal with new and emerging threats. This bill supports the justice system by providing funding for U.S. Attorneys, DOJ litigating components, federal law enforcement agencies (including the FBI, DEA, ATF, USMS, and BOP), and grants that support victims services as well as state and local law enforcement.

- **Law Enforcement:** Funding for federal law enforcement agencies is increased by roughly 2–3 %.
- **Combatting Violent Crime:** In addition to federal law enforcement agencies, funding for U.S. Attorneys is increased by 3.5%. The Project Safe Neighborhoods Program is funded at \$20 million which will further assist the efforts of local communities to combat violent crime.
- **Immigration Courts:** The Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) is funded at \$563.4 million, an increase of \$59 million over FY2018. This funding enables the Department to hire additional immigration judge teams and upgrade to an electronic case management system, which will help reduce the Immigration Court backlog, a top priority in the Administration's efforts to address the crisis at the border.
- **DOJ Grants:** The agreement provides increased support for state and local law enforcement agencies, victims of crime - including child abuse and human trafficking - and the fight against opioids. Highlights include:
 - **Byrne JAG Grant Program:** \$423.5 million, an increase of \$4.5 million above FY2018.
 - **COPS Hiring Grant Programs:** \$303.5 million, an increase of \$28 million above FY2018.
 - **Anti-Opioid Grant Programs:** \$468 million, an increase of \$21.5 million above FY2018.

Science: Funded at \$29.583 billion, an increase of \$1.072 billion above FY2018.

- **National Science Foundation (NSF):** \$308 million, a 4% increase above FY2018, which will provide additional grants across all scientific disciplines. This amount includes \$175 million for the EPSCoR program.

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA):** \$21.5 billion, \$764 million above FY2018, to support human spaceflight and other mission-related needs, while also supporting NASA's science, technology development, aeronautics, and education activities.
 - **Human exploration:** The bill continues support for the Space Launch System, including \$2.15 billion for the heavy lift rocket and \$1.35 billion for the Orion crewed capsule.

Department of Commerce: \$11.4 billion, an increase of \$277 million above FY2018, to focus on core economic development activities, protecting intellectual property rights, strengthening trade enforcement, advancing cybersecurity research, and improving severe weather forecasting.

- **Trade:** \$495 million for the International Trade Administration. \$118 million for the Bureau of Industry and Security, a \$4.5 million increase above FY2018.
- **Economic Development Administration (EDA):** \$304 million, including \$117.5 million for the Public Works program, \$23.5 million for the Regional Innovation Program, and \$30 million for grants to assist troubled coal mining communities.
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST):** \$985.5 million to support our nation's cybersecurity posture, advanced manufacturing opportunities, and the promotion of high quality standards.
- **National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):** \$5.425 billion, including full funding for NOAA's flagship weather satellites and increased funding for NOAA's core mission programs.
- **Bureau of the Census:** \$3.821 billion, an increase of \$1 billion above FY2018, to provide full funding for the 2020 Census.
- **National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA):** \$39.5 million including up to \$7.5 million to continue updating the national broadband availability map.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2019

\$71.1 Billion in Total Discretionary Funding

- Contains critical investments to advance our nation's transportation infrastructure, housing assistance, and community development.
- Requires DOT to eliminate unnecessary regulations for highway projects.
- Ensures stronger oversight of DOT and HUD by Inspectors General.

HIGHLIGHTS

Infrastructure: The bill once again provides a \$10 billion increase over FY2017 levels for infrastructure programs. This includes an increase of \$400 million over FY2017 for BUILD grants; an increase of \$500 million for airports; an increase of \$5.3 billion for highways; an increase of \$1 billion for transit; an increase of \$1 billion for rail; an increase of \$609 million for maritime; an increase of \$605 million for community development; and an increase of \$1.1 billion for assisted housing.

Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary: \$1.2 billion is provided, of which \$900 million is for BUILD grants.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – \$17.5 billion is provided, of which \$1 billion is for NextGen programs.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – \$49.3 billion is provided, including an increased investment from the general fund of \$2.8 billion for roads, tunnels and bridges and \$475 million for bridges in the poorest condition in rural areas.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – \$13.4 billion is provided, of which \$2.6 billion is for Capital Investment Grants.

Maritime Administration (MARAD) – \$1.1 billion is provided, including \$300 million for a new training vessel for state maritime academies and \$293 million for a new ports infrastructure program.

Housing and Urban Development: \$22.6 billion is provided for tenant-based rental assistance; \$11.7 billion for project-based rental assistance; \$7.4 billion for public housing programs; and \$3.3 billion for Community Development Block Grants.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2019

\$35.6 Billion in Total Discretionary Funding

- Invests in critical programs to manage our natural resources, and prioritize the health and well-being of our nation's rural communities.
- Provides significant resources to improve wastewater and drinking water systems nationwide.
- Enables new infrastructure projects to stimulate the economy and help communities provide vital, basic services.
- Fully funds the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program at \$500 million for counties to offset property tax losses due to nontaxable federal lands within their jurisdiction.
- Dedicates \$3.946 billion to wildland fire programs, including \$624 million hazardous fuels reduction activities to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire.

HIGHLIGHTS

Department of Interior:

- **Enhancing energy independence and responsible development on public lands and waters:** Provides \$31 million in funding increases for energy and mineral development, including resources necessary for drafting the new 5-year offshore leasing plan.
- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:** \$1.58 billion, including increases for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants, NAWCA, Invasive Species Management, and combatting wildlife trafficking.
- **National Park Service:** \$3.22 billion, \$20.4 million above the FY2018 level.
- **Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education (BIA/BIE):** \$3.08 billion is provided. Contract Support Costs are fully funded while human services, natural resource programs, and important public safety and justice programs are continued. Construction activities and projects receive \$358 million, a \$4 million increase.
- **United States Geological Survey (USGS):** \$1.16 billion for the USGS, \$12 million above the FY2018 level. Increases include \$8.9 million for mineral and energy resources; \$8.7 million for water resources and streamgages; \$1.6 million for mapping; and \$5.8 million for Landsat satellite operations.

Environmental Protection Agency: \$8.058 billion is provided, including \$2.9 billion for State Revolving Funds, which help states and localities improve water infrastructure.

U.S. Forest Service: \$6.087 billion, \$152 million above the FY2018 level, including funding increases for programs to reduce the risk of wildfires, particularly in the wildland-urban interface.

Indian Health Service: \$5.804 billion, \$268 million above the FY2018 level. Contract support costs are fully funded, as is a new \$10 million grant program to fight opioids.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): LWCF programs receive \$435 million. Within this amount, BLM receives \$28 million; FWS receives \$65 million; NPS receives \$168 million; USFS receives \$72 million; and Forest Legacy receives \$65 million.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, 2019

\$23.4 Billion in Total Discretionary Funding

- Funds agencies and programs that combat terrorism financing, maintain the integrity of our financial markets, spur small business growth, maintain a fair and efficient judicial system, and target opioid abuse.

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasury Departmental Offices: \$214.6 million, including funds to implement the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act, which provides the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. the authorities and tools necessary to respond effectively to growing national security risks.

Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence: \$159 million, an increase of \$17.2 million above the FY2018 level, to combat terrorism financing and administer economic and trade sanctions through the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund: \$250 million to increase economic opportunity and support investment in underserved communities. The bill places emphasis on serving persistent poverty counties and supports the enhancement of CDFI presence and activities in underserved rural communities.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS): \$11.303 billion, of which \$77 million must be used to implement tax reform. The bill continues language that prohibits the Department from finalizing any regulation related to the standards used to determine the tax-exempt status of a 501(c)(4) organization.

Office of National Drug Control Policy: \$280 million is included for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program, and \$100 million is provided for the Drug-Free Communities programs within the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Judiciary: \$7.253 billion for the federal courts, which will provide sufficient funding for all federal court activities, including timely and efficient processing of federal cases, court security, and supervision of offenders and defendants.

Small Business Administration (SBA): \$715.3 million for the SBA to provide assistance to small businesses, expand the economy, and increase job growth for unemployed and underemployed Americans. The bill fully funds business loans at \$159.2 million, provides \$131 million for Small Business Development Centers, and includes \$12.7 million for veterans outreach programs.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC): \$127 million is included in the bill, along with a provision that curbs regulatory overreach related to recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) by continuing to prohibit completion of the CPSC rulemaking in FY2019 until further study.

General Services Administration (GSA): The bill allows GSA to spend \$9.29 billion from the Federal Buildings Fund (FBF). The FBF provides funding for construction, repairs, cleaning, utility costs, security and other maintenance costs of federal buildings, as well as lease payments for federal tenants in privately-owned buildings. The bill includes \$25 million for the Technology Modernization Fund.

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC): The SEC is funded at \$1.675 billion.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC): \$268 million for the CFTC, a \$19 million increase over the FY2018 level to provide for increased economic analysis, examinations and risk surveillance associated with derivatives clearing.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS, 2019

\$54.2 Billion in Discretionary Funding, Including \$8 Billion for Overseas Contingency Operations

- Supports international programs and operations that strengthen national security and advance American interests abroad.
- Strengthens diplomacy and development, promotes democracy abroad, provides critical assistance to allies, and continues life-saving global health and humanitarian assistance programs for the world's most vulnerable populations.
- Works to ensure that our foreign assistance funding is both effective and efficient, strengthening the security of the United States.

HIGHLIGHTS

Strengthens Embassy Security – \$6.1 billion for embassy security, which is equal to the FY2018 level.

Promotes and Protects International Religious Freedom – \$25 million for programs to promote and protect international religious freedom abroad.

Counters Influence of the People's Republic of China – \$160 million to support implementation of the Indo-Pacific Strategy.

Counters Russian Influence – \$275 million for the Countering Russian Influence Fund to assist partners and allies in Europe and Eurasia in countering Russian influence and aggression.

Relief and Recovery for Areas Liberated from Violent Extremists – \$200 million for the Relief and Recovery Fund (RRF) to address instability in areas liberated or at risk from, or under the control of, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria or other terrorist organizations.

Counters Foreign Fighters and Violent Extremist Organizations – The bill provides funding for programs to counter foreign fighters and violent extremist organizations in the Middle East, North Africa, and elsewhere, including \$108.5 million for the Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund.

Promotes Democracy and Human Rights Abroad – \$2.4 billion for democracy and human rights programs abroad, of which \$227.2 million is for the Democracy Fund and \$180 million is for the National Endowment for Democracy.

Supporting Key Allies - \$3.3 billion for assistance for Israel under Foreign Military Financing Program, equal to the current Memorandum of Understanding level and the President's request; \$1.5 billion for assistance for Jordan, and an additional \$50 million under the RRF; \$191.4 million for assistance for Tunisia, and an additional \$50 million under the RRF; and \$445.7 million for assistance for Ukraine.

Strengthening Global Health - \$8.8 billion for Global Health Programs, including \$6 billion for global HIV/AIDS assistance; \$138 million to protect the U.S. homeland from contagious infectious disease outbreaks; \$59 million for polio eradication efforts; \$835 million for maternal and child health programs; \$755 million to combat malaria; and \$302 million for tuberculosis programs.

International Security Assistance - \$9.2 billion for international security assistance, including \$1.5 billion for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement; \$864.6 million for Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs; \$488.7 million for Peacekeeping Operations; and \$6.2 billion for the Foreign Military Financing Program.

Humanitarian Assistance - \$3.4 billion for Migration and Refugee Assistance and \$4.4 billion for International Disaster Assistance.

Additional Items of Note

Palestinian Authority – The bill continues current law restrictions on assistance for the West Bank and Gaza, as well as restrictions on assistance for the Palestinian Authority.

Multilateral Assistance and Export and Investment Assistance– \$1.86 billion for multilateral assistance, including funding to meet U.S. commitments to international financial institutions. The bill does not include authority to exceed the statutory 25 percent cap on U.S. contributions for UN peacekeeping activities.

Safeguarding the Right to Life – The bill maintains the “Helms Amendment,” banning the use of foreign aid funding for abortions; ensures family planning programs funded through the bill are voluntary; and prohibits funding of organizations the President determines to support coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.

Reforms, Savings, and Reducing Government Waste – The bill provides significant funding for the Inspectors General (IG), including the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, and directs implementation of key IG and Government Accountability Office recommendations; continues a prohibition on funding for private email accounts or servers; and continues limitations on conference expenses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2019

\$23.042 Billion in Total Discretionary Funding

- Supports American agriculture by providing farmers and ranchers with the resources needed to overcome the challenges they face in farm country.
- Reaffirms our commitment to a growing rural America by making responsible investments in farm service programs, agricultural research, and rural development programs.
- Provides significant resources to combat the opioid epidemic.

HIGHLIGHTS

Opioids

- \$47 million in additional base funding for regulatory science, enforcement, and innovation activities to combat the opioid epidemic.
- \$16 million for Rural Development Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants to help rural communities combat the opioid crisis. Grants can be used to purchase equipment such as transmission facilities, audio equipment, interactive video equipment, and computer hardware, as well as technical assistance for using eligible equipment.

US Department of Agriculture

- **Rural Broadband:** \$550 million for a rural broadband pilot grant/loan program targeted to areas that currently lack access to broadband service. Provisions are included in the bill to prevent overbuilding or duplicate existing broadband infrastructure, which has been a concern for the cable and telecommunications industries.
- **Rural Water and Wastewater:** An additional \$75 million for Water and Waste programs to address the \$3 billion backlog in infrastructure needs in rural America. This funding will support an additional \$75 million in grants for water infrastructure projects in rural communities.

Agricultural Research (ARS): \$3.035 billion provided for agricultural research programs, including ARS and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Farm Service Agency: \$1.617 billion, including full funding of estimated demand for farm loans.

Natural Resources Conservation Service: \$983.5 million, which includes \$150 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations and \$10 million for the Watershed Rehabilitation Program.

Rural Development: \$3 billion provided, equal to the enacted FY2018 funding level

Food and Drug Administration: \$3.068 billion provided in discretionary funding, which includes a \$257.6 million increase for Medical Product Safety, and a \$13.8 million increase for Food Safety activities.

Food and Drug Administration, Genome Editing: Language is retained from FY2018 to prohibit the FDA from spending money to evaluate research or clinical applications in which a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification.

Food and Nutrition Service:

- **Child Nutrition Programs:** \$23.140 billion provided – \$23.082 billion mandatory funding and \$58 million discretionary funding
- **Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):** \$6.075 billion provided in discretionary funding, which will fully support estimated participation for FY2019.
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** \$73.476 billion provided – \$73.475 billion in mandatory funding and \$998,000 in discretionary funding, a decrease of \$536 million from FY2018. This reflects decreasing participation in SNAP and a continued drop in average food costs per person/per month.

DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY BY SUBCOMMITTEE

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Farm Disaster Assistance: \$3.005 billion is provided for the USDA Office of the Secretary (OSEC) to cover producers' net exposure to losses stemming from 2018 natural disasters. Assistance is also provided to cover blueberry and peach crop losses resulting from freezes and producers impacted by Tropical Storm Cindy. USDA would administer funding through the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP) under OSEC.

Emergency Forest Restoration Program: \$480 million is provided for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) for non-industrial timber restoration.

Emergency Watershed Protection Program: \$125 million is provided for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) for rural watershed recovery.

Rural Community Facilities: \$150 million is provided for Rural Development Community Facilities grants for small rural communities impacted by natural disasters in 2018.

Nutrition Assistance for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI): \$25.2 million is provided for disaster nutrition assistance for the CNMIs impacted by hurricanes.

Market Facilitation Program AGI Waiver: Language is included to waive the average gross income requirement for producer eligibility under the administration's Market Facilitation Program. Language is also included to codify a producer's payment limit.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

The legislation provides \$940 million to recoup disaster related expenditures and make necessary repairs to federal facilities and equipment damaged by recent hurricanes and typhoons, including federal law enforcement and detention facilities, scientific infrastructure, and weather forecasting equipment. Funding also provides states and localities with economic development grants and coastal communities impacted by recently-declared fishery disasters with federal assistance.

Economic Development Assistance Programs:

- \$600 million for the Economic Development Administration to provide grants to communities directly impacted by hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, and other disasters that occurred in 2018.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

- \$11 million for assessments and removal of marine debris from impacted areas.
- \$32 million for mapping and charting affected coastlines and navigation channels.
- \$3 million to repair or replace damaged NOAA facilities and observing assets.

- \$50 million for improving hurricane, flooding, and wildfire forecasting capabilities to better protect lives and property in the wake of future disasters.
- \$50 million for Title IX Fund grants.
- \$150 million for fishery disasters causing severe economic harm in coastal communities.

Department of Justice:

- United States Marshals Service Salaries and Expenses: \$1.3 million for necessary prisoner transfer costs and to repair and replace equipment, including vehicles and radios.
- Federal Bureau of Prisons Buildings and Facilities: \$28 million to repair or replace damaged buildings and facilities.

Related Agencies:

- Legal Services Corporation: \$15 million to provide storm-related services to the Legal Services Corporation client population in affected areas.

DEFENSE

- The bill provides \$200 million to repair damage caused by Hurricane Florence to Marine Corps installations, including Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.
- The bill also provides \$400 million to the Air Force for damages caused by Hurricane Michael to repair facilities and begin the process of rebuilding Tyndall Air Force Base.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Corps of Engineers:

- Includes \$35 million in Investigations and \$740 million for Construction to study and build high-priority flood and storm damage reduction projects in states that were affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and Tropical Storm Gita.
- Includes \$225 million in the Mississippi River and Tributaries account and \$245 million in the Operation and Maintenance account to repair damages to Corps' projects from natural disasters.

Department of the Interior:

- Includes \$350 thousand for the Central Utah Project for wildfire remediation.
- Includes \$15.5 million for the Bureau of Reclamation for fire remediation and suppression emergency assistance.

HOMELAND SECURITY

The bill provides \$526 million for the Coast Guard to repair and upgrade facilities damaged by recent disasters and provide for response and recovery operations costs.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Department of the Interior: \$311.9 million for the repair and reconstruction of critical infrastructure and immediate conservation needs resulting from calendar year 2018 hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, and earthquakes. Funding is included for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Park Service (NPS) to replace and repair damaged equipment and facilities as well as to address urgent historic preservation needs and to conduct assessments that will aid in the recovery and rebuilding efforts. Funding is also included for coastal resiliency projects.

Environmental Protection Agency: \$414 million is included to address impacts of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires and earthquakes. Funds provided will provide resources for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure resiliency projects, waste disposal needs, issues with underground storage tanks, and technical assistance.

U.S. Forest Service: \$720 million is provided to repay funds borrowed from non-fire accounts to cover the cost of FY 2018 wildfire suppression activities. Also included is \$134 million to repair national forest visitor and administrative facilities and roads and trails that were severely damaged in Hurricanes Florence and Michael, as well funds to take action to reduce hazardous fuels on federal and non-federal lands, and to prevent an increased risk of significant wildfires from timber resources that were decimated in the storms.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: \$1 million is provided for worker training programs to train workers engaged in activities related to hazardous materials and waste generation, containment, removal, and emergency response.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

The bill provides \$461 million for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to support ongoing disaster responses in areas affected by hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, wildfires, and earthquakes in 2018.

Department of Labor – \$50 million

- \$49.5 million for disaster response economic recovery through the Dislocated Worker National Reserve, including up to \$1 million for other Department of Labor disaster recovery efforts such as worker protection.
- \$500,000 for Office of the Inspector General for oversight of response efforts.

Department of Health and Human Services – \$246 million

- \$45 million for Community Health Centers to support construction, equipment purchase, operational support, and other projects as necessary.
- \$20 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assess and mitigate environmental hazards associated with the covered disasters.
- \$100 million to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to increase access to mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention for those impacted by the covered disasters.
- \$80 million to repair damage at Head Start facilities and provide services for children and families attending damaged centers.
- \$1 million to HHS Inspector General for oversight of activities related to allocating response funding.

Department of Education – \$165 million

- \$162 million to: (1) help restart operations at elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities in areas damaged by natural disasters; (2) support school districts and colleges and universities outside of the affected areas receiving students displaced by a natural disaster; and (3) otherwise provide services to students affected by the disaster.
- \$3 million for Federal administration and oversight of activities.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Government Accountability Office (GAO):

- The bill provides \$10 million for GAO for audits and investigations related to spending for 2018 disasters.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS,
AND RELATED AGENCIES

Military Construction:

- Navy and Marine Corps – \$115.0 million for planning and design of projects to replace facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.
- Air Force – \$700.0 million for planning and design and construction of projects to replace facilities damaged by Hurricane Michael.
- Army National Guard – \$42.4 million to replace facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

- Medical Facilities - \$3.0 million to repair Veterans Health Administration facilities damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, as well as to address the effects of Typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES

Department of Transportation:

- \$10.5 million for the Federal Transit Administration for emergency relief program.
- \$1.6 billion for Federal-aid Highways emergency relief program.
- Language providing Federal Aviation Administration with access to unused 2017 emergency funds for 2018 disasters.

Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- \$1.06 billion for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grants for 2018 disasters.
- Permits states that received funding for Hurricane Matthew to use the funds interchangeably with funds for Hurricane Florence.

EXTENSIONS, TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

- The Violence Against Women Act, extended through the end of the fiscal year
- The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act, extended through the end of the fiscal year
- Immigration Extenders: EB-5, E-Verify, Conrad 30 program for international medical school graduates, Special Immigrant Religious Workers program, and H2B returning worker authority for DHS, extended through the end of the fiscal year.
- 2 essential provisions of Pandemic All Hazards Preparedness, extended through the end of the fiscal year
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, extended through June 30, 2019
- Technical Correction to Government Employee Fair Treatment Act
- Technical Correction to Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act
- Technical Correction to title II of division C of Public Law 115–244
- Technical Corrections to Legislative Branch accounts
- Modifies the treatment of receipts in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
- Inspector General Reform at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Postpones the statutory pay-as-you-go sequester

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Vote Timing: Senate votes on FY19 Appropriations
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 3:53:08 PM

FYI – By consent, we have moved to proceed to HR 268, the underlying House bill to consider cloture votes for two amendments:

- 1) The End the Shutdown and Secure the Border Act that would immediately open all remaining parts of the government, fully fund border security, extend critical expired provisions and provide needed disaster relief ; and
- 2) Schumer’s amendment – House supplemental and CR until Feb 8th.

Cloture votes on both amendments (at a 60 vote threshold) no earlier than 2:30 PM, Thursday.

MR. McCONNELL: I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT IT BE IN ORDER TO MOVE TO PROCEED TO H.R. 268.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: IS THERE OBJECTION IN -- IS THERE OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION.

MR. McCONNELL: MOVE TO PROCEED TO H.R. 268.

MR. McCONNELL: I KNOW OF NO FURTHER DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED.

MR. McCONNELL: I CALL UP --

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE CLERK WILL REPORT.

THE CLERK: AN ACT MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

MR. McCONNELL: I CALL UP THE SHELBY AMENDMENT AT THE-ESQUE DID.
THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE CLERK WILL REPORT.

THE CLERK: MR. McCONNELL FOR MR. SHELBY PROPOSES AN AMENDMENT NUMBERED 5 TO H.R. 268.

MR. SCHUMER: MR. PRESIDENT?

MR. SCHUMER: I ASK CONSENT THAT THE PENDING AMENDMENT BE SET ASIDE AND CALL UP MY AMENDMENT, NUMBER 6.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: IS THERE OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION. THE CLERK WILL REPORT.

THE CLERK: MR. SCHUMER PROPOSES AN AMENDMENT NUMBERED 6.

MR. McCONNELL: I FURTHER ASK CONSENT THAT NOTWITHSTANDING RULE 22, IT BE IN ORDER TO FILE CLOTURE AMENDMENTS A AND 6 DURING THURSDAY'S SESSION OF THE SENATE AND THE CLOTURES FILED ON THOSE AMENDMENTS DURING THURSDAY'S SESSION OF THE SENATE BE TREATED AS THOUGH THEY WERE FILED DURING TODAY'S SESSION OF THE SENATE AND RIPEN AT 2:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 IN THE ORDER

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From: [Van Doren, Terry \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Sullivan, Adam \(OST\)](#); [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Saw this in an Ag publication...
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:34:52 PM

Opinion: Keep Rural America Driving

08/14/18 9:08 AM By [Chris Skorupa](#)

Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Elaine Chao and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator of the Andrew Wheeler recently announced their intent to reassess and correct the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.

The announcement provides a welcomed opportunity to weigh in on how this regulation can be modified and improved. Rural and agricultural play a pivotal role in clean air, clean water and working landscapes. Residents in rural America are continually stepping up to the plate and enhancing environmental practices. However, there needs to be a balance of efficiency and practicality as it relates to regulatory impact. The CAFE standards are an example of well-intended goals that create obstacles and impractical settings that negatively impact rural America and production agriculture.

Farmers and ranchers are the original stewards of the land. Unlike our neighbors in urban centers, we see the effect of renewable energy sources almost daily. From corn-growers that transform their product into clean-burning ethanol to ranchers that contract with wind energy manufacturers to allow the construction of turbines on their land, we are afforded a first-hand look at what it takes to power a nation. What we don't see often in remote towns are electric vehicle charging stations. Though there are an estimated [18,000 EV charging stations](#) nationwide, you'd be hard-pressed to find one in the "middle of nowhere" (fondly known as Glasgow, Montana).

The previous Administration set the current fuel economy standards with the view that our nation would soon switch to electric vehicles, which remains a worthy goal for residents of urban areas like Los Angeles. However, with farm and ranch income continually being strained, the idea that small, family-owned businesses like ours will be switching our fertilizer spreader trucks to electric in the near future is unrealistic and impractical.

The Ford F-150 [won the title of the best-selling vehicle](#) in 2017 and represents consumers' need for reliable heavy-duty vehicles. In farm and ranch country, the pick-up truck is just invaluable a tool as the hammer and nail. We need our vehicles to not only last through many seasons, but also to come at an affordable price. When the government forces auto manufacturers to focus on creating lighter vehicles that can meet the arbitrary goal of 54.5 mpg by 2025, [rural and agricultural communities suffer](#).

The Trump Administration's approach to the CAFE standards is a step in the right direction. [According to DOT](#), freezing the current standards at the level required for model year 2020-21 and holding those standards in place until 2025 will save consumers an estimated \$2,340 on new vehicle ownership. Manufacturers need time to design and develop vehicles that can meet fuel standards, while also [meeting consumer demands for durable, long-lasting vehicles](#).

With the average price of new vehicles hovering near \$35,000, many Americans have chosen to continue driving older vehicles that can be less reliable, but also emit more emissions than their newer counterparts. The average age of a vehicle is approaching 12 years, up from about 8.5 in 1995. This trend indicates that the fuel standards may have had exactly the opposite effect than intended.

We welcome the reexamination of these fuel standards and commend the DOT and EPA for freezing the CAFE standards until a more realistic alternative is agreed upon. However well-intended the introduction of the lofty CAFE standards were, they missed the mark in their ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the road.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Congrats!
Date: Friday, June 14, 2019 7:28:38 AM

Hey Derek, Heard you're going back to OMB? Look forward to working with you in your new capacity.

Would love to grab coffee or lunch soon when you're free. Hope all is well, Jane

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: MORE Nominees Confirmed
Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:19:45 AM

ICYMI last night on noms.

Next rollcall vote is next Tuesday:

At 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 4th the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #1061, Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2023.

From: Stewart, Don (McConnell)
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 8:22 PM
Subject: MORE Nominees Confirmed

To: The Fourth Estate
From: STEW
RE: August "Recess"

Last week the Majority Leader, citing "the historic obstruction by Senate Democrats of the president's nominees," filed cloture on 17 more nominations (12 judges, five executive branch nominees).

Today, the Senate reached an agreement to confirm all 17, PLUS three *additional* district court judges: *All five of the executive branch nominees were confirmed today, seven judges were confirmed today and eight are locked in to be confirmed next week.*

In addition to the 17 nominees the Leader filed cloture on last week, *the Senate, by voice vote, also confirmed another 22 executive branch nominees today* (see below).

During the month of August, the Senate confirmed 15 lifetime appointments to the federal bench with an agreement to confirm eight more next week.

On the legislative side, the Senate in August sent the Defense bill to the President, sent the Farm Bill to conference and passed six of the 12 Appropriations bills, including the two largest—and several other bipartisan bills.

The Leader also filed cloture on the nomination of Elad L. Roisman to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Next week, the Senate will confirm the eight district court judges and the Roisman nomination (the cloture vote will be at 5:30 on Tuesday).

The following are the executive branch nominees confirmed by voice vote this evening (in addition to the five confirmed earlier today):

- David Hale, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).
- Charles L. Goodwin, of Hawaii, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years.
- R. Don Ladner, Jr., of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida for

the term of four years.

- Susan Llewellyn Pamerleau, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.
- Gadyaces S. Serralta, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.
- John D. Jordan, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.
- Mark F. Sloke, of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.
- Nick Willard, of New Hampshire, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.
- Maria Chapa Lopez, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.
- Richard E. Taylor, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas for the term of four years.
- Ariana Fajardo Orshan, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.
- Peter G. Strasser, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.
- G. Zachary Terwilliger, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.
- Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years
- Patrick J. Urda, of Indiana, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.
- Karen S. Evans, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response).
- Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2018.
- David Williams, of Illinois, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2019.
- Dawn DeBerry Stump, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2023.
- James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.
- James H. Anderson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

It's August. [Remember to hydrate!](#)

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
Subject: RE: Congrats!
Date: Friday, June 14, 2019 3:13:32 PM

Great. Thanks. Next week, Thursday afternoons for coffee is free – I can go to you – or Friday for lunch at the Senate dining room?

Or let me know what's best the following week. Look forward to catching up, Jane

From: Kan, Derek (OST) <derek.kan@dot.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 7:50 AM
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Congrats!

Thanks for the note and good to hear from you.

That'd be great! What days work for you next week?

From: Lee, Jane (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 7:28 AM
To: Kan, Derek (OST)
Subject: Congrats!

Hey Derek, Heard you're going back to OMB? Look forward to working with you in your new capacity.

Would love to grab coffee or lunch soon when you're free. Hope all is well, Jane

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Van Doren, Terry \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Kan, Derek \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Naison FHWA confirmation vote looking likely for tomorrow.
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:49:54 PM

Probably right after lunch.

Terry Van Doren

Policy Advisor
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From: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
To: [VanderToll, Hunt \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: RE: BUILD
Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018 2:18:00 PM

I'm available now until 3pm if you have a free minute.

202-366-0443

From: VanderToll, Hunt (McConnell) [mailto:(b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 5:32 PM
To: McMaster, Sean (OST) <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>
Subject: BUILD

Hey, Sean

Would you be available for a call sometime tomorrow?

Thanks,

Hunt

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From: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
To: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Re: Follow Up
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:01:28 PM

Hi Andrew, your constituents should reach out to Veronica Pannell. She will coordinate the appropriate staff to debrief your constituents.

Veronica Pannell
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From: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:57:20 PM
To: McMaster, Sean (OST)
Subject: Follow Up

Hi Sean,

Do you have the contact info handy we discussed for the debrief?

Thanks in advance,

Andrew M. Swafford

Director of Projects and Counsel
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p: (b) (6)

From: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
To: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: RE: Paducah Support Letter
Date: Friday, October 5, 2018 1:42:00 PM
Attachments: [KY BUILD Applications.xlsx](#)
[LOS with no applications.pdf](#)
[Carter.pdf](#)
[LOS for BUILD applications.pdf](#)

Hi Andrew,

Sorry its taken us so long to compile this information. You will see a handful of attachments including and excel sheet with all received applications from KY. One of the PDFs has two letters we received from the Leader that do not have corresponding applications. The Carter.pdf appears to correspond to an application we received, however, we may have a different county assigned to it and the last pdf is a complete list of all of the LOS' we have received from the Leader.

Do you have a minute to discuss?

Best,
Sean

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From: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell) [mailto:(b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 1:11 PM
To: McMaster, Sean (OST) <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>
Subject: RE: Paducah Support Letter

Hi Sean,

Just following up on this—wanted to make sure we get the list of projects supported. Appreciate your help with this sir,

Andrew M. Swafford

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From: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell)
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 4:56 PM
To: 'sean.mcmaster@dot.gov' <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>
Subject: Paducah Support Letter

See attached.

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ID	GrantTrackingNumber	Project Name	Applicant Organization Name	Urban Rural	Primary Project Type	Total Fed Non BUILD
729	GRANT12679870	Add four ramps along I-71 in Oldham County, KY	Oldham County Fiscal Court	Urban	Road	\$ 13,900,000
656	GRANT12680769	City of Williamstown Grant County Heritage Trail Infrastructure	City of Williamstown	Rural	Road	\$ 2,425,903
1101	GRANT12678962	Container Transfer Yard Development Project*	Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority	Rural	Maritime	\$ 10,711,090
1389	GRANT12681295	Cumberland Avenue Gateway Project	Middlesboro, City of	Rural	Road	\$ 10,879,000
813	GRANT12679581	Extension of William Thomason Byway in Leitchfield, KY	Leitchfield, City of	Rural	Road	\$ 19,600,000
964	GRANT12680982	Holmes Street Corridor Planning	City of Frankfort	Rural	Road	\$ 616,000
1616	GRANT12679519	Improve safety and capacity of US 25 and access to I75 via KY 192	Laurel County Fiscal Court	Rural	Road	\$ 42,220,000
1160	GRANT12680800	KY 249 NEW INTERCHANGE WITH LOUIE B. NUNN CUMBERLAND PARWAY	Barren County, Kentucky	Rural	Road	\$ 19,000,000
953	GRANT12680579	KY 52 Relocation from Wallace Mill Road to Duncannon Lane/I75 Interchange	MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT	Rural	Road	\$ 37,800,000
1520	GRANT12680993	KY 536 Improvement Program	County of Kenton	Urban	Road	\$ 74,256,000
1126	GRANT12679667	KY 67 Widening from I-64 to Technology Drive	Greenup County	Rural	Road	\$ 17,160,000
1536	GRANT12679989	KY331/Industrial Drive and Rinaldo Rd. widening and reconstruction of 2.62 miles from 2nd Street into the Owensboro Riverport Authority intermodal terminal with direct access to class 1 rail and M70.	Owensboro Riverport Authority	Urban	Maritime	\$ 11,520,000
1212	GRANT12679278	Northeast Rural/Urban Roadway Improvements Project for the City of Georgetown and Scott County, Kentucky	City of Georgetown	Rural	Road	\$ 8,625,000
900	GRANT12678705	Paducah Commons & Excursion Pier*	Paducah, City of	Rural	Maritime	\$ 11,276,607

840	GRANT12680276	Pulaski County Interchange Improvement to KY 461	Pulaski County Fiscal Court	Rural	Road	\$ 51,296,000
1063	GRANT12680945	Reconstruct KY 79 in Breckinridge and Meade County, Kentucky	Meade County Fiscal Court	Rural	Road	\$ 28,790,000
1087	GRANT12681424	Reimagine 9th Street	Louisville-Jefferson County Metropolitan Government	Urban	Road	\$ 8,000,000
834	GRANT12680144	The project constructs a two-lane road with bridge over the railroad between US 31W (South Dixie Street) and KY 218 (West Main Street) on the southwest side of Horse Cave in Hart County, KY	Hart County Fiscal Court	Rural	Road	\$ 7,610,000
1161	GRANT12680817	Todd County, KY US-79 Reconstruction	Todd County Fiscal Court	Rural	Road	\$ 13,560,000
1222	GRANT12679558	US 460 Improvement Project	Bourbon County Fiscal Court	Rural	Road	\$ 39,920,000
1249	GRANT12680236	US 641 Widening in Calloway County, KY	Calloway County Fiscal Court	Rural	Road	\$ 43,000,000

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August 28, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the Adair County Fiscal Court (ACFC) regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding would support the design and construction of an alternate route for traffic in eastern Adair County by connecting South Highway 55 to North Highway 55. Specifically, funding will be used to complete the Veterans Memorial By-Pass around the city of Columbia. My constituents inform me that federal infrastructure funding would help relieve stress and congestion on existing county and city roads by providing an alternative route for freight and farming equipment currently traveling through the city of Columbia in Adair County.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to ACFC's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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July 25, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Grayson County, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents inform me that if awarded, this funding will support the extension of the southern leg of the William Thomason Byway of KY 3155. I am told its extension will improve traffic flow and safety, especially for my constituents who are moving to and from a local high school and elementary school in the area. I am also told that these improvements will support economic development, highway access and operations in the region.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Grayson County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Carter County, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding will support infrastructure improvements along KY 67 (Industrial Parkway) between Interstate 64 and Technology Drive. Specifically, funding will be used to widen KY 67 from its current 2-lane configuration to a 4-lane divided configuration, including an interchange at Technology Drive. My constituents inform me that they hope to use the federal funds to improve interstate access, decrease congestion, and enhance safety throughout the interstate corridor.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Carter County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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August 13, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Oldham County, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

It is my understanding that, if awarded, this funding will be used to support a new interchange system on I-71 by constructing four access ramps. I am told this project aims to improve safety, relieve congestion, and provide access to a planned business-campus development called Oldham Reserve. Increasing access to the interstate will enable more economic development in the region, which will be very beneficial to the community.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Oldham County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 17, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the City of Paducah (Paducah)—in coordination with the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority (PMCRA)—regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

As you may know, Paducah, Kentucky—which lies at the confluence of the Ohio, Tennessee, and Cumberland Rivers and is in close proximity to the Mississippi River—serves as the center of our country's vital inland waterways network. Moreover, the U.S. government designated the area a Foreign Trade Zone due in part to Paducah's importance to the movement of goods in our country. In 2017, the Paducah Riverport also received a "Marine Highway" designation from the U.S. Maritime Administration for its container on barge service along the M-55 and M-65 Marine Highway Corridors. I was proud to support both of these well-deserved designations, and today I write in support of Paducah's BUILD grant application.

My constituents have informed me that if awarded, this funding would support Paducah's "Riverfront to Riverport: Investing in Paducah's Maritime Hub" project. I am told the funding would facilitate the development of a now vacant space—known as *Paducah Commons*—on the riverfront to provide greater accessibility between Paducah's downtown and the river to encourage economic development. As part of this project, funding would also support the construction of an excursion dock and steamboat landing on the river to address transportation needs and build on prior public-private investments. Finally, I am told funding would support the development of nine acres of property for a container and general cargo trans-loading yard in an effort to further attract economic development—such as manufacturing and distribution centers—to Western Kentucky.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Paducah's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

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July 17, 2018

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch McConnell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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August 28, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the City of Middlesboro regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding will help Middlesboro conduct infrastructure improvements at the intersection of US-25 E and East Cumberland Avenue as well as along Middlesboro's downtown from US-25E to 18th Street. Specifically, funding will be used to construct a roundabout, as well as install ADA-compliant crosswalks, bike lanes, signal lights, street signs, and sidewalks. My constituents inform me that they hope to use the federal funds to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, as well as increase economic activity in Middlesboro's downtown business district.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Middlesboro's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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August 1, 2018

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Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Leitchfield, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents inform me that, if awarded, this funding will support the construction of safety improvements to the William Thomason Byway Extension (KY 3155). Specifically, I am told improvements to this corridor will relieve congestion and improve access to a significant number of manufacturers and quarries west of Leitchfield, as well as Grayson County High School and Oran P. Lawler Elementary School. Moreover, I am told, these improvements will enhance traffic flow, improve highway access for trucks, and enhance system efficiency and connections. It is my understanding that this extension will allow vehicles west of Leitchfield to reach KY 259, while avoiding a congested downtown area.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Leitchfield's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Sincerely,



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July 31, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Frankfort, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents have informed me that if awarded, this funding will support the revitalization of the Holmes Street Corridor, an economically distressed area that serves as an entry to the community from the east and north. Specifically, funding will assist the City of Frankfort's efforts in preparing infrastructure improvements that will enhance safety by calming traffic, increasing pedestrian opportunities, and improving safety. Finally, I am told these infrastructure improvements will ultimately promote further economic development in the surrounding area.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Frankfort's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 27, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Barren County, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents inform me that if awarded, this funding would support the construction of a new interchange on Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Parkway. I am told the new interchange will enhance connectivity to the central business district, as well as the Barren County Public School Campus and Western Kentucky University's Glasgow Campus. Finally, I am told this project will greatly improve safety and alleviate traffic by providing more alternatives for motorists, and more specifically, school bus and emergency vehicles.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Barren County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 25, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Madison County regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents inform me that if awarded, this funding would support the relocation of KY 52 from Wallace Mill road to Duncannon Lane. I am told its relocation will improve operations, connectivity and safety—the existing KY 52 configuration consist of 10-foot lanes with no shoulders and numerous visibility issues. I am also told that these improvements will improve traffic flow and economic development in the region.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Madison County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 31, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Kenton and Boone counties regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents inform me that if awarded, this funding will support the construction of safety improvements to the KY 536 corridor from US 25 to KY 17. I am told improvements to this corridor would provide a direct link for the city of Independence—a city of over 27,000—to I-75. It is my understanding the City of Independence has grown more than 65% over the last decade, and consequently, traffic congestion has increased. Moreover, I am told, due to narrow lanes and sharp curves, KY 536 is not conducive to the movement of freight. Furthermore, it is my understanding the current corridor is inadequate to service the school bus traffic traveling to and from Simon Kenton High School, which is located at the intersection of KY 536 and KY 17. Finally, I am told the reconstruction of the corridor will further spur economic development by facilitating the Kroger Distribution Center and industries located along Toebben Drive.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Kenton and Boone counties' application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

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July 18, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the Owensboro Riverport Authority regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding will help support infrastructure improvements along Industrial Road (KY 331) in Owensboro, KY. Specifically, funding will be used to improve safety and access to the riverport by widening the existing roadway. My constituents inform me that these improvements will support economic development, increase accessibility, and provide safer and enhanced access for trucks to the Riverport and surrounding industries. I am told these improvements will also enhance safety by addressing unsafe mixed land use problems.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Owensboro Riverport Authority's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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August 2, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in the City of Georgetown, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents inform me that if awarded, this funding will—among other things— support the extension of Lexus Way and improve Old Oxford Road in Georgetown, Kentucky. Specifically, I am told these improvements will increase roadway safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and allow for better roadway visibility. I am also told that these improvements will allow for more economic development opportunities for the City of Georgetown.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to the City of Georgetown's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 17, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the City of Paducah (Paducah)—in coordination with the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority (PM CRA)—regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

As you may know, Paducah, Kentucky—which lies at the confluence of the Ohio, Tennessee, and Cumberland Rivers and is in close proximity to the Mississippi River—serves as the center of our country's vital inland waterways network. Moreover, the U.S. government designated the area a Foreign Trade Zone due in part to Paducah's importance to the movement of goods in our country. In 2017, the Paducah Riverport also received a "Marine Highway" designation from the U.S. Maritime Administration for its container on barge service along the M-55 and M-65 Marine Highway Corridors. I was proud to support both of these well-deserved designations, and today I write in support of Paducah's BUILD grant application.

My constituents have informed me that if awarded, this funding would support Paducah's "Riverfront to Riverport: Investing in Paducah's Maritime Hub" project. I am told the funding would facilitate the development of a now vacant space—known as *Paducah Commons*—on the riverfront to provide greater accessibility between Paducah's downtown and the river to encourage economic development. As part of this project, funding would also support the construction of an excursion dock and steamboat landing on the river to address transportation needs and build on prior public-private investments. Finally, I am told funding would support the development of nine acres of property for a container and general cargo trans-loading yard in an effort to further attract economic development—such as manufacturing and distribution centers—to Western Kentucky.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Paducah's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

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July 17, 2018

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch McConnell", written in a cursive style.

MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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United States Senate

July 25, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster,

I write on behalf of my constituents in Pulaski County regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

It is my understanding that, if awarded, this funding will improve the KY 80 and KY 461 intersection, a heavily trafficked area leading into the Lake Cumberland region. This project aims to improve safety at the intersection – which I am told has been listed on the High Crash Intersections list multiple times – by developing a grade separated intersection. It will also expand KY 461 to four lanes, providing increased capacity and allowing for more economic development in the region.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Pulaski County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 20, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Meade and Breckenridge Counties in Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding will allow for the reconstruction of KY 79 between Irvington and Brandenburg, Kentucky. Specifically, funding will be used to improve safety and access by widening lanes and shoulders. My constituents also inform me these improvements will aid in the facilitation of truck traffic and improve access to the new riverport.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Meade and Breckenridge Counties' application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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August 28, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with Louisville Metro Government (LMG) regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

I am told that, if awarded, this funding will help LMG conduct infrastructure improvements along the 9th Street Corridor in downtown Louisville. Specifically, funding will be used to redesign the roadway, improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, enhance the corridor for non-vehicular users, facilitate community building, and improve economic opportunities for residents and businesses in the area. My constituents inform me that they hope to use the federal funds to unite the commercial amenities of Louisville's downtown to the residential neighborhoods west of 9th Street.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to LMG's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 18, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Hart County, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents have informed me that if awarded, this funding would help improve safety, mobility and connectivity between I-65 and U.S. 31W. I am told that the intersection of the industrial site in Horse Cave is prone to traffic congestion and is partial to potential crashes. According to my constituents, addressing commercial and industrial traffic movements will improve traffic in the area.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Hart County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 27, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Todd County, Kentucky, regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents have informed me that if awarded, this funding would support the reconstruction of US-79 to address some major safety concerns. Specifically, funding will support the construction of turn lanes, widen road shoulders, and widen the bridge over the CSX Railroad. Additionally, I am told that reconstruction of US-79 will create greater mobility in the region by providing an improved route to I-24, just ten miles from the state line.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Todd County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 18, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Bourbon and Scott Counties regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

My constituents have informed me that if awarded, this funding would help support motorist's safety along U.S. 460 to I-75. Specifically, I am told funding would support expanding the width of the road which will help provide a quicker and safer route for my constituents traveling from Paris to Georgetown, Kentucky. Funding will also improve freight movement and support other safety modifications to the road.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Bourbon and Scott County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 25, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Mr. McMaster,

I write on behalf of my constituents in Calloway County regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

It is my understanding that, if awarded, this funding will be used to expand the section of US 641 between Murray and Hazel, KY to four lanes. I am told that the current corridor has a high fatal crash rate and does not meet the transportation needs of the region's agriculture and manufacturing businesses. The expansion of the 5.7 mile section will increase the safety and capacity of the highway and allow for more economic development in the region.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to Calloway County's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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From: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
To: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Re: Time for a quick call?
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:53:39 PM

I will call you shortly

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From: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell) (b) (6) [redacted]@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:35:41 PM
To: McMaster, Sean (OST) <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>
Subject: Time for a quick call?

Thanks Sean,

Andrew M. Swafford

Director of Projects and Counsel
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From: [VanderToll, Hunt \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Subject: BUILD
Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 5:32:44 PM

Hey, Sean

Would you be available for a call sometime tomorrow?

Thanks,

Hunt

Hunt VanderToll
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From: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Call
Date: Monday, December 10, 2018 2:50:11 PM

Hi Sean,

Could you give me a ring when you have a moment? I would appreciate it,

Andrew M. Swafford

Director of Projects and Counsel
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317 Russell Senate Office Building
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From: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Follow Up
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:57:42 PM

Hi Sean,

Do you have the contact info handy we discussed for the debrief?

Thanks in advance,

Andrew M. Swafford

Director of Projects and Counsel
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From: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Infra FACT Sheet
Date: Friday, February 8, 2019 11:02:23 AM

Hi Sean,

Hope this email finds you well. I was wondering if you have a fact sheet related to the INFRA opportunity that was announced in January? Thanks in advance,

Andrew M. Swafford

Director of Projects and Counsel
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From: [VanderToll, Hunt \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: McConnell Constituent Letter of Support
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018 6:07:33 PM
Attachments: [UofL UTC LOS 12.18.pdf](#)

Hi, Sean

Please see attached for a letter of support from Senator McConnell regarding the University of Louisville's federally competitive grant application.

If you would please confirm receipt and route appropriately, it would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Hunt

December 6, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the University of Louisville—in collaboration with their colleagues from Purdue University, the University of Texas at Austin, and Florida International University—regarding their competitive application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's grant solicitation for University Transportation Centers (UTC). It is my understanding the consortium of these four universities proposes to establish a National University Transportation Center for Artificial Intelligence for Multimodal Mobility (AIMM).

I am told that multi-disciplinary researchers from these universities will utilize their knowledge on matters such as Big Data and Web Mining, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Logistics, Urban Planning, Sensor Development, Unmanned Vehicles, and Robotics, to develop artificial intelligence and data driven solutions to address congestion and mobility issues for goods and people.

Specifically, my constituents at the University of Louisville (UofL) have informed me that their proposed research on smart urban logistics, AI-based traffic monitoring and congestion management, as well as community innovation and symposium on congestion relief will bolster the Commonwealth's economic and workforce development efforts. If awarded, this research will enhance the strategic positioning of the City of Louisville, which as you may know, is a premium location for the logistics and service industry given its proximity to UPS WorldPort facility, barges along the Ohio River, and major interstate highway and railway systems.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to this application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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From: [VanderToll, Hunt \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: McConnell Letter of Support
Date: Friday, January 4, 2019 4:36:41 PM
Attachments: [UK DOT UTC 1.19.pdf](#)

Hi, Sean

Please see attached for a letter of support from Senator McConnell on behalf of the University of Kentucky. If you would please route to the appropriate contact and confirm receipt, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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January 4, 2019

Mr. Sean McMaster
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write in support the University of Kentucky (UK) Transportation Center regarding their competitive application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National University Transportation Centers (UTC) Program (CFDA# 20.701).

It is my understanding that UK's Transportation Center is leading a consortium to respond to the stated need for a national UTC focusing on the area of "Improving the Durability and Extending the Life of Transportation Infrastructure." I am told the principal goal of the proposed National Center for Transportation Infrastructure Research (NCTIR) is to optimize the health, durability, and longevity of our nation's transportation infrastructure through research, education, technology transfer, and workforce development. If funded, NCTIR will focus on enhancing the ability of state and local transportation agencies—as well as the industries that support those agencies—to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, and maintain needed transportation infrastructure systems.

Moreover, research conducted by the NCTIR consortium will focus on extending the life of pavements and structures. Using advanced materials for intelligent infrastructure, NCTIR will utilize technologies supporting asset management, as well as optimizing construction and preservation practices. NCTIR activities carried out by partner institutions—including the University of Louisville—will work to deliver more durable, better performing, and longer lasting infrastructure for various modes of transportation

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to UK's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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From: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Paducah Support Letter
Date: Thursday, October 4, 2018 4:56:18 PM
Attachments: [Paducah BUILD 2018.pdf](#)
[Paducah BUILD 2018.pdf](#)

See attached.

Andrew M. Swafford

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July 17, 2018

Mr. Sean McMaster
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the City of Paducah (Paducah)—in coordination with the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority (PMCR)A)—regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Fiscal Year 2018 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program.

As you may know, Paducah, Kentucky—which lies at the confluence of the Ohio, Tennessee, and Cumberland Rivers and is in close proximity to the Mississippi River—serves as the center of our country’s vital inland waterways network. Moreover, the U.S. government designated the area a Foreign Trade Zone due in part to Paducah’s importance to the movement of goods in our country. In 2017, the Paducah Riverport also received a “Marine Highway” designation from the U.S. Maritime Administration for its container on barge service along the M-55 and M-65 Marine Highway Corridors. I was proud to support both of these well-deserved designations, and today I write in support of Paducah’s BUILD grant application.

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From: [VanderToll, Hunt \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Subject: RE: BUILD
Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018 3:38:43 PM

Sean,

So sorry, just got out of a meeting and saw this. Is there a time tomorrow that would work?

Thank you,

Hunt

From: McMaster, Sean (OST) <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 2:18 PM
To: VanderToll, Hunt (McConnell) (b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: BUILD

I'm available now until 3pm if you have a free minute.

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From: VanderToll, Hunt (McConnell) [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\) @mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:(b) (6) @mcconnell.senate.gov)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 5:32 PM
To: McMaster, Sean (OST) <sean.mcmaster@dot.gov>
Subject: BUILD

Hey, Sean

Would you be available for a call sometime tomorrow?

Thanks,

Hunt

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From: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Subject: RE: Paducah Support Letter
Date: Friday, October 5, 2018 1:10:53 PM

Hi Sean,

Just following up on this—wanted to make sure we get the list of projects supported. Appreciate your help with this sir,

Andrew M. Swafford

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From: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [McMaster, Sean \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Time for a quick call?
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:36:04 PM

Thanks Sean,

Andrew M. Swafford

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From: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Riccardo, George \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Duff, Scott \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Ky Contacts
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:32:22 PM

See below George. Appreciate the help here.

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To: [Swafford, Andrew \(McConnell\)](#)
Cc: [Duff, Scott \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: RE: Ky Contacts
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:39:00 PM

Thanks, Andrew. I'll get these set up asap.

George

From: Swafford, Andrew (McConnell) [mailto:(b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:32 PM
To: Riccardo, George (OST) <george.riccardo@dot.gov>
Cc: Duff, Scott (McConnell) (b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: Ky Contacts

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From: [Riccardo, George \(OST\)](#)
To: [Andrew Swafford @mccconnell.senate.gov](#)
Cc: [Mitton, Chris \(OST\)](#)
Subject: Today
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 12:51:16 PM

Andrew – are you free later today to chat about our meetings? Shouldn't take too long.

Thanks,
George

George Riccardo
Senior Governmental Affairs Officer
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From: [Sullivan, Adam \(OST\)](#)
To: [Van Doren, Terry \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: RE: Saw this in an Ag publication...
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:51:00 PM

Thanks for flagging it

From: Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) [mailto:(b) (6)@mcconnell.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Sullivan, Adam (OST) <adam.sullivan@dot.gov>; Kan, Derek (OST) <derek.kan@dot.gov>
Subject: Saw this in an Ag publication...

Opinion: Keep Rural America Driving

08/14/18 9:08 AM By [Chris Skorupa](#)

Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Elaine Chao and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator of the Andrew Wheeler recently announced their intent to reassess and correct the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.

The announcement provides a welcomed opportunity to weigh in on how this regulation can be modified and improved. Rural and agricultural play a pivotal role in clean air, clean water and working landscapes. Residents in rural America are continually stepping up to the plate and enhancing environmental practices. However, there needs to be a balance of efficiency and practicality as it relates to regulatory impact. The CAFE standards are an example of well-intended goals that create obstacles and impractical settings that negatively impact rural America and production agriculture.

Farmers and ranchers are the original stewards of the land. Unlike our neighbors in urban centers, we see the effect of renewable energy sources almost daily. From corn-growers that transform their product into clean-burning ethanol to ranchers that contract with wind energy manufacturers to allow the construction of turbines on their land, we are afforded a first-hand look at what it takes to power a nation. What we don't see often in remote towns are electric vehicle charging stations. Though there are an estimated [18,000 EV charging stations](#) nationwide, you'd be hard-pressed to find one in the "middle of nowhere" (fondly known as Glasgow, Montana).

The previous Administration set the current fuel economy standards with the view that our nation would soon switch to electric vehicles, which remains a worthy goal for residents of urban areas like Los Angeles. However, with farm and ranch income continually being strained, the idea that small, family-owned businesses like ours will be switching our fertilizer spreader trucks to electric in the near future is unrealistic and impractical.

The Ford F-150 [won the title of the best-selling vehicle](#) in 2017 and represents consumers' need for reliable heavy-duty vehicles. In farm and ranch country, the pick-up truck is just invaluable a tool as the hammer and nail. We need our vehicles to not only last through many seasons, but also to come at an affordable price. When the

government forces auto manufacturers to focus on creating lighter vehicles that can meet the arbitrary goal of 54.5 mpg by 2025, [rural and agricultural communities suffer](#).

The Trump Administration's approach to the CAFE standards is a step in the right direction. [According to DOT](#), freezing the current standards at the level required for model year 2020-21 and holding those standards in place until 2025 will save consumers an estimated \$2,340 on new vehicle ownership. Manufacturers need time to design and develop vehicles that can meet fuel standards, while also [meeting consumer demands for durable, long-lasting vehicles](#).

With the average price of new vehicles hovering near \$35,000, many Americans have chosen to continue driving older vehicles that can be less reliable, but also emit more emissions than their newer counterparts. The average age of a vehicle is approaching 12 years, up from about 8.5 in 1995. This trend indicates that the fuel standards may have had exactly the opposite effect than intended.

We welcome the reexamination of these fuel standards and commend the DOT and EPA for freezing the CAFE standards until a more realistic alternative is agreed upon. However well-intended the introduction of the lofty CAFE standards were, they missed the mark in their ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the road. About the author: Chris Skorupa is the Owner & Manager of Beartooth Fertilizer Company. Beartooth Fertilizer provides fertilizer, seeding and pesticide application for residents in South Central Montana and Northern Wyoming. Chris is a member of the US Cattlemen's Association and serves as the Vice President of the Rural & Agriculture Council.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: 66 Nominations Confirmed Today
Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019 3:26:15 PM

FYI. Have a wonderful August. Thank you for all the help this session.

Email, call me if you need anything. (b) (6). Appropriations in September!

NAVY

Cal. #421- Vice Adm. Michael M. Gilday for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations.

COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Cal. #57 - M. Miller Baker, of Louisiana, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Cal. #58 - Timothy M. Reif, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Cal. #296 - Randolph J. Stayin, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2026.

Cal. #297 - Amy Karpel, of Washington, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2023.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

PN 892 - Matthew Keenan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020.

PN 492 - Julie Reiskin, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019. (Reappointment)

PN 154 - Robert J. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

PN 159 - Abigail L. Kuzma, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

PN 160 - Abigail L. Kuzma, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2022. (Reappointment)

PN 161 - John G. Levi, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

PN 163 - John G. Malcolm, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020

PN 164 - Frank X. Neuner, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

PN 165 - Frank X. Neuner, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2022. (Reappointment)

PN 167 - Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Cal. #241 - Ron A. Bloom, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2020.

Cal. #242 - Roman Martinez IV, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2024.

Cal. #338 - John McLeod Barger, of California, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2021.

UNITED STATES POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Cal. #391 - Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2024.

Cal. #392 - Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2024.

HELP COMMITTEE

Cal. #80 - Mark Schultz, of Nebraska, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Cal. #413 - Sharon Fast Gustafson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

Cal. #414 – Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

NATIONAL COUNCIL HUMANITIES/ARTS

Cal. #68 - Kathe Hicks Albrecht, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Cal. #70 - Keegan F. Callanan, of Vermont, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Cal. #71 - David Armand DeKeyser, of Alabama, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26.

Cal. #72 - Kim R. Holmes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Cal. #75 - Phyllis Kaminsky, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Cal. #79 - Jean M. Yarbrough, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Council on the

Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 10 - Marjorie Fisher Furman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 7 - Russell A. Berman, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 8 - William English, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

PN 9 - John Fonte, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 11 - Claire Griffin, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 13 - Adair Margo, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 14 - Matthew Rose, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

PN 16 - Noel Valis, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 15 - William Schneider, Jr., of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 12 - Joyce Malcolm, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 172 – Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years

FEDERAL MARSHAL

Cal. #366 - Wilmer Ocasio, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Cal. #114 - Thomas McCaffery, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

FEDERAL PROCUREMENT

Cal. #245 - Michael Eric Wooten, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

PN 21 - Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

PN 563 - Michael J.K. Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

PN 963 - Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of three years. (Reappointment)

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Cal. #373 - Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

DC SUPERIOR COURT

Cal. #243 - James A. Crowell IV, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #244 - Jason Park, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #388 - Rainey R. Brandt, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #389 - Shana Frost Matini, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cal. #293 - Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #158 - Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #7 - Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Cal. 115 - Lisa M. Schenck, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Military Commission Review.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Cal. #178 - Kenneth S. George, of Texas, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Cal. #181 - W. Patrick Murphy, of Vermont, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Cal. #395 - Richard K. Bell, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Cote

d'Ivoire.

Cal. #397 - Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Cal. #400 - Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Mexican States.

Cal. #401 - Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Libya.

Cal. #404 - Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Colombia.

Cal. #405 - Jessica E. Lapenn, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Cal. #406 - Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Cal. #361 - Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Cal. #337 - William B. Kilbride, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2023.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: Caps/Debt Limit Docs In One Place
Date: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:36:58 PM
Attachments: [BBA 2019 SUMMARY.pdf](#)
[Bipartisan Budget Agreement FY20_21.pdf](#)
[Bipartisan Budget Agreement FY20_21 Agreement Table.pdf](#)
[FW HOUSE WHIP LD ALERT - Bipartisan Budget Agreement.msg](#)
[DL Letter to Congress 2019_07_12 McConnell.pdf](#)

As we close out on the caps/debt limit deal this week, some context on how we got here:

Earlier this year, back in March 2019, the conference along with SASC conducted a series of small group sessions with member offices to gauge the urgency on moving a caps deal.

Defense was facing two threats:

- An over \$70 billion cut mid-January due to sequester to enforce revised Budget Control Act caps; and
- A full year CR for DoD. In looking at the Defense Department's history all the way back to the 1970's with CRS, we were not able to find a single instance of DoD funded the entire year under a stop-gap measure.

Thank you for your participation in those sessions. The overwhelming guidance from the conference then – pursue a caps agreement.

With the White House's leadership in negotiations, there were three major wins:

- 1) Stability for Defense at levels to execute its national defense strategy;
- 2) Economic stability for the markets. Pelosi during negotiations threatened short-term extensions pairing debt limit and CRs to maximize disruptions during the election year. History at least since 2000 has had the minority party pushing for multiple short-term CRs in every election year, per CRS;
- 3) Poison pill agreement. An agreement was secured to preserve our policy priorities against a Dem House majority that packed appropriations bills with riders, from peeling back life protections as well as gains made on the regulatory front to changing immigration law.

Spending Picture

- In terms of the spending picture, per the Administration, the deficit is currently 4.7 percent of GDP. The number is anticipated to dip to 4.3 percent in 2021, even subsequent to the caps deal.
- The spending increases in the deal were restrained. For the total 2-year deal, total spending will increase an average of 2% per year which is about the rate of inflation. In fact, in terms of year-over-year new spending in the deal, it amounts to \$54 billion. Most of the CBO cost is due to existing spending.
- On the non-defense side, a large piece of the domestic plus-up is dedicated to VA

Mission costs which was included in base funding.

I've attached the agreement sheet and whip summaries we have since sent out on the caps bill/debt limit for you so it's in one place. As always feel free to reach out if you have any questions to me (b) (6) the whip office (8-5853), or the Administration at:

Jason Yaworske at OMB – (b) (6)

Brian McGuire at Treasury – Brian.McGuire@treasury.gov

BIPARTISAN BUDGET AGREEMENT OF 2019 SUMMARY

Bipartisan Budget Agreement of 2019 sets topline discretionary spending caps for FY 2020 and 2021, with Defense spending set at total of \$738 billion in FY20, growing to \$740.5 in FY21, and Non-Defense set at \$632 billion in FY20 and \$634.5 billion in FY21.

These amounts include Defense OCO funding at \$71.5 billion in FY20 and \$69 billion in FY21, and Non-Defense OCO at \$8 billion each year, as well as a one-time \$2.5 billion cap adjustment for the 2020 decennial census funding in FY20.

Spending increases are relatively restrained. While spending will increase at roughly 4% from FY19 to FY20, spending will be virtually flat between FY20 and FY21, growing at just 0.4%.

For the total 2-year deal, total spending will only increase an average of 2% per year.

The bill also suspends the statutory debt limit through July 31, 2021.

The Budget Control Act mandatory sequester and customs user fees are extended to 2029 in order to offset \$77.4 billion as scored by CBO.

Budget Enforcement

The bill contains several key enforcement provisions:

- Allows the Senate Budget Committee to deem budget levels for 2020 and 2021. (This does not preclude the body from moving a budget for the 2021 cycle.)
- Extends the advanced appropriations points of order in both bodies and the Senate's CHIMP (Changes in Mandatory Programs) point of order through 2021 at the current \$15 billion limit.
- Removes balances from OMB's PAYGO scorecard and prevents the direct spending savings created in this bill from being recorded on either OMB's scorecard or the Senate's scorecard. By preventing the bill's budgetary effects from being included on the scorecards, the measure is preventing savings from the offsets from being used in the future.

Terms of the Agreement

As part of the agreement, bipartisan Congressional Leadership and the administration have agreed to prohibit attempts to alter current policy on major topics, like Hyde amendment protections on abortion funding or immigration law enforcement, via the FY20 and FY21 appropriations process.

This includes both a prohibition on removing current-law riders or adding new poison pills.

Leaders also agree not to engage in new gimmicks to increase total spending allowed under the caps, and to maintain current levels of transfer authority vested with the administration.

Finally, the agreement commits all sides to working to avoid an omnibus or a government shutdown.

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(Original Signature of Member)

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bipartisan Budget Act
5 of 2019”.

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**TITLE I—BUDGET
ENFORCEMENT**

**SEC. 101. AMENDMENTS TO THE BALANCED BUDGET AND
EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985.**

(a) REVISED DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—

Section 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(c)) is amended by striking paragraphs (7) and (8) and inserting the following:

“(7) for fiscal year 2020—

“(A) for the revised security category, \$666,500,000,000 in new budget authority; and

“(B) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$621,500,000,000 in new budget authority; and

“(8) for fiscal year 2021—

“(A) for the revised security category, \$671,500,000,000 in new budget authority; and

“(B) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$626,500,000,000 in new budget authority;”.

(b) OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS AMOUNTS.—In fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the adjustments under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)) for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism appropriations will be as follows:

- 1 (1) For the revised nonsecurity category—
2 (A) for fiscal year 2020, \$8,000,000,000;
3 and
4 (B) for fiscal year 2021, \$8,000,000,000.
5 (2) For the revised security category—
6 (A) for fiscal year 2020, \$71,500,000,000;
7 and
8 (B) for fiscal year 2021, \$69,000,000,000.

9 This subsection shall not affect the applicability of section
10 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
11 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 (c) NEW ADJUSTMENT FOR THE U.S. CENSUS FOR
13 2020.—Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced Budget and
14 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.
15 901(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following
16 new subparagraph:

17 “(G) THE 2020 CENSUS.—If, for fiscal year
18 2020, appropriations for the Periodic Censuses
19 and Programs account of the Bureau of the
20 Census of the Department of Commerce are en-
21 acted that the Congress designates in statute as
22 being for the 2020 Census, then the adjustment
23 for that fiscal year shall be the total of such ap-
24 propriations for that fiscal year designated as

1 being for the 2020 Census, but shall not exceed
2 \$2,500,000,000.”.

3 (d) DIRECT SPENDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL
4 YEARS 2020 AND 2021.—Section 251A of the Balanced
5 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
6 U.S.C. 901a), is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (5)(B), in the matter pre-
8 ceding clause (i), by striking “and (12)” and insert-
9 ing “(12), and (13)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(13) IMPLEMENTING DIRECT SPENDING RE-
12 Ductions FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021.—(A)
13 OMB shall make the calculations necessary to imple-
14 ment the direct spending reductions calculated pur-
15 suant to paragraphs (3) and (4) without regard to
16 the amendment made to section 251(c) revising the
17 discretionary spending limits for fiscal years 2020
18 and 2021 by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019.

19 “(B) Paragraph (5)(B) shall not be imple-
20 mented for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.”.

21 **SEC. 102. BALANCES ON THE PAYGO SCORECARDS.**

22 Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act,
23 the balances on the PAYGO scorecards established pursu-
24 ant to paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 4(d) of the Statu-

1 tory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(d)) shall
2 be zero.

3 **TITLE II—ESTABLISHING A**
4 **CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET**

5 **SEC. 201. ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**
6 **BUDGET RESOLUTION IN THE HOUSE OF**
7 **REPRESENTATIVES.**

8 Upon the date of the enactment of this Act—

9 (1) the Chair of the Committee on the Budget
10 of the House of Representatives may adjust the allo-
11 cations, aggregates, and other budgetary levels in-
12 cluded in the statement referred to in section 1(b)
13 of House Resolution 293 (116th Congress) con-
14 sistent with this Act; and

15 (2) subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 1 of
16 House Resolution 293 (116th Congress) shall have
17 no force or effect through the remainder of the One
18 Hundred Sixteenth Congress.

19 **SEC. 202. AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET RES-**
20 **OLUTION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**
21 **TIVES.**

22 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2021.—If a concurrent resolution
23 on the budget for fiscal year 2021 has not been adopted
24 by April 15, 2020, for the purpose of enforcing the Con-
25 gressional Budget Act of 1974 for fiscal year 2021, the

1 allocations, aggregates, and levels provided for in sub-
2 section (b) shall apply in the House of Representatives
3 after April 15, 2020, in the same manner as for a concur-
4 rent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2021 with
5 appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2021 and for
6 fiscal years 2022 through 2030.

7 (b) COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS, AGGREGATES, AND
8 LEVELS.—In the House of Representatives, the Chair of
9 the Committee on the Budget shall submit a statement
10 for publication in the Congressional Record after April 15,
11 2020, but not later than May 15, 2020, containing—

12 (1) for the Committee on Appropriations, com-
13 mittee allocations for fiscal year 2021 consistent
14 with discretionary spending limits set forth in sec-
15 tion 251(c)(8) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
16 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by
17 this Act, and the outlays flowing therefrom, and
18 committee allocations for fiscal year 2021 for cur-
19 rent law mandatory budget authority and outlays,
20 for the purpose of enforcing section 302 of the Con-
21 gressional Budget Act of 1974;

22 (2) for all committees of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives other than the Committee on Appropria-
24 tions, committee allocations for fiscal year 2021 and
25 for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2030

1 consistent with the most recent baseline of the Con-
2 gressional Budget Office, as adjusted, to the extent
3 practicable, for the budgetary effects of any provi-
4 sion of law enacted during the period beginning on
5 the date such baseline is issued and ending on the
6 date of submission of such statement, for the pur-
7 pose of enforcing section 302 of the Congressional
8 Budget Act of 1974;

9 (3) aggregate spending levels for fiscal year
10 2021 in accordance with the allocations established
11 under paragraphs (1) and (2), for the purpose of en-
12 forcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act
13 of 1974; and

14 (4) aggregate revenue levels for fiscal year 2021
15 and for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2030
16 consistent with the most recent baseline of the Con-
17 gressional Budget Office, as adjusted, to the extent
18 practicable, for the budgetary effects of any provi-
19 sion of law enacted during the period beginning on
20 the date such baseline is issued and ending on the
21 date of submission of such statement, for the pur-
22 pose of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional
23 Budget Act of 1974.

24 (c) ADDITIONAL MATTER.—The statement referred
25 to in subsection (b) may also include for fiscal year 2021

1 the matter contained in the provisions referred to in sub-
2 section (e).

3 (d) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Chair of the Committee on
4 the Budget of the House of Representatives may adjust
5 the allocations, aggregates, and other budgetary levels in-
6 cluded in the statement referred to in subsection (b)—

7 (1) to reflect changes resulting from the Con-
8 gressional Budget Office’s updates to its baseline for
9 fiscal years 2021 through 2030; or

10 (2) for any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or
11 conference report by the amounts provided in such
12 measure if such measure would not increase the def-
13 icit for either of the following time periods: fiscal
14 year 2021 to fiscal year 2025 or fiscal year 2021 to
15 fiscal year 2030.

16 (e) APPLICATION.—

17 (1) Upon submission of the statement referred
18 to in subsection (b), all references to allocations, ag-
19 gregates, or other appropriate levels in “this concur-
20 rent resolution” in sections 5201, 5202, and 5203 of
21 the House Concurrent Resolution 71 (115th Con-
22 gress), specified in section 30104(f)(1) of the Bipar-
23 tisan Budget Act of 2018, and continued in effect by
24 section 103(m) of House Resolution 6 (116th Con-
25 gress) and section 1(h)(1) of House Resolution 293

1 (116th Congress), shall be treated for all purposes
2 in the House of Representatives as references to the
3 allocations, aggregates, or other appropriate levels
4 contained in the statement referred to in subsection
5 (b), as adjusted in accordance with this or any other
6 Act.

7 (2) The provisions of House Concurrent Resolu-
8 tion 71 (115th Congress), specified in section
9 30104(f)(1) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018,
10 shall have no force or effect in the House of Rep-
11 resentatives except for the sections of such concur-
12 rent resolution identified in paragraph (1).

13 (f) EXPIRATION.—Subsections (a) through (e) shall
14 no longer apply if a concurrent resolution on the budget
15 for fiscal year 2021 is agreed to by the Senate and House
16 of Representatives.

17 **SEC. 203. LIMITATION ON ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS IN**
18 **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the House of Representatives,
20 except as provided in subsection (b), any general appro-
21 priation bill or bill or joint resolution continuing appro-
22 priations, or amendment thereto or conference report
23 thereon, may not provide an advance appropriation.

24 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—An advance appropriation may be
25 provided for programs, activities or accounts identified in

1 lists submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
2 by the Chair of the Committee on the Budget—

3 (1) for fiscal year 2022, under the heading “Ac-
4 counts Identified for Advance Appropriations” in an
5 aggregate amount not to exceed \$28,852,000,000 in
6 new budget authority, and for fiscal year 2023, ac-
7 counts separately identified under the same heading;
8 and

9 (2) for fiscal year 2022, under the heading
10 “Veterans Accounts Identified for Advance Appro-
11 priations”.

12 (c) DEFINITION.—The term “advance appropriation”
13 means any new discretionary budget authority provided in
14 a general appropriation bill or bill or joint resolution con-
15 tinuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, or any amend-
16 ment thereto or conference report thereon, that first be-
17 comes available following fiscal year 2021.

18 (d) EXPIRATION.—The preceding subsections of this
19 section shall expire if a concurrent resolution on the budg-
20 et for fiscal year 2021 is agreed to by the Senate and
21 the House of Representatives pursuant to section 301 of
22 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

1 **SEC. 204. AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET RES-**
2 **OLUTION IN THE SENATE.**

3 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2020.—For the purpose of enforce-
4 ing the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621
5 et seq.) and enforcing budgetary points of order in prior
6 concurrent resolutions on the budget, the allocations, ag-
7 gregates, and levels provided for in subsection (b) shall
8 apply in the Senate in the same manner as for a concur-
9 rent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020 with
10 appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2020 and for
11 fiscal years 2021 through 2029.

12 (b) COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS, AGGREGATES, AND
13 LEVELS.—The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget
14 of the Senate shall submit a statement for publication in
15 the Congressional Record as soon as practicable after the
16 date of enactment of this Act that includes—

17 (1) for the Committee on Appropriations of the
18 Senate, committee allocations for fiscal year 2020
19 consistent with the discretionary spending limits set
20 forth in section 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and
21 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended
22 by this Act, for the purpose of enforcing section 302
23 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
24 633);

25 (2) for all committees other than the Com-
26 mittee on Appropriations, committee allocations for

1 fiscal years 2020, 2020 through 2024, and 2020
2 through 2029 consistent with the May 2019 baseline
3 of the Congressional Budget Office, as adjusted for
4 the budgetary effects of any provision of law enacted
5 during the period beginning on the date such base-
6 line was issued and ending on the date of submission
7 of such statement, for the purpose of enforcing sec-
8 tion 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
9 (2 U.S.C. 633);

10 (3) aggregate spending levels for fiscal year
11 2020 in accordance with the allocations established
12 under paragraphs (1) and (2), for the purpose of en-
13 forcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act
14 of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 642);

15 (4) aggregate revenue levels for fiscal years
16 2020, 2020 through 2024, and 2020 through 2029
17 consistent with the May 2019 baseline of the Con-
18 gressional Budget Office, as adjusted for the budg-
19 etary effects of any provision of law enacted during
20 the period beginning on the date such baseline was
21 issued and ending on the date of submission of such
22 statement, for the purpose of enforcing section 311
23 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
24 642); and

1 (5) levels of Social Security revenues and out-
2 lays for fiscal years 2020, 2020 through 2024, and
3 2020 through 2029 consistent with the May 2019
4 baseline of the Congressional Budget Office, as ad-
5 justed for the budgetary effects of any provision of
6 law enacted during the period beginning on the date
7 such baseline was issued and ending on the date of
8 submission of such statement, for the purpose of en-
9 forcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional
10 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 633, 642).

11 (c) **ADDITIONAL MATTER.**—The filing referred to in
12 subsection (b) may also include for fiscal year 2020 the
13 deficit-neutral reserve funds in title III of H. Con. Res.
14 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the
15 budget for fiscal year 2018, updated by two fiscal years.

16 (d) **EXPIRATION.**—This section shall expire if a con-
17 current resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020 is
18 agreed to by the Senate and the House of Representatives
19 pursuant to section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act
20 of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632).

21 **SEC. 205. AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET RES-**
22 **OLUTION IN THE SENATE.**

23 (a) **FISCAL YEAR 2021.**—For the purpose of enforce-
24 ing the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621
25 et seq.), after April 15, 2020, and enforcing budgetary

1 points of order in prior concurrent resolutions on the
2 budget, the allocations, aggregates, and levels provided for
3 in subsection (b) shall apply in the Senate in the same
4 manner as for a concurrent resolution on the budget for
5 fiscal year 2021 with appropriate budgetary levels for fis-
6 cal year 2021 and for fiscal years 2022 through 2030.

7 (b) COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS, AGGREGATES, AND
8 LEVELS.—After April 15, 2020, but not later than May
9 15, 2020, the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget
10 of the Senate shall file—

11 (1) for the Committee on Appropriations of the
12 Senate, committee allocations for fiscal year 2021
13 consistent with the discretionary spending limits set
14 forth in section 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and
15 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended
16 by this Act, for the purpose of enforcing section 302
17 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
18 633);

19 (2) for all committees other than the Com-
20 mittee on Appropriations, committee allocations for
21 fiscal years 2021, 2021 through 2025, and 2021
22 through 2030 consistent with the most recent base-
23 line of the Congressional Budget Office, as adjusted
24 for the budgetary effects of any provision of law en-
25 acted during the period beginning on the date such

1 baseline is issued and ending on the date of submis-
2 sion of such statement, for the purpose of enforcing
3 section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of
4 1974 (2 U.S.C. 642);

5 (3) aggregate spending levels for fiscal year
6 2021 in accordance with the allocations established
7 under paragraphs (1) and (2), for the purpose of en-
8 forcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act
9 of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 642);

10 (4) aggregate revenue levels for fiscal years
11 2021, 2021 through 2025, and 2021 through 2030
12 consistent with the most recent baseline of the Con-
13 gressional Budget Office, as adjusted for the budg-
14 etary effects of any provision of law enacted during
15 the period beginning on the date such baseline is
16 issued and ending on the date of submission of such
17 statement, for the purpose of enforcing section 311
18 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
19 642); and

20 (5) levels of Social Security revenues and out-
21 lays for fiscal years 2021, 2021 through 2025, and
22 2021 through 2030 consistent with the most recent
23 baseline of the Congressional Budget Office, as ad-
24 justed for the budgetary effects of any provision of
25 law enacted during the period beginning on the date

1 such baseline is issued and ending on the date of
2 submission of such statement, for the purpose of en-
3 forcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional
4 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 633, 642).

5 (c) ADDITIONAL MATTER.—The filing referred to in
6 subsection (b) may also include for fiscal year 2021 the
7 deficit-neutral reserve funds in title III of H. Con. Res.
8 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the
9 budget for fiscal year 2018, updated by three fiscal years.

10 (d) EXPIRATION.—This section shall expire if a con-
11 current resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2021 is
12 agreed to by the Senate and the House of Representatives
13 pursuant to section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act
14 of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632).

15 **SEC. 206. LIMITATION ON ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS IN**
16 **THE SENATE.**

17 (a) POINT OF ORDER AGAINST ADVANCE APPRO-
18 PRIATIONS IN THE SENATE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—

20 (A) POINT OF ORDER.—Except as pro-
21 vided in paragraph (2), it shall not be in order
22 in the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolu-
23 tion, motion, amendment, amendment between
24 the Houses, or conference report that would

1 provide an advance appropriation for a discre-
2 tionary account.

3 (B) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the
4 term “advance appropriation” means any new
5 budget authority provided in a bill or joint reso-
6 lution making appropriations for fiscal year
7 2020 that first becomes available for any fiscal
8 year after 2020 or any new budget authority
9 provided in a bill or joint resolution making ap-
10 propriations for fiscal year 2021 that first be-
11 comes available for any fiscal year after 2021.

12 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Advance appropriations may
13 be provided—

14 (A) for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 for pro-
15 grams, projects, activities, or accounts identi-
16 fied in a statement submitted to the Congres-
17 sional Record by the Chairman of the Com-
18 mittee on the Budget of the Senate under the
19 heading “Accounts Identified for Advance Ap-
20 propriations” in an aggregate amount not to
21 exceed \$28,852,000,000 in new budget author-
22 ity in each fiscal year;

23 (B) for the Corporation for Public Broad-
24 casting; and

1 (C) for the Department of Veterans Affairs
2 for the Medical Services, Medical Support and
3 Compliance, Veterans Medical Community
4 Care, and Medical Facilities accounts of the
5 Veterans Health Administration.

6 (3) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—

7 (A) WAIVER.—In the Senate, paragraph
8 (1) may be waived or suspended only by an af-
9 firmative vote of three-fifths of the Members,
10 duly chosen and sworn.

11 (B) APPEAL.—An affirmative vote of
12 three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly
13 chosen and sworn, shall be required to sustain
14 an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point
15 of order raised under paragraph (1).

16 (4) FORM OF POINT OF ORDER.—A point of
17 order under paragraph (1) may be raised by a Sen-
18 ator as provided in section 313(e) of the Congres-
19 sional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 644(e)).

20 (5) CONFERENCE REPORTS.—When the Senate
21 is considering a conference report on, or an amend-
22 ment between the Houses in relation to, a bill or
23 joint resolution, upon a point of order being made
24 by any Senator pursuant to this subsection, and
25 such point of order being sustained, such material

1 contained in such conference report or amendment
2 between the Houses shall be stricken, and the Sen-
3 ate shall proceed to consider the question of whether
4 the Senate shall recede from its amendment and
5 concur with a further amendment, or concur in the
6 House amendment with a further amendment, as
7 the case may be, which further amendment shall
8 consist of only that portion of the conference report
9 or House amendment, as the case may be, not so
10 stricken. Any such motion in the Senate shall be de-
11 batable. In any case in which such point of order is
12 sustained against a conference report (or Senate
13 amendment derived from such conference report by
14 operation of this paragraph), no further amendment
15 shall be in order.

16 (b) SUNSET.—Subsection (a) shall terminate on the
17 date on which a concurrent resolution on the budget for
18 fiscal year 2021 is agreed to by the Senate and House
19 of Representatives pursuant to section 301 of the Congres-
20 sional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632).

21 **SEC. 207. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST CERTAIN CHANGES IN**
22 **MANDATORY PROGRAMS IN THE SENATE.**

23 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term
24 “CHIMP” means a provision that—

1 (1) would have been estimated as affecting di-
2 rect spending or receipts under section 252 of the
3 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
4 Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 902) (as in effect prior to
5 September 30, 2002) if the provision was included
6 in legislation other than appropriation Acts; and

7 (2) results in a net decrease in budget authority
8 in the budget year, but does not result in a net de-
9 crease in outlays over the period of the total of the
10 current year, the budget year, and all fiscal years
11 covered under the most recently adopted concurrent
12 resolution on the budget.

13 (b) POINT OF ORDER IN THE SENATE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—It shall not be in order in
15 the Senate to consider a bill or joint resolution mak-
16 ing appropriations for a full fiscal year, or an
17 amendment thereto, amendment between the Houses
18 in relation thereto, conference report thereon, or mo-
19 tion thereon, that includes a CHIMP that, if en-
20 acted, would cause the absolute value of the total
21 budget authority of all such CHIMPs enacted in re-
22 lation to a full fiscal year to be more than the
23 amount specified in paragraph (2).

24 (2) AMOUNT.—The amount specified in this
25 paragraph is, for fiscal year 2021, \$15,000,000,000.

1 (c) DETERMINATION.—For purposes of this section,
2 budgetary levels shall be determined on the basis of esti-
3 mates provided by the Chairman of the Committee on the
4 Budget of the Senate.

5 (d) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL IN THE
6 SENATE.—In the Senate, subsection (b) may be waived
7 or suspended only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths
8 of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative
9 vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly
10 chosen and sworn, shall be required to sustain an appeal
11 of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under
12 subsection (b).

13 **SEC. 208. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST DESIGNATION OF**
14 **FUNDS FOR OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPER-**
15 **ATIONS IN THE SENATE.**

16 (a) POINT OF ORDER.—When the Senate is consid-
17 ering a bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, amend-
18 ment between the Houses, or conference report, if a point
19 of order is made by a Senator against a provision that
20 designates funds for fiscal years 2020 or 2021 for overseas
21 contingency operations, in accordance with section
22 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
23 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)), and
24 the point of order is sustained by the Chair, that provision

1 shall be stricken from the measure and may not be offered
2 as an amendment from the floor.

3 (b) FORM OF THE POINT OF ORDER.—A point of
4 order under subsection (a) may be raised by a Senator
5 as provided in section 313(e) of the Congressional Budget
6 Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 644(e)).

7 (c) CONFERENCE REPORTS.—When the Senate is
8 considering a conference report on, or an amendment be-
9 tween the Houses in relation to, a bill or joint resolution,
10 upon a point of order being made by any Senator pursuant
11 to subsection (a), and such point of order being sustained,
12 such material contained in such conference report or
13 House amendment shall be stricken, and the Senate shall
14 proceed to consider the question of whether the Senate
15 shall recede from its amendment and concur with a fur-
16 ther amendment, or concur in the House amendment with
17 a further amendment, as the case may be, which further
18 amendment shall consist of only that portion of the con-
19 ference report or House amendment, as the case may be,
20 not so stricken. Any such motion in the Senate shall be
21 debatable. In any case in which such point of order is sus-
22 tained against a conference report (or Senate amendment
23 derived from such conference report by operation of this
24 subsection), no further amendment shall be in order.

1 (d) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—In the
2 Senate, this section may be waived or suspended only by
3 an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly
4 chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of
5 Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn shall be
6 required to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair
7 on a point of order raised under this section.

8 (e) SUSPENSION OF POINT OF ORDER.—This section
9 shall not apply if a declaration of war by Congress is in
10 effect.

11 **SEC. 209. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.**

12 The sections of this title are enacted by the Con-
13 gress—

14 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
15 the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-
16 spectively, and as such they shall be considered as
17 part of the rules of each House, respectively, or of
18 that House to which they specifically apply, and
19 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the ex-
20 tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

21 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
22 right of either House to change such rules (so far
23 as relating to such House) at any time, in the same
24 manner, and to the same extent as in the case of
25 any other rule of such House.

1 **TITLE III—TEMPORARY EXTEN-**
2 **SION OF PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT**

3 **SEC. 301. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3101(b) of title 31,
5 United States Code, shall not apply for the period begin-
6 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending
7 on July 31, 2021.

8 (b) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO OBLIGATIONS
9 ISSUED DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.—Effective on Au-
10 gust 1, 2021, the limitation in effect under section
11 3101(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall be increased
12 to the extent that—

13 (1) the face amount of obligations issued under
14 chapter 31 of such title and the face amount of obli-
15 gations whose principal and interest are guaranteed
16 by the United States Government (except guaran-
17 teed obligations held by the Secretary of the Treas-
18 ury) outstanding on August 1, 2021, exceeds

19 (2) the face amount of such obligations out-
20 standing on the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (c) EXTENSION LIMITED TO NECESSARY OBLIGA-
22 TIONS.—An obligation shall not be taken into account
23 under subsection (b)(1) unless the issuance of such obliga-
24 tion was necessary to fund a commitment incurred pursu-

1 ant to law by the Federal Government that required pay-
2 ment before August 1, 2021.

3 **TITLE IV—OFFSETS**

4 **SEC. 401. CUSTOMS USER FEES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13031(j)(3) of the Con-
6 solidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19
7 U.S.C. 58c(j)(3)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “October
9 20, 2027” and inserting “September 30, 2029”; and

10 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “Sep-
11 tember 30, 2027” and inserting “September 30,
12 2029”.

13 (b) RATE FOR MERCHANDISE PROCESSING FEES.—
14 Section 503 of the United States–Korea Free Trade
15 Agreement Implementation Act (Public Law 112–41; 19
16 U.S.C. 3805 note) is amended by striking “May 26, 2027”
17 and inserting “September 30, 2029”.

18 **SEC. 402. EXTENSION OF DIRECT SPENDING REDUCTIONS**

19 **THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2029.**

20 Section 251A(6) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
21 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a(6)) is
22 amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
24 ceding clause (i), by striking “fiscal years 2022

1 through 2027” and inserting “fiscal years 2022
2 through 2029”; and

3 (2) in subparagraph (C), in the matter pre-
4 ceding clause (i), by striking “fiscal year 2027” and
5 inserting “fiscal year 2029”.

6 **TITLE V—BUDGETARY EFFECTS**

7 **SEC. 501. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The budgetary effects of this Act
9 shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard main-
10 tained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-
11 You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(d)).

12 (b) **SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—The budgetary
13 effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO
14 scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H.
15 Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2021
Defense Base	647.000	666.500	671.500
Defense OCO	69.0	71.500	69.000
Defense subtotal	716.000	738.000	740.500
Nondefense Base	597.000	621.500	626.500
Census Adj.	--	2.500	0
Nondefense base plus adjustments	597.000	624.000	626.500
Nondefense OCO	8.0	8.000	8.000
Nondefense subtotal	605.000	632.000	634.500
Total	1,321.000	1,370.000	1,375.000

Adjustments permitted under current law for disaster relief, wildfire suppression, program integrity, and 21st Century Cures Act continue.

Agreement calls for increased OCO funding in FY 2020 (relative to FY 2019) of +\$2.5 billion for defense funding. Defense OCO returns to FY 2019 levels in FY 2021.



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

July 12, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Leader:

Since there is a reasonable uncertainty in projecting government cash flows, it is impossible to identify precisely how long extraordinary measures will last. We model various scenarios for our cash projections. Based on updated projections, there is a scenario in which we run out of cash in early September, before Congress reconvenes.

As such, I request that Congress increase the debt ceiling before Congress leaves for summer recess.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Mnuchin

Identical letter sent to:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, House Republican Leader
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Senate Democratic Leader

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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July 24, 2019


TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, which would suspend the debt limit for two years and adjust the domestic defense and non-defense budget caps for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. **The Chamber will consider including votes on this legislation in our annual *How They Voted* scorecard.**

This legislation provides a framework intended to restore some degree of order to the appropriations process for the next two years. The agreement should enable Congress to complete remaining appropriations bills in an expeditious manner this fall. We urge all Members to work together to accomplish that goal so Congress can move on to other priorities this year. It also eliminates the economic risk in coming weeks over the timing of extending the debt ceiling.

The Chamber commends the spirit of bipartisanship and cooperation between Congressional leaders and Administration officials that produced this agreement. This should be the approach to other national priorities, including passage of USMCA, infrastructure, and immigration legislation. We recommend a yes vote on H.R. 3877.

Sincerely,



Suzanne P. Clark
President
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW Senate Schedule for this Week: Monday, July 8, 2019
Date: Monday, July 8, 2019 10:01:02 AM

Morning! Hope everyone had a great July 4th.

The Leader filed cloture on nominations in the following order for this week:

1. Executive Calendar #343, Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
2. Executive Calendar #47, T. Kent Wetherell II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.
3. Executive Calendar #51, Damon Ray Leichty, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.
4. Executive Calendar #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
5. Executive Calendar #101, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.
6. Executive Calendar #103, John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.
7. Executive Calendar #13, Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:36 AM

Subject: Monday, July 8, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019 AT 09:36 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #343, Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Bress nomination.

Last Legislative Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Adoption of Udall amendment #883 (60 vote threshold), notwithstanding passage of S.1790, NDAA, as amended. Not adopted (50-40)

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items.

Please note: the Senate convened for pro forma session only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, July 2nd at 4:45 pm

Friday, July 5th at 11:45 am

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW Senate Schedule: Monday, July 5, 2019
Date: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:48:28 AM

FYI on Senate schedule this week.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:33 AM
Subject: Monday, July 5, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019 AT 09:32 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

At 3:30 pm, there will be a filing deadline for all first degree amendments in relation to Treaties Calendar #1-4.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Phipps nomination.

Please note, the Leader has filed cloture on the following items in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.
 2. Treaties Cal. #1 - The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain.
 3. Treaties Cal. #2 - Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.
 4. Treaties Cal. #3 - Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan.
 5. Treaties Cal. #4 - Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg.
 6. Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
 7. Executive Calendar #175, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.
 8. Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Jamaica.
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Last Thursday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #101, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. Confirmed (56-37)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #103, John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. Confirmed (54-39)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #13, Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. Invoked (53-39)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #13, Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. Confirmed (52-38)

Wrap Up:

There were no wrap up items.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FW Senate schedule: Monday, July 29, 2019
Date: Monday, July 29, 2019 9:46:25 AM

Morning! Hope you had a good weekend.

A reminder, the Leader noted the following needed to be completed this week: Confirmation of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, a UN Ambassador, a significant group of well-qualified judges and passage of the bipartisan government funding agreement.

From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
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Subject: Monday, July 29, 2019

Whip Notice

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019 AT 09:34 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to consideration of the Veto Messages to accompany S.J.Res.36, 37, and 38, the Arms Sales Resolutions.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to four roll call votes on the following:

1. Veto message to S.J.Res.36, Arms Sales Resolution
2. Veto message to S.J.Res.37, Arms Sales Resolution
3. Veto message to S.J.Res.38, Arms Sales Resolution
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.
2. Executive Calendar #120, Peter D. Welte, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.
3. Executive Calendar #203, James Wesley Hendrix, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
4. Executive Calendar #204, Sean D. Jordan, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.
5. Executive Calendar #205, Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
6. Executive Calendar #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.
7. Executive Calendar #232, Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

8. Executive Calendar #233, Stephanie L. Haines, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
 9. Executive Calendar #326, Ada E. Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
 10. Executive Calendar #327, Steven D. Grimberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.
 11. Executive Calendar #345, Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.
 12. Executive Calendar #350, Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.
 13. Executive Calendar #352, Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.
 14. Executive Calendar #364, William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
 15. Executive Calendar #48, Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.
 16. Executive Calendar #55, John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
 17. Executive Calendar #344, Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.
 18. Executive Calendar #346, Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.
 19. Executive Calendar #351, Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.
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Last Thursday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #375, Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Confirmed (89-1)

Wrap Up:

H.R.3253 – Sustaining Excellence in Medicaid Act w/ Blunt substitute amendment

H.R.1569 – Arizona Judicial District

Cal. #47, H.R.504 – DHS Field Engagement Accountability

Cal. #111, S.1275 – FACE Act

H.R.2196 – Edith Nourse Rogers STEM

S.Res.286 – Intelligence Professionals Day

Executive Session:

Cal. #125 – Joseph V. Cuffari, of Arizona, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

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FYI and morning!

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RPC FLOORCAST

This memo is based on comments made to Senate Republican Legislative Directors by Tracy Henke of RPC and Erica Soares of the Republican Leader's Office on Monday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. in SR-349.

THIS WEEK: The Senate will convene at 3:00 p.m. today and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will conduct a cloture vote on the Esper nomination.

If cloture is invoked on the Esper nomination, at noon on Tuesday, July 23, the Senate will conduct two votes on confirmation of the Esper nomination and cloture on Executive Calendar #371, Steven M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be FAA Administrator.

When the Senate convenes on Tuesday, July 23, following the Leaders' remarks, it will begin consideration of H.R. 1327, the *9/11 First Responders Compensation Fund bill*. The only amendments in order will be Lee amendment #928 and Paul amendment #929. At 2:30 p.m., the Senate will conduct three votes on the amendments (60 votes required for adoption of each) and passage of the bill, as amended, if amended.

On Thursday, July 18, cloture was also filed on the following nominations, which the Senate will consider this week:

- 1) Executive Calendar #45, Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; and
- 2) Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

A LOOK AHEAD: Items the Senate may consider during this work period include:

- Nominations, including the Ambassador to the United Nations;
- Legislation relating to prescription drug prices and lowering health care costs;
- Debt ceiling/spending caps;
- Veto override votes re: arms sales resolutions; and
- NDAA Conference Report.

RPC Staff Contacts: Tracy Henke and Carolyn Laird, (b) (6)

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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From: Majority Whip <whip_alerts@thune.senate.gov>
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Whip Notice

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019 AT 09:15 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business with senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

At 1:45 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #375, Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Please note, at a time to be determined prior to August 2nd, there will be 2 hours of debate followed by votes in relation to the veto messages to accompany S.J.Res.36, S.J.Res.37 and S.J.Res.38, Arms Sales resolutions of disapproval.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #371, Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years. Confirmed (52-40)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #45, Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Invoked (55-37)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Invoked (52-39)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #45, Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Confirmed (54-37)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Confirmed (51-40)

Wrap Up:

S.2249 – Deputy Administrator of the FAA

S.Res.283 – International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements

Rule XIV:

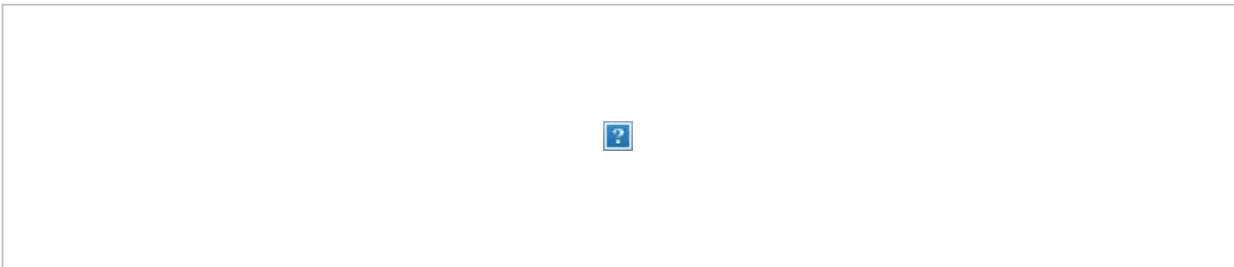
S.2258 – Anti-retaliation Protection for Antitrust Whistleblowers

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'A Victory For Our National Security'

The Budget Deal Is 'A Victory For Our Military,' Bans Far-Left Poison Pills, And Defends Against Abortion Extremism

The Budget Deal Is 'A Victory For Our National Security,' 'A Victory For Our Military,' 'A Victory For Our Veterans,' And 'A Victory For American Families'

- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "Considering the circumstances of divided government, this is a good deal. ... It's a good deal because it achieves the number-one goal on the Republican side of the aisle: Providing for the common defense. Continuing our progress in rebuilding the armed forces of the United States and modernizing them so they can continue to keep Americans safe and project power for years to come. This has been a top shared priority for this Republican Senate and this Republican White House for two and a half years. Pentagon leaders need stable, reliable, and sufficient resources. The greatest military on Earth should not drift in uncertainty. Our servicemembers deserve better than a string of funding crises and continuing resolutions. Our commanders need predictable resources and sufficient resources to lay the foundations for the future of our national defense. Servicemembers deserve to deploy armed with state-of-the-art training and cutting-edge equipment. Their families deserve the best support services the nation can offer. And the nation as a whole deserves a global presence that is up to snuff and competitive with the leaps forward in which our adversaries have invested heavily." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 7/25/2019](#))

- ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SEN. JIM INHOFE (R-OK): "I was glad to see the administration reach a budget deal with Congress that prioritizes defense. I commend President Trump for doing what is best for our military, our veterans and American families – and now, I call on my colleagues to support this deal as well. ... It's a victory for our national security, it's a victory for our military, and it's a victory for our veterans. It's also a victory for American families, who will sleep easier under the protection of a well-funded, world-class military. ... That's why a vote for this legislation means standing with our men and women in uniform – the best in

the world. It means standing with our veterans – who served this country with bravery and honor, and who deserve the benefits they've been promised. It means fulfilling our promises to the American taxpayers and supporting our president. Most simply, it's the right thing to do." ([Sen. Inhofe, Op-Ed, "Sen. Jim Inhofe: Budget Deal Is Good For Defense AND Conservative Values," Fox News, 7/26/2019](#))

COMMERCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SEN. ROGER WICKER (R-MS): "The budget outline the President announced today is a responsible step that assures steady and adequate funding for our national security over the next two years ... This plan avoids the possibility of a government shutdown or a continuing resolution that would introduce uncertainty into every part of our government. This compromise agreement allows for Congress to pursue a responsible appropriations process between now and the end of the fiscal year." ([Sen. Roger Wicker, Press Release, 7/22/2019](#))

RULES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SEN. ROY BLUNT (R-MO): "This agreement will allow Congress to move forward with an appropriations process where we're able to look closely at every program we're funding, eliminate programs that aren't needed or aren't working, and set priorities that will have the most benefit for the most people. ... It's a big achievement for President Trump and his administration and it will increase certainty, transparency, and accountability as we move forward." ([Sen. Roy Blunt, Press Release, 7/23/2019](#))

'Dozens' Of Far-Left Democratic Policy Riders Are Banned From The Budget Deal

SEN. McCONNELL: "I commend the president's team for firmly holding the line on the laundry list of left-wing policy riders that some House Democrats had sought to push throughout their partisan appropriations process. We're talking about far-left wish list items. Things like reversing the Trump Administration's decision and getting Title X taxpayer dollars flowing back into the pockets of Planned Parenthood. Weakening the conscience rights of health care professionals. Removing protections for the Second Amendment. And efforts that would have weakened ICE and de-funded the president's efforts to secure our border. These are just some of the policy riders the far-left had hoped to smuggle into the appropriations process – perhaps using the full faith and credit of the United States as leverage. But the administration froze all of them out." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 7/25/2019](#))

"Dozens of House Democratic attempts to roll back Trump administration policies will get tossed out of spending bills after congressional leaders agreed in their two-year, \$2.7 trillion budget deal with the White House that they would avoid 'poison pills.'" (["Democrats Lose A Weapon Against Trump In Ban On 'Poison Pills,'" Politico, 7/26/2019](#))

- "Democrats wanted to overturn a block on federal funding for abortion, limit Trump's border security push and bar the administration from stripping out references to climate change in federal documents, among other things. But a handshake agreement wrapping in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and GOP leaders will only permit bipartisan policy riders in fiscal 2020 spending bills. Republican leaders are championing the concession as a major win that provides critical protection for conservative priorities." (["Democrats Lose A Weapon Against Trump In Ban On 'Poison Pills,'" Politico, 7/26/2019](#))

SEN. JOHN CORNYN (R-TX): "We know [Democrats] wanted to use policy riders, nearly 30 of them and counting, to try to implement elements of the Green New Deal to undo the President's regulatory reforms or to rewrite our immigration laws through the back door." (["Democrats Lose A Weapon Against Trump In Ban On 'Poison Pills,'" Politico, 7/26/2019](#))

Pro-Life Groups Celebrate The Budget Deal's Protections For Unborn Children From The 'Abortion Extremism Roiling The Democratic Party'

SEN. McCONNELL: "What's more, the administration successfully kept left-wing poison pills and policy riders far away from this agreement. We know that some on the far left had been hankering to claw back Hyde

Amendment protections, or cut away at reprogramming authorities and flexibility that presidents rightly possess. I applaud the fact that no left-wing riders like that were allowed into the deal." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 7/23/2019](#))

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NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE: "National Right to Life praises President Donald Trump and Republican congressional leadership for a bipartisan two-year budget and debt-ceiling deal that protects all pro-life riders such as the Hyde Amendment. We thank House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell for all of their hard work in protecting the most vulnerable among us. President Trump and Republican congressional leaders have ensured that pro-life policies remain in place for the protection of women and their unborn children." ([National Right to Life, Press Release, 7/23/2019](#))

SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST: "This budget agreement ensures that longstanding pro-life policy riders such as the Hyde Amendment along with every single one of President Trump's pro-life executive actions are protected, effectively ending relentless efforts by House Democrats to repeal them in the budget process ... Most notably, this agreement ensures that the Protect Life Rule goes into effect, stopping the funneling of Title X tax dollars to abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood. If accepted by the full Congress, it will be up to House and Senate Appropriators to hold Speaker Pelosi and Democrats to their end of the bargain by stripping out all anti-life poison pills. Given the abortion extremism roiling the Democratic Party and the calls to repeal the Hyde Amendment by leading Democrats – from the liberal Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to the alleged moderate Joe Biden – vigilance will be needed. We thank President Trump, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell, and Senator Daines for prioritizing the protection of pro-life policies in budget negotiations." ([SBA List, Press Release, 7/23/2019](#))

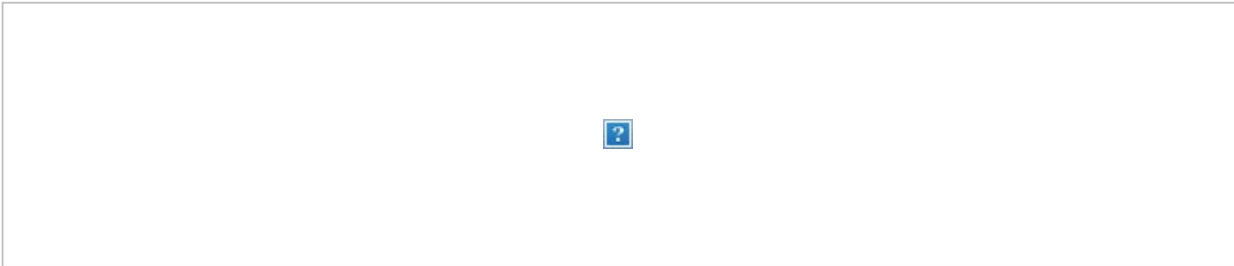
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FYI on the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, below.

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'It's The Right Thing To Do'

The Bipartisan Budget Agreement Will Provide Stability And Predictability For Our Military, 'Ensure Veterans Have Timely Access' To Care And Benefits And 'Eliminates The Economic Risk' Surrounding The Debt Ceiling

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "[T]his is a deal that every one of my colleagues should support when we vote on it in the near future. This government funding agreement is the right deal for our national defense. It's the right deal because it ensures the United States maintains its full faith and credit. It's the right deal because it brings predictability and stability through 2020 and moves toward restoring regular appropriations. And it's the right deal because it secures these priorities without the partisan poison pill riders that would take us backwards on the issue of protecting human life and curtail essential presidential authorities." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 7/31/2019](#))

SEN. JIM INHOFE (R-OK), Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman: "[A] vote for this legislation means standing with our men and women in uniform – the best in the world. It means standing with our veterans – who served this country with bravery and honor, and who deserve the benefits they've been promised.... Most simply, **it's the right thing to do.**" ([Sen. Inhofe, Op-Ed, "Sen. Jim Inhofe: Budget Deal Is Good For Defense AND Conservative Values," Fox News, 7/27/2019](#))

'The Right Thing' For Our Servicemembers And Veterans: A 'Vote For This Legislation Means Standing With Our Men And Women In Uniform' And 'It Means Standing With Our Veterans'

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MARK ESPER: "\$738 [billion] is a good number. We also have two years. We expect to see two years' worth of numbers. To the degree we have predictability, to the degree we can avoid

[continuing resolutions], those things allow us to plan and make more efficient use of our dollars." (["Newly Installed SecDef: The Budget Deal Provides A 'Good' Number For Defense." MilitaryTimes. 7/24/2019](#))

SEN. INHOFE: "Strong national security requires steady investment to meet threats now and in the future – which is simply not possible without stable funding. That's why I was glad to see the administration reach a budget deal with Congress that prioritizes defense. I commend President Trump for doing what is best for our military, our veterans and American families – and now, I call on my colleagues to support this deal as well." (["Sen. Inhofe, Op-Ed. 'Sen. Jim Inhofe: Budget Deal Is Good For Defense AND Conservative Values.'" Fox News. 7/27/2019](#))

MICK MULVANEY, Acting White House Chief of Staff: "We did get more money for defense. We got more money for the VA and we protected a lot of the conservative Republican policies that are hardwired into these spending bills." (["CBS: 'Face the Nation,' 7/28/2019](#))

VFW Executive Director Robert E. Wallace: "On behalf of the more than 1.6 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary, ... [w]e are encouraged ... by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, which would ... ensure veterans have timely access to the care and benefits they have earned, and for defense programs to successfully implement the National Defense Strategy. The VFW urges the Senate to pass this vital budget deal." (Robert E. Wallace, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Letter to Sens. McConnell and Schumer, 7/30/2019)

- "Failing to adjust the outdated defense BCA spending caps for FY 2020 and 2021 would take a massive toll on programs critical to our national security and the service members who wear our nation's uniform.... The lack of a timely and fully funded defense budget would further hinder the Department of Defense's ability to properly plan for our country's defense, defeat our enemies abroad, and execute its most solemn duty — to bring home our missing." (Robert E. Wallace, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Letter to Sens. McConnell and Schumer, 7/30/2019)

'The Right Thing' For Our Economy: The Agreement Provides Stability And 'Eliminates The Economic Risk' Over The Debt Ceiling

"Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin informed congressional leaders on Friday that the government could run out of money in early September ... Mr. Mnuchin, in a letter to leadership, said ... that 'there is a scenario in which we run out of cash in early September, before Congress reconvenes.' 'As such,' Mr. Mnuchin wrote, 'I request that Congress increase the debt ceiling before Congress leaves for summer recess.'" (["Government Could Breach Debt Ceiling in September, Mnuchin Warns." The New York Times. 7/12/2019](#))

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE President Suzanne P. Clark: "The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 3877 the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 ... This legislation provides a framework intended to restore some degree of order to the appropriations process for the next two years. The agreement should enable Congress to complete remaining appropriations bills in an expeditious manner this fall.... It also eliminates the economic risk in coming weeks over the timing of extending the debt ceiling." (Suzanne Clark, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Letter to senators, 7/30/2019)

'The Right Thing' For Conservative Policy Priorities: 'Dozens Of House Democratic Attempts To Roll Back Trump Administration Policies Will Get Tossed Out Of Spending Bills'

MICK MULVANEY: "Democrats wanted to undo the protections we had had on life. They wanted to undo some of the things we were doing on the border for border security. They wanted to undo a lot of our regulatory, our deregulatory agenda and we prevented that from happening." (["CBS: 'Face the Nation,' 7/28/2019](#))

LARRY KUDLOW, National Economic Council Director: "We were able to keep out any restrictions on our deregulation efforts which is very important to us.... No restrictions on border activity." (["Reuters. 7/23/2019](#))

"Dozens of House Democratic attempts to roll back Trump administration policies will get tossed out of spending bills after congressional leaders agreed in their two-year, \$2.7 trillion budget deal with the White House that they would avoid 'poison pills.'" (["Democrats Lose A Weapon Against Trump In Ban On 'Poison Pills.'" Politico, 7/26/2019](#))

- "Democrats wanted to overturn a block on federal funding for abortion, limit Trump's border security push and bar the administration from stripping out references to climate change in federal documents, among other things. But a handshake agreement wrapping in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and GOP leaders will only permit bipartisan policy riders in fiscal 2020 spending bills. Republican leaders are championing the concession as a major win that provides critical protection for conservative priorities." (["Democrats Lose A Weapon Against Trump In Ban On 'Poison Pills.'" Politico, 7/26/2019](#))

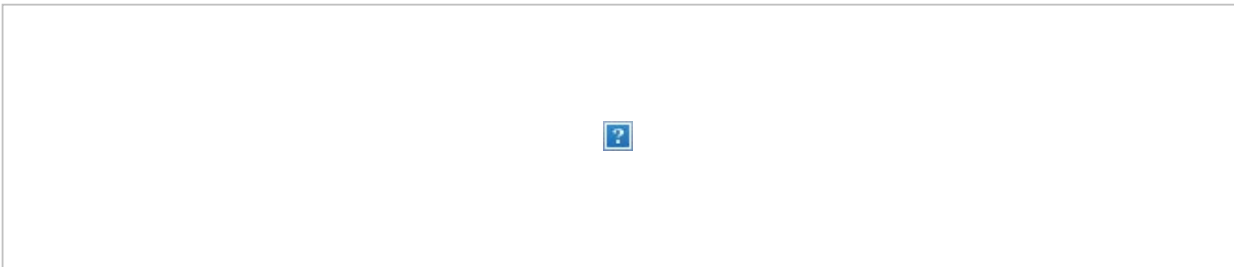
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A Tale Of Two Bills

Bipartisan Senate Looking To Make A Law, Speaker Pelosi Is Only Looking To "Meet Liberal Demands"

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "Fortunately, we do have a chance to make law this week on a hugely bipartisan basis. Yesterday the Senate advanced a clean, simple humanitarian funding bill by a huge margin. Thanks to Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy, this bipartisan package sailed through the Appropriations Committee, 30 to one. And yesterday it passed the full Senate – listen to this – 84 to 8. We sent that clean bill over to the House by a vote of 84 to 8. The Shelby-Leahy legislation has unified the Appropriations Committee. It has unified the Senate. The administration would sign it into law. So all our House colleagues need to do to help the men, women, and children on the border this week is pass this unifying bipartisan bill and send it on to the president." ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 6/27/2019](#))

The Senate Border Funding Bill Passed With Overwhelming Bipartisan Support

"The GOP-held Senate on Wednesday passed a bipartisan \$4.6 billion measure to deliver aid to the southern border before the government runs out of money to care for thousands of migrant families and unaccompanied children. The sweeping 84-8 vote came less than 24 hours after the Democratic-controlled House approved a similar measure backed by liberals. The House bill, which contained tougher requirements for how detained children must be treated, faced a White House veto threat and was easily rejected by the Senate." (["Senate Passes \\$4.6B Border Aid Measure: Pelosi Seeks Talks," The Associated Press, 6/26/2019](#))

- "The Senate vote comes less than 24 hours after the House passed its version largely along party lines. The funding is urgently needed to prevent the humanitarian emergency on the U.S.-Mexico border from worsening." (["Senate Passes \\$4.6B Border Aid Measure: Pelosi Seeks Talks," The Associated Press, 6/26/2019](#))

"The margin of the Senate vote, 84-8, underscored Senate Republican contentions that only their bill stands a chance of obtaining the president's signature. 'The House has not made much progress toward actually making a law, just more resistance theater,' Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, said on the Senate floor Wednesday morning. 'The Senate has a better and more bipartisan way forward.'" ([Senate Approves \\$4.6 Billion For Border With Few Restrictions," The New York Times, 6/26/2019](#))

- "To make their point, Republican Senate leaders put the House's \$4.5 billion bill to a test vote; it failed, 37-55, with three Democrats voting against the measure. Seven Democrats, all presidential candidates, were not present ahead of the first Democratic debate in Miami Wednesday night." ([Senate Approves \\$4.6 Billion For Border With Few Restrictions," The New York Times, 6/26/2019](#))

"The strong bipartisan Senate vote was a rare moment of comity in Congress on the issue of immigration, which has divided the parties for decades. But the drastic need of assistance for federal agencies, nonprofits and nongovernment organizations working with migrants on the border led members of both parties to put aside the more contentious components of immigration and address the crisis at hand. None of the seven senators seeking the Democratic nomination for president were on hand for the vote because of the debate starting Wednesday night in Miami." ([Senate Passes Separate Version Of Emergency Border Funding Bill," NBC News, 6/26/2019](#))

Moderate House Democrats Support The Bipartisan Senate Border Funding Bill

"There is a strong sentiment within the moderate wing of the Democratic Caucus in the House, particularly vulnerable freshmen, that in light of the strongly bipartisan Senate border supplemental vote, House leadership should bring the Senate version of the bill up for a vote, according to a senior Democratic aide associated with the moderate wing. Several moderate freshmen approached leadership in the late afternoon Wednesday to communicate their interest in voting on the Senate bill, the aide said." ([Senate Approves Border Bill: Pelosi And Trump Talk Compromise," Roll Call, 6/26/2019](#))

"Some moderate lawmakers within Pelosi's own caucus want her to just bring the clean Senate bill up in the House for a vote, arguing that's the quickest route to getting a bill to Trump's desk and delivering billions of dollars in aid to address the influx of migrants straining federal resources at the border." ([House Heads Toward Vote On Amended Border Package, As Trump Signals Opposition," Politico, 6/27/2019](#))

The Partisan House Bill Was Defeated Soundly In The Senate And Faces A White House Veto

"Tuesday's House vote was not expected to garner significant Republican support. The White House announced it was opposed to the bill Monday, and House GOP leaders said they favored a competing bipartisan bill that passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on a 30-to-1 vote last week." ([House Passes \\$4.5 Billion Emergency Border Aid Bill With Provisions For The Treatment Of Migrant Children In U.S. Custody," The Washington Post, 6/25/2019](#))

- "To make their point, Republican Senate leaders put the House's \$4.5 billion bill to a test vote; it failed, 37-55, with three Democrats voting against the measure. Seven Democrats, all presidential candidates, were not present ahead of the first Democratic debate in Miami Wednesday night." ([Senate Approves \\$4.6 Billion For Border With Few Restrictions," The New York Times, 6/26/2019](#))

"The White House has already signaled that President Donald Trump would veto such a bill if it reached his desk, arguing that the legislation 'contains a number of problematic policy provisions that would hinder the administration's efforts to enforce our immigration laws and protect children.'" ([House Passes Border Aid Bill Despite White House Veto Threat," CNN, 6/26/2019](#))

The House Border Funding Bill Was Passed 'Almost Entirely Along Party Lines,' Designed To Appease Far-Left House Democrats

"The measure passed by a 230-195 vote mostly along party lines, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi tamping down a last-minute revolt by members of her party's progressive caucus who had sought, among other things, to ban private shelter contractors who failed to provide a basic level of food, hygiene items and medical care to migrants under their care." (["House Passes \\$4.5 Billion In Emergency Border Aid," NPR, 6/26/2019](#))

"A divided House voted on Tuesday to send \$4.5 billion in humanitarian aid to the border to address horrific conditions facing a crush of migrants, attaching significant rules on how the money could be spent in the first action by Democrats to rein in President Trump's immigration crackdown. But the package, which passed nearly along party lines only after Democratic leaders toughened restrictions on the money to win over liberal skeptics, faces a tough path to enactment. A similar measure with many fewer strings binding Mr. Trump has drawn bipartisan support in the Senate." (["House Approves Border Aid, Seeking To Curb Trump's Crackdown," The New York Times, 6/25/2019](#))

"The \$4.5 billion package for the border, passed through the House almost entirely along party lines, includes strict conditions requiring private detention facilities to meet certain standards of care, or else risk losing their government contracts. It marks the second time in two days that progressive leaders forced changes to the legislation, despite reluctance to give Trump any funds for his immigration agenda. The House package does not address provisions in asylum law, which the White House has blamed for the influx of migrants." (["Trump Accuses Democrats Of Inaction On Border Security Hours After House Passes Funding Bill," Politico, 6/26/2019](#))

Speaker Pelosi 'Faced A Mini-Rebellion In Her Ranks' As Liberal Democrats 'Push[ed] Legislation To The Left'

"Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California faced a mini-rebellion in her ranks over the aid measure, with many liberals and Hispanic lawmakers arguing that any bill that sent money to the agencies that have carried out Mr. Trump's harsh immigration tactics would enable his agenda. Democratic leaders won over many of their reluctant colleagues by tacking on additional health and safety standards and requirements for children and adults held by the government, as well as time limits for holding unaccompanied minors. Republicans were almost uniformly opposed to the bill, which they said contained too many restrictions on the power of immigration agencies and inadequate funding." (["House Approves Border Aid, Seeking To Curb Trump's Crackdown," The New York Times, 6/25/2019](#))

- "The changes illustrated the power that members of the party's liberal wing is now wielding to push legislation to the left. Some said they would not vote to send one cent to the agencies that have carried out the president's harsh immigration policies, even with strings attached to rein in those policies and even if the package is intended to help vulnerable women and children living in badly overcrowded, squalid shelters." (["House Approves Border Aid, Seeking To Curb Trump's Crackdown," The New York Times, 6/25/2019](#))
- "Efforts to meet liberal demands only bolstered House Republican and White House opposition to a spending bill that Mr. Trump initially requested. But they succeeded in getting the measure through the House, sparing Democrats an embarrassing and politically damaging floor defeat." (["House Approves Border Aid, Seeking To Curb Trump's Crackdown," The New York Times, 6/25/2019](#))

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ICYMI from the President this morning:

"House Republicans should support the TWO YEAR BUDGET AGREEMENT which greatly helps our Military and our Vets. I am totally with you!"

<https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1154375992938549248>

Please see the Leader's morning remarks below on the caps deal.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
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Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal Will Provide for the Common Defense

'Pentagon leaders need stable, reliable, and sufficient resources. The greatest military on Earth should not drift in uncertainty. Our servicemembers deserve better than a string of funding crises and continuing resolutions. Our commanders need predictable resources and sufficient resources to lay the foundations for the future of our national defense. Servicemembers deserve to deploy armed with state-of-the-art training and cutting-edge equipment. Their families deserve the best support services the nation can offer.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the deal reached by the Trump Administration and Speaker Pelosi to avoid a government funding crisis:

"Today, we expect the House of Representatives will pass the two-year government funding agreement that the Trump Administration and Speaker Pelosi announced earlier this week. I stand with the president, who has publicly expressed his support for the agreement several times. And I am grateful to the members of his administration who led the negotiations -- Secretary Mnuchin, Acting Chief of Staff Mulvaney, and Acting OMB Director Vought.

"Considering the circumstances of divided government, this is a good deal. After the House approves it today with bipartisan support, I expect the Senate to do the same next week. It's a good deal because it achieves the number-one goal on the Republican side of the aisle: Providing for the common defense. Continuing our progress in rebuilding the armed forces of the United States and modernizing them so they can continue to keep Americans safe and project power for years to come. This has been a top shared priority for this Republican Senate and this Republican White House for two and a half years.

"Pentagon leaders need stable, reliable, and sufficient resources. The greatest military on Earth

should not drift in uncertainty. Our servicemembers deserve better than a string of funding crises and continuing resolutions. Our commanders need predictable resources and sufficient resources to lay the foundations for the future of our national defense. Servicemembers deserve to deploy armed with state-of-the-art training and cutting-edge equipment. Their families deserve the best support services the nation can offer. And the nation as a whole deserves a global presence that is up to snuff and competitive with the leaps forward in which our adversaries have invested heavily.

“That’s why we’ve delivered historic increases in resources for modernization and DoD reforms -- to ensure the U.S. military is strong and agile enough to confront a growing number of threats to America and our interests. That’s why just a few months ago, we authorized the largest year-on-year increase in defense funding in more than a decade. And now this funding agreement is the next step forward in that process. Every member of this body knows the threats we face are serious and getting more serious.

“The resurgence of great power competition with nations like Russia and China. The destabilizing influence of state-sponsored terror and regional aggression from bad actors such as Iran. And the testing of historic alliances. Amidst the growing international chaos, the preeminent obligation of the United States government is to provide for the common defense. This agreement prioritizes that commitment to the safety and security of the American people. A nation that understands these threats and takes them seriously makes serious investments in the readiness of its own defenses today and the modernization that will preserve their strength into the future.

“For years, we’ve seen China extend its strategic reach, testing the waters of the Indo-Pacific region and beyond. We’ve watched its Communist leadership nearly double military spending in the last decade alone and push the boundaries in everything from offshore territorial claims to 5G technology. America’s edge is in jeopardy. Our allies in the Pacific are uneasy. And the administration’s budget agreement with the Speaker will allow America to ensure that our own foot stays on the gas pedal as well.

“Meanwhile, in the Middle East, we are confronted daily by escalating threats to our allies and interests. State-sponsored terror and proxy actions are becoming bolder. “Grey-zone” activity in places like the Straits of Hormuz is raising the economic and geopolitical stakes of Iran’s meddling. From Syria to Crimea, Russia continues to stretch its legs. Not since the height of the Soviet Union have we seen Moscow this focused on extending influence beyond its borders. And all over the world, historic alliances and partnerships like NATO need to be strengthened and renewed for this new landscape. Fortunately, in the coming days, we’ll have the opportunity to address all these areas — Europe, the Middle East, the Indo-Pacific, and beyond.

“That opportunity is this bipartisan spending agreement. So I’m grateful to the administration for ensuring that such robust funding for our national security is included in this package. It will make us safer worldwide and make needed investments in our facilities right here at home -- like Ft. Knox, Ft. Campbell, and the Blue Grass Army Depot, which Kentucky is proud to host. And what’s more, I commend the president’s team for firmly holding the line on the laundry list of left-wing policy riders that some House Democrats had sought to push throughout their partisan appropriations process.

“We’re talking about far-left wish list items. Things like reversing the Trump Administration’s decision and getting Title X taxpayer dollars flowing back into the pockets of Planned Parenthood. Weakening the conscience rights of health care professionals. Removing protections for the Second Amendment. And efforts that would have weakened ICE and de-funded the president’s efforts to secure our border.

“These are just some of the policy riders the far-left had hoped to smuggle into the appropriations process – perhaps using the full faith and credit of the United States as leverage. But the administration froze all of them out. They shepherded an agreement that delivers on our most basic responsibility to the American people. They set the stage to provide for the common defense. Today, it’s the House’s turn to follow through. And then, in the near future, it will be ours.”

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FYI on the Leader's morning remarks on the caps deal, below.

Also ICYMI from last night: 1) The President mentioned caps, below; 2) Attached from the whip's office, a short summary of the caps deal.



Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)

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Budget Deal gives great victories to our Military and Vets, keeps out Democrat poison pill riders. Republicans and Democrats in Congress need to act ASAP and support this deal.

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Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal Will Restore Readiness of Our Armed Forces

'So the importance of this funding agreement is not simply our ability to provide for the upkeep and regular maintenance on our military as it currently exists. We are also talking about building the United States military of the future. Research, development, and modernization, so that our nation and our servicemembers are equipped to keep America safe and project power as necessary for years and decades to come. In my view, this grave responsibility should be a top, top priority on both sides of the aisle. And this funding agreement will allow us to get it done.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the deal reached by the Trump Administration and Speaker Pelosi to avoid a government funding crisis:

“Earlier this week, the Trump Administration and Speaker Pelosi reached an agreement to avoid a government funding crisis and provide for our armed forces. In the tough circumstances of divided government, they achieved the kind of deal that our national defense needs. The two-year funding agreement will secure the resources we need to continue restoring the readiness of our armed forces and modernizing them to meet the 21st-century challenges that face our nation.

“As I mentioned yesterday, I always find it curious when our Democratic colleagues take the negotiating position that funding critical Pentagon missions and providing for the common defense

are partisan Republican priorities. They act like only Republicans want a modern, ready military, such that our spending on national defense needs to be matched up with other spending in order to make it palatable to Democrats. Well, in one sense, my Republican colleagues and I will proudly say '*guilty as charged.*'

"Yes, we absolutely prioritize the national defense and the U.S. military. Yes, we prioritize keeping Americans safe. This is the fundamental obligation of the U.S. government. Over the past two and a half years, it's been a Republican president who has sought to reverse the previous eight years of decline in defense. It's been Republicans here in Congress who have prioritized rebuilding our national defense after the Obama Administration's neglect and atrophy.

"And thanks to the Trump Administration's tough negotiating, this deal will secure a larger increase in defense funding than in non-defense programs relative to current law. Better than parity for defense. I doubt members need any reminding about why these investments are so critical, but if they do, every day's newspapers make the case loud and clear. For years, our adversaries have methodically stepped up their incursions and aggressions. They want to chip away at the peaceful rules-based international order that American leadership has helped establish and preserve.

"Between 2009 and 2018, the Chinese Communist Party increased its military spending by 83%. Talk about a build-up. The Chinese nearly doubled their military spending in less than a decade. And this is just the PRC's publicly acknowledged funding. These numbers have very real implications. When China gets a leg up in terms of readiness or technology, they're able to hold a greater number of U.S. and allied forces at risk. They're able to push their air and maritime control further into the Indo-Pacific region, increasing hegemonic control and effectively pushing the United States and our allies back.

"So the importance of this funding agreement is not simply our ability to provide for the upkeep and regular maintenance on our military as it currently exists. We are also talking about building the United States military of the future. Research, development, and modernization, so that our nation and our servicemembers are equipped to keep America safe and project power as necessary for years and decades to come. In my view, this grave responsibility should be a top, top priority on both sides of the aisle. And this funding agreement will allow us to get it done.

"I'm proud that it will meet the pressing needs of servicemembers stationed at installations around the country — like Fort Campbell, Fort Knox, and the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky. So the deal will secure sorely-needed investment in the national defense. And it contains none of the far-left poison pills that House Democrats had sought, like going backwards on the issue of life or stripping away rightful presidential authorities. In divided government, that's what we call a good deal. And the Senate will vote on it before the end of next week."

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BIPARTISAN BUDGET AGREEMENT OF 2019 SUMMARY

Bipartisan Budget Agreement of 2019 sets topline discretionary spending caps for FY 2020 and 2021, with Defense spending set at total of \$738 billion in FY20, growing to \$740.5 in FY21, and Non-Defense set at \$632 billion in FY20 and \$634.5 billion in FY21.

These amounts include Defense OCO funding at \$71.5 billion in FY20 and \$69 billion in FY21, and Non-Defense OCO at \$8 billion each year, as well as a one-time \$2.5 billion cap adjustment for the 2020 decennial census funding in FY20.

Spending increases are relatively restrained. While spending will increase at roughly 4% from FY19 to FY20, spending will be virtually flat between FY20 and FY21, growing at just 0.4%.

For the total 2-year deal, total spending will only increase an average of 2% per year.

The bill also suspends the statutory debt limit through July 31, 2021.

The Budget Control Act mandatory sequester and customs user fees are extended to 2029 in order to offset \$77.4 billion as scored by CBO.

Budget Enforcement

The bill contains several key enforcement provisions:

- Allows the Senate Budget Committee to deem budget levels for 2020 and 2021. (This does not preclude the body from moving a budget for the 2021 cycle.)
- Extends the advanced appropriations points of order in both bodies and the Senate's CHIMP (Changes in Mandatory Programs) point of order through 2021 at the current \$15 billion limit.
- Removes balances from OMB's PAYGO scorecard and prevents the direct spending savings created in this bill from being recorded on either OMB's scorecard or the Senate's scorecard. By preventing the bill's budgetary effects from being included on the scorecards, the measure is preventing savings from the offsets from being used in the future.

Terms of the Agreement

As part of the agreement, bipartisan Congressional Leadership and the administration have agreed to prohibit attempts to alter current policy on major topics, like Hyde amendment protections on abortion funding or immigration law enforcement, via the FY20 and FY21 appropriations process.

This includes both a prohibition on removing current-law riders or adding new poison pills.

Leaders also agree not to engage in new gimmicks to increase total spending allowed under the caps, and to maintain current levels of transfer authority vested with the administration.

Finally, the agreement commits all sides to working to avoid an omnibus or a government shutdown.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 29, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The following is the hearing schedule for the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the week of July 29, 2019.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE (*Susan Collins, Chairman*)

A hearing titled “Oversight of the Federal Aviation Administration”

9:45 a.m., Room 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witnesses:

Mr. Carl Burleson
Acting Deputy Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration

Mr. Ali Bahrami
Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety
Federal Aviation Administration

Ms. Winsome Lenfert
Deputy Associate Administrator for Airports
Federal Aviation Administration

Ms. Angela Stubblefield
Deputy Associate Administrator for Security/Hazardous Materials Safety
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Well over half of the Republican conference for both cloture and passage. Thank you for your support. This bill heads to the White House.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019 AT 12:42 PM

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 (H.R. 3877)

Passed, 67-28:

H.R.3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019.

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FYI on summary of today's session.

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Wrap Up Memo

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019 AT 07:00 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #205, Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Confirmed (54-36)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Confirmed (50-40)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #232, Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Confirmed (51-39)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #345, Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Confirmed (54-36)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #350, Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Confirmed (87-3)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #364, William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed (56-34)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #402, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations. Confirmed (56-34)

Wrap Up:

H.R.639 – National Urban Search and Rescue Response System
H.R.3245 – Wabash River Bridge
S.2052 – Colonel Charles E. McGee
H.Con.Res.53 – Emancipation Hall

S.Res.263 – 100th Anniversary of the American Legion
S.Res.294 – Airborne Day
S.Res.295 – Campus Fire Safety
S.Res.285 – School Bus Safety
H.R.776 – Emergency Medical Services for Children
S.Res.300 – National Public Health Week
S.Res.301 – Indiana Rangers
S.Res.302 – Child Awareness
S.Con.Res.24 – Food and Nutrition Service
Cal. #127, H.R.1079 – CASES Act

Executive Session:

Executive Calendar #48, Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. (voice vote)
Executive Calendar #55, John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. (voice vote)
Executive Calendar #351, Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. (voice vote)

Military Promotions:

COAST GUARD

Cal. #370 – the following to be Rear Admiral:
Rear Adm. (lh) Melvin W. Bouboulis
Rear Adm. (lh) Donna L. Cottrell
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. Johnston
Rear Adm. (lh) Eric C. Jones
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael P. Ryan
Cal. #393 – Rear Adm. Todd C. Weimers to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half)

AIR FORCE

Cal. #376 – Maj. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #377 – Lt. Gen. Bryan P. Fenton to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #378 – Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Place to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #379 - Col. Robert T. Wooldridge, II to be Brigadier General

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #380 – Maj. Gen. David G. Bellon to be Lieutenant General

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS, and NAVY.

FOREIGN SERVICE

Cal. #408 - The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States Agency for International Development for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:
Jennifer M. Adams

Jeffrey N. Bakken
Susan F. Fine
Susan Kosinski Fritz
Lawrence Hardy, II
Sarah-Ann Lynch

Cal. #409 - The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service of the United States Agency for Global Media, Broadcasting Board of Governors, for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service to the class indicated: Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, and a Consular Officer and a Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

William S. Martin

Cal. #410 - The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service of the United States Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General, for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Minister-Counselor:

Christine Byrne
Robert Mason

Cal. #412 - The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:

James J. Higgiston
Bobby G. Richey, Jr.

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

Thursday, August 1st:

The Senate will convene at 9:30 am. The Senate will proceed to consideration of H.R.3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019.

At approximately 11:00 am, the Senate will proceed to up to four roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019:

1. Adoption of Paul amendment #932 (60 vote threshold)
2. Motion to invoke cloture on H.R.3877
3. (Possible) Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R.3877
4. Passage of H.R.3877 (as amended, if amended)

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Wrap Up Memo

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019 AT 05:25 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Confirmed (55-39)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #175, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia. Confirmed (54-40)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Jamaica. Confirmed (66-26)

Wrap Up:

Cal. #152, S.1694 – Human Heritage in Space with Peters amendment
S.Con.Res.19 – Apollo 11

Rule XIV:

H.R.748 – Cadillac Tax
H.R.582 – Minimum Wage

Monday, July 22nd:

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Esper nomination.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.
 2. Executive Calendar #371, Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.
 3. Executive Calendar #45, Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
 4. Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.
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Tuesday, July 23rd:

At 12:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar ##371, Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Further, at 2:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R.1327, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act:

1. Lee amendment #928 (60 vote threshold)
 2. Paul amendment #929 (60 vote threshold)
 3. Passage of H.R.1327 (as amended, if amended)
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Wrap Up Memo

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019 AT 06:56 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Confirmed (56-40)

Motion to invoke cloture on Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Invoked (94-1)

Adoption of Paul amendment #924 in relation to Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Not agreed to (4-92)

Adoption of Paul amendment #921 in relation to Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Not agreed to (4-92)

Ratification of Treaties Cal. #1, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Ratified (94-2)

Wrap Up:

Cal. #139, S.Res.198 – Brunei
Cal. #76, S.375 – Payment Integrity Info Act
Cal. #103, S.Res.74 – Ukraine with Portman amendments

Rule XIV:

H.R.1327 - 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund Act

Wednesday, July 17th:

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Treaties Cal. #2, Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.

At 11:00 am, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #2.
 2. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #3, the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan.
 3. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #4, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg.
- At 2:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
 2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #175, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.
 3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Jamaica.
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Wrap Up Memo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019 AT 03:54 PM

Cloakroom Wrap Up

Roll Call Votes:

Adoption of Paul amendment #932 to H.R.3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019. Not agreed to (23-70)

Motion to invoke cloture on H.R.3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019. Invoked (67-27)

Passage of H.R.3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019. Passed (67-28)

Wrap Up:

Cal. #44, S.394 – Presidential Transition Enhancement
Cal. #54, S.862 – Small Business Disaster Loans w/ Kennedy Amendment
S.Res.304 – Workforce Development
S.Res.305 – Estuaries Week
H.R.2336 – Family Farmer Relief
H.R.2938 – HAVEN Act
H.R.3304 – National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Ext.
H.R.3311 – Small Business Reorganization

Executive Session:

NAVY

Cal. #421- Vice Adm. Michael M. Gilday for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations.

COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Cal. #57 - M. Miller Baker, of Louisiana, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Cal. #58 - Timothy M. Reif, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Cal. #296 - Randolph J. Stayin, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2026.

Cal. #297 - Amy Karpel, of Washington, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2023.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

PN 892 - Matthew Keenan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020.

PN 492 - Julie Reiskin, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019. (Reappointment)

PN 154 - Robert J. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

PN 159 - Abigail L. Kuzma, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

PN 160 - Abigail L. Kuzma, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2022. (Reappointment)

PN 161 - John G. Levi, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

PN 163 - John G. Malcolm, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020

PN 164 - Frank X. Neuner, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

PN 165 - Frank X. Neuner, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2022. (Reappointment)

PN 167 - Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020. (Reappointment)

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Cal. #241 - Ron A. Bloom, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2020.

Cal. #242 - Roman Martinez IV, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2024.

Cal. #338 - John McLeod Barger, of California, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2021.

UNITED STATES POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Cal. #391 - Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal

Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2024.

Cal. #392 - Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2024.

HELP COMMITTEE

Cal. #80 - Mark Schultz, of Nebraska, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Cal. #413 - Sharon Fast Gustafson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

Cal. #414 – Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

NATIONAL COUNCIL HUMANITIES

Cal. #68 - Kathe Hicks Albrecht, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Cal. #70 - Keegan F. Callanan, of Vermont, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Cal. #71 - David Armand DeKeyser, of Alabama, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26.

Cal. #72 - Kim R. Holmes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Cal. #75 - Phyllis Kaminsky, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Cal. #79 - Jean M. Yarbrough, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 10 - Marjorie Fisher Furman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 7 - Russell A. Berman, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 8 - William English, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

PN 9 - John Fonte, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 11 - Claire Griffin, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 13 - Adair Margo, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

PN 14 - Matthew Rose, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

PN 16 - Noel Valis, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 15 - William Schneider, Jr., of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 12 - Joyce Malcolm, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

PN 172 – Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years

FEDERAL MARSHAL

Cal. #366 - Wilmer Ocasio, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Cal. #114 - Thomas McCaffery, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

FEDERAL PROCUREMENT

Cal. #245 - Michael Eric Wooten, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

PN 21 - Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

PN 563 - Michael J.K. Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

PN 963 - Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of three years. (Reappointment)

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Cal. #373 - Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

DC SUPERIOR COURT

Cal. #243 - James A. Crowell IV, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #244 - Jason Park, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #388 - Rainey R. Brandt, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Cal. #389 - Shana Frost Matini, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cal. #293 - Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #158 - Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #7 - Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Cal. #115 - Lisa M. Schenck, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Military Commission Review.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Cal. #178 - Kenneth S. George, of Texas, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Cal. #181 - W. Patrick Murphy, of Vermont, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Cal. #395 - Richard K. Bell, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Cal. #397 - Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Cal. #400 - Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Mexican States.

Cal. #401 - Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Libya.

Cal. #404 - Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Colombia.

Cal. #405 - Jessica E. Lapenn, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Cal. #406 - Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Cal. #361 - Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Cal. #337 - William B. Kilbride, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2023.

Monday, September 9th:

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #403, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Craft nomination.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

1. Executive Calendar #403, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.
2. Executive Calendar #5, Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.
3. Cal. #174 - Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador.
4. Executive Calendar #246, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.
5. Executive Calendar #294, James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
6. Executive Calendar #333, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2020. (Reappointment).
7. Executive Calendar #335, Thomas Peter Feddo, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security. (New Position)
8. Executive Calendar #407, Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Please note, the Senate will convene for pro forma session only with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Friday, August 2nd at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, August 6th at 9:00 am

Friday, August 9th at 9:00 am

Tuesday, August 13th at 12:30 pm

Friday, August 16th at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, August 20th at 9:00 am

Friday, August 23rd at 9:15 am

Tuesday, August 27th at 10:00 am

Friday, August 30th at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 pm

Friday, September 6th at 8:30 am

Please also note, the Senate will have a Committee reporting period on August 16th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

At a time and date to be determined, the Senate will vote on Cal. #102, S.1340, Ebola Eradication. Further, the only amendment in order will be Lee amendment #935 (60 vote threshold).

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All Rs present in support except for two nays.

All Ds in support except for three.

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Vote Result

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 AT 07:12 PM

The conference report accompanying the first minibus appropriations bill (H.R. 5895)

Adopted, 92-5:

Conference report accompanying H.R. 5895, the first minibus appropriations bill.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

Alexander Charow, Floor Monitor
SRC

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Morning! FYI on votes and wrapup yesterday.

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Whip Notice

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019 AT 04:30 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will reconvene at 5:00 am and resume consideration of Udall amendment #883.

Immediately following the prayer and pledge, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on Udall amendment #883 (60 vote threshold), notwithstanding passage of S.1790, NDAA, as amended.

Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Motion to invoke cloture on substitute amendment #764, as modified, to S.1790, NDAA.
Invoked (87-7)

Adoption of Romney amendment #861 in relation to S.1790, NDAA. Adopted (90-4)

Adoption of substitute amendment #764 (as modified), as amended, to S.1790, NDAA.
Adopted (by Voice Vote)

Passage of S.1790, NDAA, as amended. Passed (86-8)

Wrap Up:

H.R.2940 - TANF Extension

S.2047 - 2 Week Mental Health Extension

S.Res.270 - Stonewall 50th

S.Res.271 - Collector Car Appreciation Day

Cal #38, S.50 - Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act with Hoeven Amendment

Cal #63, S.212 - Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2019 with Hoeven Amendment

Cal #110, S.832 - Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon
Cal #37, S.46 - Klamath Tribe Judgement Fund Repeal Act
Cal #33, S.99 - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act
Cal #73, S.209 - PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act
Cal, #34, S.216 - Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act
Cal #41, S.224 - Tanana Tribal Council and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
Cal #42, S.256 - Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act
Cal #49, S.257 - Tribal HUD-VASH Act of 2019
Cal #64, S.294 - Native American Business Incubators Program Act
S.Res.220 - PTSD Awareness

Executive Session:

MILITARY PROMOTIONS

NAVY

Cal. #300 - Rear Adm. (lh) Gene F. Price to be Rear Admiral

Cal. #301 – The following to be Rear Admiral:

Rear Adm. (lh) Shawn E. Duane

Rear Adm. (lh) Scott D. Jones

Rear Adm. (lh) John B. Mustin

Rear Adm. (lh) John A. Schommer

Cal. #302 - Rear Adm. (lh) Alan J. Reyes to be Rear Admiral

Cal. #303 - Rear Adm. (lh) Troy M. McClelland to be Rear Admiral

ARMY

Cal. #304 - Maj. Gen. Charles A. Flynn to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #305 - Capt. Mark E. Moritz to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #306 - Capt. Christopher A. Asselta to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #307 - Capt. Michael T. Curran to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #308 - Capt. Leslie E. Reardanz, III to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #309 – The following to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half):

Capt. Kenneth R. Blackmon

Capt. Robert C. Nowakowski

Capt. Thomas S. Wall

Capt. Larry D. Watkins

Cal. #310 – The following to be Rear Admiral (lower half):

Capt. Scott K. Fuller

Capt. Michael J. Steffen

Cal. #311 - Capt. Paula D. Dunn to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

Cal. #312 - Capt. Pamela C. Miller to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

AIR FORCE

Cal. #313 – Gen. John W. Raymond to be General

ARMY

Cal. #314 – Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera to be General

Cal. #315 – Maj. Gen. Michael E. Kurilla to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Cal. #316 – Rear Adm. Ricky L. Williamson to be Vice Admiral

Cal. #317 – Capt. Philip W. Yu to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

AIR FORCE

Cal. #318 – Col. Arthur P. Wunder to be Brigadier General

ARMY

Cal. #319 – Col. William Green, Jr. to be Brigadier General

NAVY

Cal. #320 – Vice Adm. Phillip G. Sawyer to be Vice Admiral

ARMY

Cal. #321 – Lt. Gen. Eric P. Wendt to be Lieutenant General

Cal. #322 – Brig. Gen. Michael R. Berry to be Major General

Cal. #323 – Brig. Gen. Michel M. Russell, Sr. to be Major General

Cal. #324 – the following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Joseph L. Biehler

Brig. Gen. William B. Blaylock, II

Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Bouchard

Brig. Gen. Paul B. Chauncey, III

Brig. Gen. Johanna P. Clyborne

Brig. Gen. William J. Edwards

Brig. Gen. Lee M. Ellis

Brig. Gen. Pablo Estrada, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Lapthe C. Flora

Brig. Gen. Troy D. Galloway

Brig. Gen. Lee W. Hopkins

Brig. Gen. Marvin T. Hunt

Brig. Gen. Mark C. Jackson

Brig. Gen. Richard F. Johnson

Brig. Gen. Tim C. Lawson

Brig. Gen. Kevin D. Lyons

Brig. Gen. Michael A. Mitchell

Brig. Gen. Michel A. Natali

Brig. Gen. Chad J. Parker

Brig. Gen. Gregory C. Porter

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey D. Smiley

Brig. Gen. David N. Vesper

Cal. #325 – Capt. Huan T. Nguyen to be Rear Admiral (lower half)

And all nomination on the Secretary's Desk in the AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS and NAVY.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Executive Calendar #295, Christopher Scolese, of New York, to be Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Executive Calendar #330, Gary B. Burman, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Executive Calendar #331, William D. Hyslop, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of four years.

Executive Calendar #332, Randall P. Huff, of Wyoming, to be United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Executive Calendar #113, Veronica Daigle, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Executive Calendar #342, Robert Wallace, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Executive Calendar #199, Aimee Kathryn Jorjani, of Wisconsin, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2021.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Executive Calendar #121, Lane Genatowski, of New York, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy, Department of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Executive Calendar #180, Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of El Salvador.

Executive Calendar #219, David Michael Satterfield, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD

Executive Calendar #109, Aditya Bamzai, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2020.

Executive Calendar #110, Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2022.

Executive Calendar #360, Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2025.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: HOUSE FLOOR SCHEDULE UPDATE
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:18:54 PM

FYI – bill papers for the Senate border supplemental, passed overwhelmingly 84-8, are over in the House. Any action for passage will need to be taken in a bipartisan fashion by the House.

Also FYI in case you missed it, by Bloomberg:



Erik Wasson (@elwasson)

[6/26/19, 5:38 PM](#)

Moderate House Democrats are pushing Pelosi to put the Senate border bill on the floor for votes says an aide. They warb Congress cannot leave DC without addressing migrant crisis

From: Majority Leader <floor@majorityleader.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:04 PM
To: Lee, Jane (McConnell) (b) (6) @mccconnell.senate.gov>
Subject: FLOOR SCHEDULE UPDATE



Members are advised that no additional votes will occur in the House tonight.

Members are further advised that on Thursday, June 27th, additional legislative items may be considered in the House, including legislation related to the Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act. Votes may occur later than previously expected tomorrow.

Further information regarding timing of votes tomorrow will be announced at a later time.

If you have any questions please contact: Shuwanza Goff, Ray Salazar, or Deborah Rowe at 5-3130.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: House Passes Senate Bipartisan Border Supplemental Appropriations Package
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019 5:27:54 PM
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From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <Gop_Press@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 5:21 PM
To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: House Passes Senate Bipartisan Border Supplemental Appropriations Package

Shelby letterhead



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 27, 2019

CONTACT:
[Blair Taylor](#)

HOUSE PASSES SENATE BIPARTISAN BORDER SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today released the following statement regarding passage of the Senate’s [border security supplemental appropriations bill](#) in the House of Representatives, which was agreed to by a vote of 305-102.

“I am pleased that the House chose to take up and pass our bipartisan border supplemental package, which was overwhelmingly agreed to in the Senate. This is a solid bill with no poison pills from either party. I thank my colleagues in the House and Senate – on both sides of the aisle – for coming together to provide these needed resources in the midst of a real, escalating humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border. Congress had no excuse to leave town without getting this done.”

The [legislation](#), which passed the Senate Appropriations Committee [last week](#) by a vote of 30-1 and the full Senate [yesterday](#) by a vote of 84-8, provides a total of \$4.59 billion to address the border crisis and contains no poison-pill riders. The package will now be sent to the President’s desk for his signature.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: House Should Pass Bipartisan Senate Humanitarian Funding Bill
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019 10:07:20 AM
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Leader announced this morning that the Senate would move to table Pelosi's partisan amendment to the bipartisan Senate border aid package should she succeed in House passage. Here is the link to the text that was reported out of House Rules this morning:
<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-116HR3401EAS-RCP116-21.pdf>

Some top differences, per Senate Appropriations, between the Pelosi amendment and the bipartisan Senate bill that passed yesterday, 84-8.

- Cuts (from Senate bill level) DoD by \$123M and ICE by \$80M, denying badly needed resources to carry out and support front-line efforts to secure the border.
- Expands the Flores settlement, imposing its terms on influx facilities. This dramatic policy change will hamstring administrative efforts to respond to migrant surges and will make it more likely that UACs will be housed in CBP processing facilities that are not designed to house children.
- Mandates CBP adoption of standards that would, for example, require the release of criminal aliens and put children at risk.

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 10:01 AM
Subject: House Should Pass Bipartisan Senate Humanitarian Funding Bill



For Immediate Release, Thursday, June 27, 2019
Contacts: David Popp, Doug Andres
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2NegF4P>
YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2LsXhi9>

House Should Pass Bipartisan Senate Humanitarian Funding Bill

'The United States Senate is not going to pass a border funding bill that cuts the

money for ICE and the Department of Defense. It's not going to happen. We already have our compromise. The Shelby-Leahy Senate bill is the only game in town... It's time to make a law. I urge my colleagues across the Capitol to take up the clean, bipartisan bill that the Senate passed 84 to 8 and send it on for President Trump's signature without any more unnecessary delays.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

"Eight weeks ago, the administration sent Congress an urgent request for humanitarian money for the border. For eight weeks, we've seen evidence nearly every day that the conditions have been getting worse. But during all this time our House Democratic colleagues have been unable to produce a clean measure to provide this humanitarian funding with any chance of becoming law. The proposal they finally passed this week was way to the left of the mainstream. The president made it clear it would earn a veto, not a signature. Even so, in an abundance of fairness, the Senate voted on Speaker Pelosi's effort, poison-pill riders and all. It earned just 37 votes.

"Fortunately, we do have a chance to make law this week on a hugely bipartisan basis. Yesterday the Senate advanced a clean, simple humanitarian funding bill by a huge margin. Thanks to Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy, this bipartisan package sailed through the Appropriations Committee, 30 to one. And yesterday it passed the full Senate – listen to this – 84 to 8. We sent that clean bill over to the House by a vote of 84 to 8. The Shelby-Leahy legislation has unified the Appropriations Committee. It has unified the Senate. The administration would sign it into law. So all our House colleagues need to do to help the men, women, and children on the border this week is pass this unifying bipartisan bill and send it on to the president.

"For weeks, we have heard our House Democratic colleagues speak a lot about the poor conditions, the overstretched facilities, the insufficient supplies. Today, our bill gives them the chance to actually do something about it. Now, I understand that instead of moving forward with this bipartisan bill, Speaker Pelosi is signaling she may choose to drag out the process even more, and might persist in some variety of the left-wing demands that caused the House bill to fail dramatically in the Senate yesterday.

"I understand that some of the further changes the House Democrats are discussing may be unobjectionable things the Trump administration may be able to secure for them administratively. But it is crystal-clear, that some of these new demands would drag this bipartisan bill way back to the left and jeopardize the Shelby-Leahy consensus product that unified the Senate and is so close to becoming law.

"For example: I understand that House Democrats may ask the Speaker to insist on — listen to this — cutting the supplemental funding for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Defense. In the middle of this historic surge on the border, they want to claw back some of this badly-needed money from the men and women on the front lines. It looks like these cuts would represent pay cuts to ICE staff, including pay that people have already earned, and cuts to the money for investigating child trafficking.

"Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy have already reached a bipartisan agreement. Both sides have already compromised. We are standing at the five-yard line. And yet apparently, some in the House want to dig back into that 'Abolish ICE' playbook and throw a far-left partisan wrench into the whole thing. Well, let me be perfectly clear. I am glad the Speaker and the administration are discussing some of these outstanding issues. But if House Democrats send the Senate back some partisan effort to disrupt our bipartisan progress, we will simply move to table it.

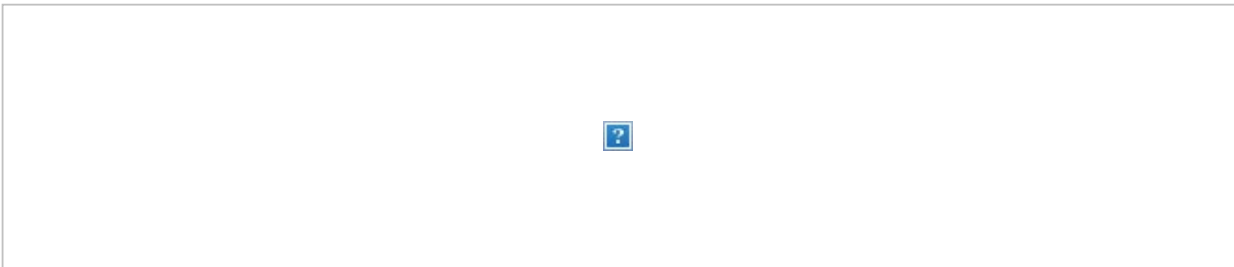
"The United States Senate is not going to pass a border funding bill that cuts the money for ICE and the Department of Defense. It's not going to happen. We already have our compromise. The Shelby-Leahy Senate bill is the only game in town. It's time to quit playing games. It's time to make a law. I urge my colleagues across the Capitol to take up the clean, bipartisan bill that the Senate passed 84 to 8 and send it on for President Trump's signature without any more unnecessary delays."

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: ICYMI: Highlights Of Administration-Pelosi Bipartisan Budget Deal
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Subject: ICYMI: Highlights Of Administration-Pelosi Bipartisan Budget Deal



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Scott Sloofman 202.228.NEWS
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ICYMI: Highlights Of Administration-Pelosi Bipartisan Budget Deal

[Washington Post](#): "Trump announces support for two-year bipartisan budget deal..."

"Trump lauds deal with no 'poison pills'"

"Also as part of the deal, Democratic leaders agreed not to include controversial policy changes, known as 'riders,' in future spending bills. Those measures, which can be tied to hot-button issues such as abortion and immigration, can imperil spending legislation. Opponents of these measures often call them "poison pills."

"There will be no poison pills, additional new riders . . . or other changes in policy or conventions," congressional leaders wrote in an outline of the deal."

[Wall Street Journal](#): "White House and Congress Reach Deal on Spending, Debt Ceiling"

"Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R., Ky.) said he was encouraged by the deal, adding that it 'secures the resources we need to keep rebuilding our armed forces.' He said he intended to have the Senate vote on it before the chamber departs for recess."

[CNN](#): "Trump, congressional leaders clinch sweeping deal on budget and debt ceiling"

"But along with the significant boost to defense spending, the President and administration officials touted an agreement to limit policy riders in future spending bills and didn't include a commitment that the administration would halt efforts to fund its border wall through re-programming of appropriated funds."

[Fox News](#): "Trump announces 'real compromise' on budget deal..."

"The Trump administration and congressional leaders, including Democrats, have reached a critical debt and budget agreement that all but eliminates the risk of another government shut down this fall..."

"'Poison pills' generally refers to undesirable attachments stuck onto budget bills, and in this context, Trump was likely referring to the fact that the budget compromise keeps the Hyde Amendment -- which bars government funding for most abortions -- intact. Additionally, the bill gives Trump latitude to fund border wall construction."

[The Hill](#): "Trump, Pelosi strike budget deal"

"The agreed-upon package includes enough sweeteners for both sides to claim victory, including a bump in defense spending — a top priority for Republicans..."

[The Hill](#): "Trump applauds two-year budget deal..."

"President Trump was the first to announce the accord between the sides, which he touted as 'another big victory to our Great Military and Vets,' calling the agreement 'a real compromise.' The deal also puts off another government shutdown after the 35-day partial closure earlier this year and the pending risk of default on U.S. debt."

[Politico](#): "Trump and congressional leaders reach sweeping budget agreement"

"But the deal also comes with new restrictions for Democrats in the next round of funding negotiations this fall: No 'poison pill' riders. Under the agreement, Democrats won't be able to push for policy priorities, like scrapping the so-called Hyde Amendment prohibition on using federal funds for abortion, or further restricting Trump's use of Pentagon money for his border wall project until legal challenges on the issue are resolved."

[Roll Call](#): "White House, Hill leaders agree on two-year budget deal"

"The agreement also includes language that the 12 annual spending bills won't include any policy riders or changes to transfer authority, such as the administration's ability to move money to Trump's border wall project, unless there is bipartisan agreement on those issues."

[Washington Times](#): "Trump, Congress reach deal..."

"President Trump and congressional leaders reached a deal Monday evening to boost spending by hundreds of billions of dollars, while carving out trillions of dollars in new debt space for future borrowing. The deal clears the path for Congress to write spending bills this year and next year, with increases in both defense and domestic spending."

[USA Today](#): "Donald Trump, congressional Democrats reach two-year budget deal..."

"McConnell said he intended to have the Senate vote on the agreement before the start of the annual August recess. McConnell said the Republicans' top priority was military funding."


[Vox](#): "Democrats and the White House strike a budget and debt ceiling deal"

"As budget deadline pressure builds, Congress and the White House have struck a budget deal, moving one step closer toward staving off an economic crisis."

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: McConnell on Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal: 'The Resources We Need to Keep Rebuilding our Armed Forces'
Date: Monday, July 22, 2019 6:19:48 PM
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[7/22/19, 5:44 PM](#)

I am pleased to announce that a deal has been struck with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy - on a two-year Budget and Debt Ceiling, with no poison pills....

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 6:13 PM
Subject: McConnell on Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal: 'The Resources We Need to Keep Rebuilding our Armed Forces'



For Immediate Release, Monday, July 22, 2019
Contacts: David Popp, Doug Andres
Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
Release: <https://bit.ly/2M59ucR>

McConnell on Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal: 'The Resources We Need to Keep Rebuilding our Armed Forces'

'I am very encouraged that the administration and Speaker Pelosi have reached a two-year funding agreement that secures the resources we need to keep rebuilding our armed forces...The next step is for both the House and the Senate to pass this bipartisan agreement so that President Trump can sign it into law. I intend for the Senate to vote on it before members depart for the August state work period.'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement regarding the president's announcement today that Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Speaker Nancy Pelosi have reached a budget deal:

"I am very encouraged that the administration and Speaker Pelosi have reached a two-year funding agreement that secures the resources we need to keep rebuilding our armed forces. This was our top objective: Continuing to restore the readiness of our armed forces and modernize our military to deter and defend against growing threats to our national security. That includes investing

in our facilities here at home, like Ft. Knox, Ft. Campbell, and the Blue Grass Army Depot, which my state of Kentucky is proud to host.

"I commend the President and his negotiating team who achieved this agreement: Secretary Mnuchin, Acting Chief of Staff Mulvaney, and Acting Director Vought. Congress and the Trump Administration have made enormous strides for our national defense over the past two years, but our work is not yet complete. While the reality of divided government means this is not exactly the deal Republicans would have written on our own, it is what we need to keep building on that progress.

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: McConnell on Emergency Funding for Border Crisis: We Must Pass This Measure This Week
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 1:43:25 PM
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FYI on the Leader's morning remarks, below.

Yesterday, the House passed its hyper-partisan border bill with only three Republicans in support. More Democrats voted against the measure than Republicans in favor of the House package. The President has threatened veto of House Democrats' efforts.

Here's the vote count:

Rs: 3-191

Ds: 227-4

The Senate bill in comparison was reported out on a bipartisan basis, 30-1, and includes funds for both DHS, DOD and DOJ border operations as well as humanitarian assistance.

A few points against the Pelosi bill from House Appropriations, as well, here:

Underfunds Immigration and Customs Enforcement

- Limits the authority of the Department of Homeland Security to surge employees to the border
- Cuts overtime payments for exhausted officers
- Provides no funds to investigate human traffickers smuggling unrelated children across the border

Provides No Funds for the Department of Defense

- No funds are included to support active duty and National Guard military personnel who are deployed to the border in support of Customs and Border Patrol operations

Does Not Provide Additional Funds for the Department of Justice

- Does not support immigration judge teams, courtrooms, and equipment

The Senate bill is the only bill that can become law before the July 4th recess. Please reach out to Senate Appropriations or myself for any questions. I'll be on the floor shortly.

Cell is 202-664-2810. Talk soon!

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 10:29 AM
Subject: McConnell on Emergency Funding for Border Crisis: We Must Pass This Measure This Week



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Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn
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McConnell on Emergency Funding for Border Crisis: We Must Pass This Measure This Week

‘... the House has not made much progress toward actually making a law. Just more “Resistance theater.” The Senate has a better and more bipartisan way forward. The bill negotiated by Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy won huge bipartisan support in committee. It’s a productive compromise that would go a long way to begin addressing the border crisis. No poison pills; just a clean bill to provide the emergency appropriations the White House requested two months ago. We have waited long enough to act. We should not wait any longer.’

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the humanitarian crisis at our southern border:

“First and foremost, the American people are continuing to hear elected officials talk a great deal about the humanitarian and security crisis on the southern border. Both sides of the aisle have talked a lot about this issue for the past two months. Here’s the difference: It’s Republicans who’ve actually supported giving the administration and the agencies the emergency funding they have begged for. Republicans have raised the alarm about the conditions on the border and have actually wanted to do something about it.

“Our Democratic colleagues have talked a lot about the issue, too. But for weeks and weeks, talk is all the House of Representatives has been willing to do. House Democrats have been consistently uncooperative and uninterested in anything except political posturing. They have talked endlessly about the suffering at the border but have resisted every effort to actually make a law and get help on the way.

“For eight weeks now, the men and women and children on our southern border have learned the hard way that ‘the Resistance’ does not pay the bills. The *New York Times* editorial board, of all places, wrote seven weeks ago, quote, ‘Congress, give Trump his border money.’ But week after week, from the House, nothing. First they objected to including the funding in the disaster bill. And now that they’ve finally passed something last night, it’s a go-nowhere proposal filled with poison-pill riders which the president would veto.

“They had to drag their bill way to the left to earn the support of most Democrats. As a result the House has not made much progress toward actually making a law. Just more ‘Resistance theater.’ The Senate has a better and more bipartisan way forward. The bill negotiated by Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy won huge bipartisan support in committee. It’s a productive compromise that would go a long way to begin addressing the border crisis. No poison pills; just a clean bill to provide the emergency appropriations the White House requested two months ago. We have waited long enough to act. We should not wait any longer. We must pass this measure this week.”

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: NDAA and Vote Timing Update
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 4:05:35 PM

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From: Cloakroom <subscriptions_cloakroom@rep-secretary.senate.gov>
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Subject: NDAA and Vote Timing Update

Hotline

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 AT 04:04 PM

NDAA and Vote Timing Update

The Leader would like to enter into a unanimous consent agreement on NDAA that would allow the following this week:

- Cloture vote on Senate amendment #764, as modified
- Cloture vote on S.1790, as amended, if amended
- A package of amendments agreed to by both Managers (would require a separate consent)
- Adoption of S.A. 764, as modified
- Passage of S. 1790, as amended
- Vote on Udall amendment #883 with a 60 vote threshold notwithstanding passage of the bill.

If you Senator would object to an agreement that would compress time and reorder these votes this week please phone the cloakroom.

Please note that exact vote timing will be announced when it is set. Senators will be notified as votes are scheduled.

Hotlines are sent from the Senate Republican Cloakroom using the telephone alert system. An email copy is sent to offices and posted on Trunkline 3.0 (<http://gop.senate.gov>) as a convenience, but primary notification will always come via telephone. If you have questions about Hotlines, unanimous consent items or other floor scheduling matters, please call the Cloakroom at (202) 224-6191. Please do not reply to this message.


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From: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: NEWS - Enzi Releases Ideas to Fix Broken Congressional Budget and Spending Process
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 5:44:30 PM
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From: Brenckle, Joe (Budget) <(b) (6)@budget.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 5:26 PM
Subject: NEWS - Enzi Releases Ideas to Fix Broken Congressional Budget and Spending Process

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MEDIA CONTACT:
SBC - Joe Brenckle | (b) (6)

Enzi Releases Ideas to Fix Broken Congressional Budget and Spending Process

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY) today released several proposals to fix America’s broken budget and spending process gleaned from hearings and meetings with members of Congress, state officials, the administration, and stakeholder groups. Enzi noted the proposals reflect suggestions from members of both sides of the aisle and from groups that span the political spectrum. He said these ideas are rooted in fixing our broken budget and spending process, and are in favor of a system that works for everyone.

“We can all agree that the current budget and spending system has broken down,” **said Chairman Enzi**. “I am hopeful that through this process, we will be able to reach bipartisan agreement to end the current dysfunction and put our country on a path toward a more sustainable fiscal future.”

Enzi released four proposals focused on budget and spending process reform:

- The **first proposal** would re-orient the budget process around long-term planning and shift the federal government to a biennial budgeting and spending system.
- The **second proposal** would boost congressional budget enforcement and help ensure that members of Congress and the leadership of each committee are held accountable for their fiscal decisions.
- The **third proposal** would ensure that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) continues to serve a vital role in the budget and legislative processes by increasing transparency in the agency’s estimating methods.
- The **fourth proposal** would improve how budget resolutions are considered on the Senate floor and would help ensure that the budget is considered in a deliberate but efficient manner.

“These ideas are focused on creating a durable system to sustainably manage our country’s finances, while also improving the fiscal transparency in Congress,” **Chairman Enzi said**. “They would also boost oversight and accountability in the budget process and help end the brinkmanship in the nation’s fiscal debates.”

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Joe Brenckle
Communications Director
Senate Budget Committee | Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY)
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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
To: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
Subject: FW: Roll Call Vote Forecast
Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:29:57 PM

FYI on timing for budget deal votes, tomorrow.

From: Cloakroom [mailto:subscriptions_cloakroom@rep-secretary.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 6:53 PM
Subject: Roll Call Vote Forecast

Vote Alert

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019 AT 06:52 PM

Roll Call Vote Forecast

At approximately 11:00 am on Thursday, August 1st, the Senate will proceed to up to four roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019:

1. Adoption of Paul amendment #932 (60 vote threshold)
 2. Motion to invoke cloture on H.R.3877
 3. (Possible) Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R.3877
 4. Passage of H.R.3877 (as amended, if amended)
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ICYMI:

On the caps/DL bill, time agreement below on votes. TBD on specific timing tomorrow. The Rand Paul amendment is his version of "Cuts, Caps, and Balance" with the debt limit increasing by \$500 B upon transmittal of a balanced budget amendment to States. The outlay levels are tied to Paul's budget. Threshold is at 60 votes.

"Please note, the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, has been withdrawn.

At a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, the Senate will proceed to H.R.3877. If cloture is filed on H.R.3877, there will be up to 2 hours of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. Further, the only amendment in order will be Paul amendment #932, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate vote on Paul amendment #932 with a 60 vote affirmative threshold needed for adoption. Following disposition of the Paul amendment, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R.3877, and that if cloture is invoked, all time be expired and the Senate vote on passage of H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, as amended, if amended."

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Subject: Roll Call Vote Update

Vote Alert

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019 AT 06:26 PM

Roll Call Vote Update

The Senate will NOW proceed to twelve roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #204, Sean D. Jordan, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #205, Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.
4. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #232, Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
5. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #233, Stephanie L. Haines, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

6. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #326, Ada E. Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
7. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #327, Steven D. Grimberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.
8. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #345, Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.
9. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #350, Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.
10. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #352, Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.
11. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #364, William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
12. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #402, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Please note, before the cloture vote on the Craft nomination, there will be up to 10 minutes of debate under the control of Senator Menendez.

Please also note, the cloture motions on the following nominations have been withdrawn:

Cal. #48 – Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Cal. #55 – John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Cal. #344 - Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Cal. #346 - Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Cal. #351 - Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Cal. #394 - David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Further, the Senate will vote on confirmation of these nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader.

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At a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, the Senate will proceed to H.R.3877. If cloture is filed on H.R.3877, there will be up to 2 hours of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. Further, the only amendment in order will be Paul amendment #932, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate vote on Paul amendment #932 with a 60 vote affirmative threshold needed for adoption. Following disposition of the Paul amendment, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R.3877, and that if cloture is invoked, all time be expired and the Senate vote on passage of H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, as amended, if amended.

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Morning! Sharing schedules for this week. FYI on the House side.

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Subject: Scalise: WHIP FLOOR UPDATE: The Lay of the Land



Good Monday morning. The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for morning hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Following One Minute Speeches, we will stand in recess until approximately 2:45 p.m., when we will reconvene and debate fourteen scheduled suspensions, [here](#).

At **approximately 6:30 p.m.**, we will have our first and only vote series on suspensions.

Walk off the floor: 7:10 p.m.

The Balance of the Week:

Tuesday, July 16th:

On Tuesday the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. We expect to consider:

- **H.R. 3494 – Intelligence Authorization Act, [here](#).**
- **H. Res. __ - Attorney General Barr and Secretary Wilbur Ross Contempt Resolution, [here](#).**

Wednesday, July 17th and the Balance of the Week:

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. On Thursday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business with last votes expected no later than 3:00 p.m. We expect to consider:

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- **S.J. Res. 36, 37, and 38 – Saudi Arms Sales Disapproval Resolutions**
- **H.R. 582 – Raising Unemployment for American Workers Act, [here](#).**
- **Additional suspensions, [here](#).**

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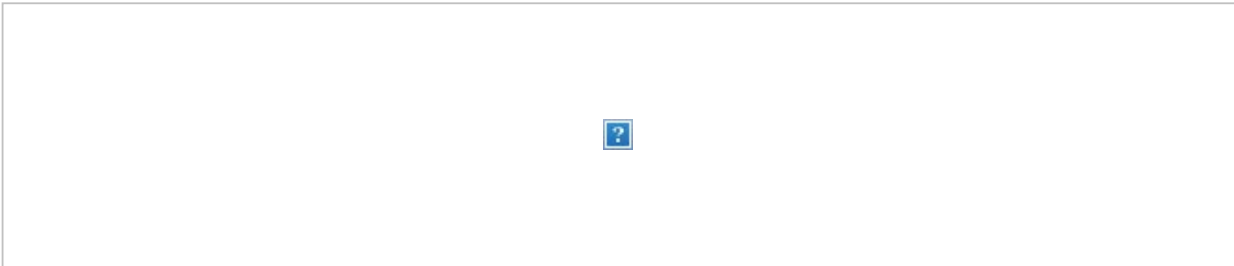
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FYI on the tally as we all move to August.

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Senate Accomplishments In The 116th Congress

Accomplishments Of The 116th Senate Include:

- ✓ TRANSFORMING THE COURTS: Confirmed 13 of President Trump's circuit court nominees and 46 of his district court nominees for a total of 43 and 99 since 2017, respectively.
- ✓ BUDGET AGREEMENT: Passed a bipartisan deal setting government funding levels for the next two years that secures funding increases to support our troops, rebuild and modernize our military, and support the VA Mission Act to provide timely access and care for our nation's veterans. Importantly, the agreement also prohibits Democrats from attaching 'poison pill' riders that would undermine our top priorities, including protection of the long-standing Hyde amendment and our work with the Trump administration to secure the border. The two year agreement also eliminates uncertainty around raising the debt ceiling.
- ✓ EMERGENCY BORDER APPROPRIATIONS: Passed a [bipartisan](#) \$4.6 billion appropriations bill to provide funding to care for the unprecedented surge of migrants and children arriving at the southern border and for the agencies handling the crisis.
- ✓ FISCAL YEAR 2020 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: Passed the [bipartisan](#) annual defense policy bill providing for \$750 billion to rebuild readiness and modernize America's armed forces, including the nuclear triad, counter adversaries like Russia and China and rogue regimes like Iran and North Korea, invest in our all-volunteer force, and reform private military housing. This year's bill ensures American warfighters will outclass any

adversary in any theater.

- ✓ DISASTER RELIEF: Passed a [bipartisan](#) supplemental appropriations bill to deliver critical aid to states hit by natural disasters in 2018 and 2019 as well as ongoing relief for disasters from 2017. Included are funds to assist Americans with recovery from hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and flooding. The bill also includes agriculture disaster relief for farmers and critical nutrition assistance and recovery funding for Puerto Rico. In addition, the bill extends the National Flood Insurance Program.

- ✓ ELECTION SECURITY: As part of ongoing work with the administration to secure our elections from foreign interference, passed bills with unanimous support ensuring hacking a voting system is a federal crime and deporting and denying entry to foreign nationals who have violated U.S. election law. Included provisions in Defense authorization bill that would expedite security clearances for state elections officials, mandate the federal government develop a whole-of-government strategy to counter the threat of Russian cyber-attacks, require the Director of National Intelligence to establish an Intelligence Community Election Threats Executive, provide reports to Congress when active measures are detected, and require the intelligence community to report to Congress on threats facing federal elections 180 days before each election.

- ✓ CARE FOR 9/11 FIRST RESPONDERS: Passed an [overwhelmingly bipartisan](#) bill to make permanent the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund, so that the men and women who rushed to respond to the terror attacks and worked tirelessly on rescue and recovery afterwards will have their health care secured and their families looked after.

- ✓ STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S ALLIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Passed a [bipartisan](#) package of legislation that deepens our security relationship with Israel, bolsters cooperation with our allies in Jordan, imposes more sanctions on the Assad regime in Syria, and allows local governments to reject the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic BDS movement.

- ✓ TAX TREATIES: Ratified, with overwhelming bipartisan margins, tax treaties with Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Luxembourg in order to ensure fair treatment for American job creators and workers, avoid double taxation, and attract more foreign investment to the U.S.

- ✓ NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT: Passed a [bipartisan](#) package of more than 100 bills that protect natural landscapes, increase public access for recreation, create new opportunities for economic development, preserve historic sites, and encourage conservation, including a permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It's "[the largest public lands bill approved by Congress in more than a decade.](#)"

- ✓ IRS REFORM: Passed the [bipartisan](#) Taxpayer First Act, the most significant reforms to the IRS in 20 years. The bill ensures taxpayers are treated fairly in disputes, streamlines electronic filing, introduces a new system to address identity theft, and requires more accountability from the IRS.

- ✓ FIGHTING THE ANNOYANCE OF ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS: The Senate passed a [bipartisan](#) bill to give regulators enhanced authority to combat and prosecute illegal robocallers. The bill will protect consumers from billions of unwanted robocalls.

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FYI support from the President, below, and the Leader's opening statement.

ICYMI, also please see attached, submitted for the record, the poison pill terms agreement for the budget deal.



Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump)

[8/1/19, 10:30 AM](#)

Budget Deal is phenomenal for our Great Military, our Vets, and Jobs, Jobs, Jobs! Two year deal gets us past the Election. Go for it Republicans, there is always plenty of time to CUT!

From: Majority Leader McConnell Press (McConnell) <Leader_Mcconnell@mcconnell.senate.gov>
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Senate to Pass Administration-Pelosi Budget Deal

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the House-passed bipartisan budget agreement:

"The Senate has accomplished a significant amount of business this week for the American people. We've made a big dent in the backlog of President Trump's well-qualified nominees for federal office. With respect to the judiciary, we've confirmed 13 impressive individuals to lifetime seats on the federal bench. And we've also ensured that two more key components of the president's

foreign policy team will be on the job before the Senate adjourns for the August work period. We confirmed the Deputy Secretary of Defense and a new Ambassador to the United Nations – both with bipartisan support, just as it should be for nominees who are so fully prepared for jobs that are so important.

“But today, the Senate will turn our attention to legislation. We need to address the debt limit and secure the full faith and credit of the United States. We need to continue to secure the funding that our national defense demands. Fortunately, the pending legislation will accomplish precisely that. In recent weeks, key officials on President Trump’s team engaged in extensive negotiations with Speaker Pelosi and the Democratic House. Given the exigencies of divided government, we knew that any bipartisan agreement on funding levels would not appear perfect to either side. But the administration negotiated a strong deal.

“First and foremost, it ensures our federal government will not approach any kind of short-term debt crisis in the coming weeks or months. It secures our nation’s full-faith and credit and ensures that Congress will not throw this kind of unnecessary wrench into the gears of our job growth and thriving economy. What’s more, despite the desires of the Democratic House, the administration successfully kept far-left poison pills and policy riders entirely out of this process.

“We’d heard that our Democratic colleagues across the Capitol were clamoring to take us backwards on the issue of life, perhaps even targeting the Hyde amendment or forcing more taxpayer dollars back toward Planned Parenthood. We’d heard they were clamoring to try to handcuff the administration’s important work on border security. But on these fronts and on many others, the far left was denied any such victories. No poison pills. A big win for the White House. I’d like to ask consent that the terms of this agreement -- and the specific prohibition of poison pills -- be included in the record.

“Now, perhaps most importantly, particularly to my Republican colleagues and me – this legislation sets a sufficient funding level for our national defense. Over the past few months, as we’ve worked through important legislation like the NDAA, we’ve been reminded of one glaring reality: The forces that seek to harm the United States and our interests are ever-changing, and they demand the full attention of a fully-equipped, modern, and ready military.

“Now, since President Trump took office, Republicans in Congress have made remarkable progress. Working together we have begun rolling back the damage caused by the previous administration’s neglect, atrophy, and misguided approach. We’ve begun to rebuild and restore our military. And we’ve taken important steps toward modernization, so we aren’t just rebuilding the capabilities we need today, but investing in those we will sorely need tomorrow. But I trust that none of my colleagues are under the illusion that our work is finished. As our adversaries grow stronger, critical gaps remain in our ability to counter expansion, influence campaigns, and direct acts of violence toward America and our allies around the world.

“This bipartisan funding deal is the opportunity – the only opportunity on the table – to continue filling in those gaps, before it’s too late. Make no mistake: Russia is not waiting idly by as we sort out whether to deliver full funding to missile defense or uphold our support of partner forces in Europe. China will not scale back its own aggressive ambitions and military investment if Americans decide to take a breather ourselves. Iran’s financing of terrorist organizations and regional troublemaking is not going to stop if we stop investing in our own ability to check their efforts and project power.

“So if we say that we’re serious about countering threats to our homeland, our allies, and our men and women deployed overseas, if we say that we’re serious, then we have to actually deliver on our promise to equip our forces for the job. We have to invest in improved readiness to help our military commanders plan for emerging challenges, in research and development to support the U.S. military of the future, and in rock-solid support for our alliance commitments, which help preserve the peace and extend the reach of our values.

“This deal is an opportunity to do exactly that. This is the agreement the administration has negotiated. This is the deal the House has passed. This is the deal President Trump is waiting and eager to sign into law. This is the deal that every member of this body should support when we vote later this morning.”

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Bipartisan Budget Agreement for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021

1. The 2019 Bipartisan Budget Agreement for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 (“Agreement”) is agreed to by the bipartisan leadership of Congress and the administration of Donald J. Trump. The bipartisan Congressional leadership and the administration agree to cooperate in the Agreement’s implementation.
2. The Agreement modifies the discretionary spending caps imposed by the Budget Control Act (“BCA”) for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 pursuant to the table below. The spending cap adjustments are intended to reflect the elimination of the BCA sequester for two years, plus a slight increase in spending for both defense and non-defense programs.
3. The parties agree to partially offset the Agreement’s modifications to the discretionary spending caps legislation by extending the BCA mandatory sequester and customs user fees to achieve a total offset level of \$77.4 billion as scored by the Congressional Budget Office.
4. The debt limit will be suspended for two years, through July 31, 2021. No additional restrictions will be placed on the Secretary’s extraordinary measures authorities. The debt limit suspension, spending cap adjustments, offsets, and any necessary procedural matters, will be included as part of a single piece of legislation.
5. Appropriations bills: Specific spending decisions shall be left to the members of the Appropriations Committees, with 302(b)s set through the regular process of the committees. Congressional leaders and the administration agree that, relative to the FY 2019 regular appropriations Acts, there will be no poison pills, additional new riders, additional CHIMPS, or other changes in policy or conventions that allow for higher spending levels, or any non-appropriations measures unless agreed to on a bipartisan basis by the four leaders with the approval of the President. Current transfer funding levels and authorities shall be maintained, and any modifications must be agreed to on a bipartisan basis by the four leaders with the approval of the President. Any emergency spending levels must be agreed to on a bipartisan basis by the four leaders with the approval of the President.
6. The agreement also establishes a new cap adjustment for FY 2020 to help ensure the necessary resources for the decennial Census are provided.
7. Senate Leaders agree that if a bill has been reported on a bipartisan basis from the Senate Appropriations Committee and is consistent with the BCA spending caps, and has the support of the Chairman and the Ranking Member, they will work together to minimize procedural delays. The Majority Leader will continue to consult with the Democratic Leader to sequence bills in a bipartisan way, and acknowledges that bipartisan concurrence is required to expedite the consideration of any appropriations bill.
8. The President, Congressional leaders and the leadership of the Appropriations Committees shall work together to reach bicameral and bipartisan agreement on the orderly and timely

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consideration of FY 2020 appropriations bills to avoid a government shutdown, and a 12-bill omnibus. The President, Congressional leaders and the leadership of the Appropriations Committees shall also work together to reach bicameral and bipartisan agreement on the orderly and timely consideration of FY 2021 appropriations bills to avoid a government shutdown, and a 12-bill omnibus.

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Senate to Pass Bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act

"This year's bill authorizes the investments that will support all these goals — and a major pay raise for military personnel, to boot. I'm especially proud that it supports the ongoing missions of Kentucky's installations, and the many military families that call our state home... So today, once again, I'd like to thank Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Reed for their leadership throughout this process. They've produced legislation that each member of this body should be proud of. Particularly in these troubled times, this is exactly the message the United States Senate needs to send."

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the National Defense Authorization Act and the growing threat of Iranian aggression:

"Later today, the Senate will vote to fulfill a solemn responsibility. For a 59th consecutive year, we'll pass the *National Defense Authorization Act*. I hope and expect we'll do it by a wide, bipartisan margin. It would be difficult to overstate the importance of this legislation to the ongoing modernization of our all-volunteer force. A supply line to restore readiness and keep U.S. personnel equipped with the most cutting-edge, lethal capabilities. A promise of critical support services to military families. And a declaration, to both our allies and adversaries, of America's strategic resolve.

"This year's bill authorizes the investments that will support all these goals — and a major pay raise for military personnel, to boot. I'm especially proud that it supports the ongoing missions of Kentucky's installations, and the many military families that call our state home. This NDA is the product of a robust, bipartisan process that has consumed our colleagues on the Armed Services Committee for weeks. Nearly three hundred amendments were adopted during markup.

"So today, once again, I'd like to thank Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Reed for their leadership throughout this process. They've produced legislation that each member of this body should be proud of. Particularly in these troubled times, this is exactly the message the United States Senate needs to send. I look forward to passing it today.

"But passing the NDA itself is not the only important message the Senate will send this week on

national security. On Friday morning, we will vote on a badly ill-conceived amendment that would literally make our nation less secure and make American servicemembers less safe. I respect my colleagues, but this amendment from Senator Udall and others is as half-baked and dangerous a measure as we've seen on the floor for quite some time. It should be soundly rejected.

"We know that our Democratic colleagues have political differences with President Trump. I think the whole country has gotten that message loud and clear. But they have chosen a terrible time and a completely irresponsible manner to express themselves. Rather than work with the president, who shares the goal of avoiding war with Iran, they have gratuitously chosen to make him the enemy. Let me repeat that: rather than work with the president to deter our actual enemies, they have chosen to make him the enemy.

"At the very moment that Iran has been stepping up its aggression throughout the Middle East, these senators are proposing radical new restrictions on the administration's ability to defend U.S. interests and our partners. The Udall amendment would require the administration to secure explicit authorization from Congress before our forces would be able to respond to all kinds of potential Iranian attacks.

"That includes attacks on American civilians. Let me say that again. Some of our colleagues want us to go out of our way and create a brand-new obstacle that would block the President from swiftly responding if Iran attacks American civilians. Or U.S. diplomatic facilities. Or Israel. Or the military forces of an ally or partner. Or if Iran closes the Strait of Hormuz. In all these scenarios, the Udall amendment would hamstring the executive branch from reacting quickly. And in modern warfare, time is of the essence. The War Powers Resolution explicitly recognizes the reality that Administrations may need to respond quickly and with flexibility.

"This amendment could even constrain our military from acting to prevent an imminent attack. As written, it appears to suggest they must absorb the attack before defending themselves. And even then, for how long would they be allowed to conduct retaliatory strikes? How absurd. How dangerous. Iran attacks Israel? No timely response from the U.S. — especially if Congress happens to be on recess. Iran attacks American civilians? The president's hands would be tied.

"This is never how the American presidency has worked. For very good reason. I ask my colleagues to stop obsessing about Donald Trump for a minute. Think about a scenario involving a future or past president. Hypothetically, then, would it be appropriate for Congress to tie a president's hand with legislation preventing military action to defend NATO allies from a Russian attack without explicit congressional approval? If conflict came in August and the U.S. and its NATO allies didn't act decisively, front-line states could be gobbled up before Congress even convenes to consider an AUMF.

"The Udall amendment would represent a huge departure from the basic flexibility that presidents of both parties have always had to take immediate military steps, short of full-scale war, to respond to immediate crises. This ploy is being advertised as some kind of courageous reassertion by Congress of our constitutional authority. But it's nothing of the sort. It's a departure from our constitutional traditions and norms. Nobody is talking about a full-scale war with Iran. Not the president. Not the administration. Heaven forbid, if that situation were to arrive, consultation with Congress and widespread public support would of course be necessary.

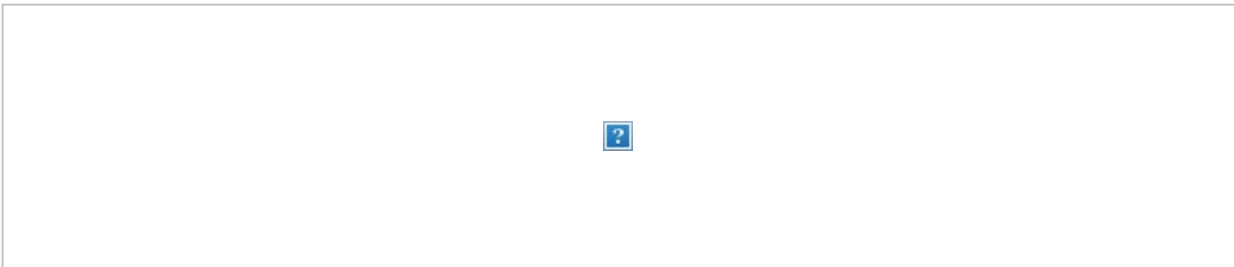
"The Udall amendment is something completely different. It defines self-defense in a laughably narrow way and then, in all other situations, proposes that President Trump should be stripped of the basic powers of his office unless Democrats in Congress write him a permission slip. I don't think so. This is a terrible idea at any moment, let alone as Iran is escalating its violence and searching for any sign of American weakness. I ask my colleagues: do not embolden Iran. Do not weaken our deterrence. Do not undermine our diplomacy. Do not tie the hands of our military commanders. Reject this dangerous mistake when we vote on the Udall amendment tomorrow."

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The House Should Pass The Bipartisan Senate Border Funding Bill

With Money To Address The Humanitarian Crisis At The Border Days Away From Running Out, 'It's A No-Brainer' To Pass The Senate's Supplemental Appropriations Bill, Which Has Overwhelming Bipartisan Support

The Bipartisan Senate Emergency Border Funding Bill Passed 84-8

- This afternoon, the Senate passed its bipartisan emergency appropriations bill for the crisis at the border by an overwhelming 84-8 vote. (H.R. 3401, Roll Call Vote #185: Passed 84-8, 6/26/2019)

- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH McCONNELL (R-KY): "House Democrats have been consistently uncooperative and uninterested in anything except political posturing. They have talked endlessly about the suffering at the border but have resisted every effort to actually make a law and get help on the way.... First they objected to including the funding in the disaster bill. And now that they've finally passed something last night, it's a go-nowhere proposal filled with poison-pill riders which the president would veto.... The Senate has a better and more bipartisan way forward. The bill negotiated by Chairman Shelby and Senator Leahy won huge bipartisan support in committee. It's a productive compromise that would go a long way to begin addressing the border crisis. No poison pills; just a clean bill to provide the emergency appropriations the White House requested two months ago. We have waited long enough to act. We should not wait any longer. We must pass this measure this week." ([Sen. McConnell Remarks, 6/26/2019](#))

Leading Senate Democrats: Passing The Senate Border Aid Bill Is 'A No-Brainer'

SEN. PAT LEAHY (D-VT), Senate Appropriations Committee Ranking Member: "I wish we could pass ours and see it go from there ... That's an easy way out for everybody — just pass that." (["House Approves Border Aid, Seeking to Curb Trump's Crackdown," The New York Times, 6/25/2019](#))

- SEN. LEAHY: "You can't get 30-1 around here to say the sun's going to rise in the East. We passed it 30 to 1 ... It's a no-brainer, bring it up." (["House Passes \\$4.5 Billion Bill for Humanitarian Assistance at Border," The Wall Street Journal, 6/25/2019](#))

SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CA): "I want to thank both Senator Shelby and Senator Leahy for this bill. In my time on this committee, I have never seen a bill that is a better bill, and I have never seen a bill that has more comity surrounding it. It is a bill that I think puts the United States on the map in a very correct way. So I just want to thank the two of you. I am sure there were very long hours in doing it." (U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee Markup, 6/19/2019)

SENATE MINORITY WHIP DICK DURBIN (D-IL): "We're not going to get everything we want ... That's the nature of a divided Congress and the nature of compromise between the executive and legislative, but for goodness sakes, let us as Democrats be on record for humanitarian assistance as quickly as possible." (["It's A Stalemate: Emergency Migrant Funding Up In The Air As House, Senate Eye Different Measures," USA Today, 6/25/2019](#))

"Tuesday's House vote was not expected to garner significant Republican support. The White House announced it was opposed to the bill Monday, and House GOP leaders said they favored a competing bipartisan bill that passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on a 30-to-1 vote last week." (["House Passes \\$4.5 Billion Emergency Border Aid Bill With Provisions For The Treatment Of Migrant Children In U.S. Custody," The Washington Post, 6/25/2019](#))

- "The White House has already signaled that President Donald Trump would veto such a bill if it reached his desk, arguing that the legislation 'contains a number of problematic policy provisions that would hinder the administration's efforts to enforce our immigration laws and protect children.'" (["House Passes Border Aid Bill Despite White House Veto Threat," CNN, 6/26/2019](#))

After Substantial Pressure, Congressional Democrats Finally Agree That There's A Crisis At The Border: 'In Recent Weeks It's Gotten Clearer And Clearer There Is A Dramatic Humanitarian Crisis'

SEN. McCONNELL: "The New York Times editorial board, of all places, wrote seven weeks ago, quote, 'Congress, give Trump his border money.'" ([Sen. McConnell, Remarks, 6/26/2019](#))

- THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD: "President Trump is right: There is a crisis at the southern border.... [A]s record numbers of Central American families flee violence and poverty in their homelands, they are overwhelming United States border systems, fueling a humanitarian crisis of overcrowding, disease and chaos.... Something needs to be done. Soon. Unfortunately, political gamesmanship once again threatens to hold up desperately needed resources." ([Editorial, "Congress, Give Trump His Border Money," The New York Times, 5/05/2019](#))

- "In short, it is time for Congress to stop dithering and pass emergency funding to deal with this nightmare. It has been more than a month since the administration sent Congress a request for \$4.5 billion in additional border assistance." ([Editorial, "When Will Congress Get Serious About the Suffering at the Border?," The New York Times, 6/09/2019](#))

'There Is A Humanitarian Crisis At Our Southern Border. No One In This Room Will Dispute That'

SEN. CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): "[W]e want to move a package ... We are all for that." (Sen. Schumer, Press Conference, 6/11/2019)

- SEN. SCHUMER: "[T]he humanitarian aid is a sweet spot and some of the other provisions are.... The House wasn't for it but we were and if they negotiate with us in good faith I am sure we can come to a good compromise; I am quite confident of that." (Sen. Schumer, Press Conference, 6/11/2019)

SEN. LEAHY: "There is a humanitarian crisis at our southern border. No one in this room will dispute that.... If we do not act, the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), the office charged with caring for unaccompanied children, will run out of funding by the end of this month.... We need to take action." ([U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee Markup, 6/19/2019](#))

SEN. CHRIS COONS (D-DE): "In recent weeks it's gotten clearer and clearer there is a dramatic humanitarian crisis, again, at the border." (["Democrats Make U-Turn On Calling Border A 'Manufactured Crisis.'" The Hill, 6/19/2019](#))

SEN. RICHARD BLUMENTHAL (D-CT): "We've all agreed there is a humanitarian crisis in housing, medical care, education, basic necessities." ([U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing, 6/11/2019](#))

SEN. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE (D-RI): "[W]e really do need to get together and help you solve the humanitarian aspects of this crisis. I do not think that a lot of the rhetoric that has been thrown at this issue has been helpful towards making that happen." ([U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing, 6/11/2019](#))

SEN. CHRIS MURPHY (D-CT): "... we absolutely think you've got to put more resources along the border." (["Trump's Border Aid Request Stalls Amid Fresh Obstacles." The Hill, 6/07/2019](#))

'At Some Point In Early July We Are Probably Going To Be Out Of Money ... This Isn't Political; This Isn't About Immigration'

"The two chambers now have only two days to spare ... HHS has warned Congress that it will exhaust its funding for housing migrant children at the end of the month — a scenario that would impede efforts to move them out of Border Patrol facilities." ([The Washington Post, 6/25/2019](#))

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ALEX AZAR: "We are full ... We do not have capacity for more of these unaccompanied children to come across the border. At some point in early July we are probably going to be out of money ... This isn't political; this isn't about immigration." (["Trump Official Says U.S. Is Running Out of Money to Shelter Migrant Kids." Bloomberg News, 6/24/2019](#))

- SECRETARY AZAR: "[B]y early July, we may be out of funding. That's why we've had to pull back on alternative services just as a legal requirement. If we do not have money to carry forward the rest of the year, we have to pull back ... to only those services for life and safety because we have to get beds. We have to take care of kids. Because once we run out of money in several weeks, our employees will not get paid. Our grantees will not get paid. They will be operating on IOU's.... This is a desperate crisis. These kids have to be taken care of. Congress must act and give us the funding we need. This is not about politics. It is purely a humanitarian issue of caring for these kids." (Fox News' "The Daily Briefing w/ Dana Perino," 6/06/2019)

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019 AT 09:00 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 9:30 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H.R.3877, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019.

At approximately 11:00 am, the Senate will proceed to up to four roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019:

1. Adoption of Paul amendment #932 (60 vote threshold)
 2. Motion to invoke cloture on H.R.3877
 3. (Possible) Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R.3877
 4. Passage of H.R.3877 (as amended, if amended)
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Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #205, Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Confirmed (54-36)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Confirmed (50-40)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #232, Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Confirmed (51-39)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #345, Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Confirmed (54-36)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #350, Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Confirmed (87-3)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #364, William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed (56-34)

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #402, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.
Confirmed (56-34)

Wrap Up:

H.R.639 – National Urban Search and Rescue Response System
H.R.3245 – Wabash River Bridge
S.2052 – Colonel Charles E. McGee
H.Con.Res.53 – Emancipation Hall
S.Res.263 – 100th Anniversary of the American Legion
S.Res.294 – Airborne Day
S.Res.295 – Campus Fire Safety
S.Res.285 – School Bus Safety
H.R.776 – Emergency Medical Services for Children
S.Res.300 – National Public Health Week
S.Res.301 – Indiana Rangers
S.Res.302 – Child Awareness
S.Con.Res.24 – Food and Nutrition Service
Cal. #127, H.R.1079 – CASES Act

Executive Session:

Executive Calendar #48, Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. (voice vote)
Executive Calendar #55, John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. (voice vote)
Executive Calendar #351, Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. (voice vote)

Military Promotions:

COAST GUARD

Cal. #370 – the following to be Rear Admiral:
Rear Adm. (lh) Melvin W. Bouboulis
Rear Adm. (lh) Donna L. Cottrell
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. Johnston
Rear Adm. (lh) Eric C. Jones
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael P. Ryan
Cal. #393 – Rear Adm. Todd C. Weimers to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half)

AIR FORCE

Cal. #376 – Maj. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Cal. #377 – Lt. Gen. Bryan P. Fenton to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #378 – Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Place to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #379 - Col. Robert T. Wooldridge, II to be Brigadier General

MARINE CORPS

Cal. #380 – Maj. Gen. David G. Bellon to be Lieutenant General

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS, and

NAVY.

FOREIGN SERVICE

Cal. #408 - The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States Agency for International Development for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:

Jennifer M. Adams

Jeffrey N. Bakken

Susan F. Fine

Susan Kosinski Fritz

Lawrence Hardy, II

Sarah-Ann Lynch

Cal. #409 - The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service of the United States Agency for Global Media, Broadcasting Board of Governors, for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service to the class indicated: Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, and a Consular Officer and a Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

William S. Martin

Cal. #410 - The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service of the United States Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General, for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Minister-Counselor:

Christine Byrne

Robert Mason

Cal. #412 - The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:

James J. Higgiston

Bobby G. Richey, Jr.

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

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TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019 AT 08:30 AM

Whip Notice

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, post-cloture.

At 11:30 am, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of the Liburdi nomination.
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #120, Peter D. Welte, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #203, James Wesley Hendrix, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

The Senate will recess following the cloture vote on the Hendrix nomination until 2:15 pm to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

Please note, the Leader filed cloture on the following items in the following order:

1. Motion to proceed to Cal. #165, H.R.3877, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019
 2. Executive Calendar #402, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.
 3. Executive Calendar #394, David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.
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Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Shall S.J.Res.36 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. Sustained (45-40)

Shall S.J.Res.37 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. Sustained (45-39)

Shall S.J.Res.38 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. Sustained (46-41)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #119, Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Invoked (51-37)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #120, Peter D. Welte, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. Invoked (66-21)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.290 – Cuyahoga River

H.R.2695 – Richard L. Schafer Dam

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Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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From: Appropriations GOP Press (Appropriations) <Gop_Press@appro.senate.gov>
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To: Taylor, Blair (Shelby) (b) (6) @shelby.senate.gov>
Subject: UPDATE: Senate Passes Its Bipartisan Border Supplemental Appropriations Package 84-8

UPDATE:

The Senate’s bipartisan border supplemental passed the Senate by an overwhelming vote of 84 – 8.

The House-passed border supplemental failed in the Senate by a vote of 37 – 55.

Shelby letterhead



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 26, 2019

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[Blair Taylor](#)

**SENATE CONSIDERS BIPARTISAN BORDER SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today delivered remarks on the Senate floor regarding emergency supplemental appropriations for humanitarian assistance and security at the southern border. The [legislation](#), which passed the Senate Appropriations Committee last week by a vote of 30-1, provides a total of \$4.59 billion to address the border crisis and contains no poison pills from either party.

Chairman Shelby stated, “This is a solid bill. It provides the resources needed to address the crisis we face. It contains no poison pills, and it is poised to pass the Senate with strong bipartisan support, unlike the version that came out of the House last night. So I say to our colleagues in the House, now that there is bipartisan acknowledgment that the crisis on our southern border is real, do not derail the one bipartisan vehicle with a real chance of becoming law. Those who want to alleviate the suffering on our southern border will soon have a

bipartisan path forward in the Senate bill. Those who choose to obstruct over partisan demands will soon have a lot of questions to answer when this crisis escalates further. There is no excuse for Congress leaving town at the end of the week without getting this done. Let's come together and do our job."

The bipartisan package, which provides \$4.59 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations to address the humanitarian and security crisis at the border, includes:

- \$2.88 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide safe and appropriate shelter and care for children in its custody;
- \$1.1 billion for Customs and Border Protection to establish migrant care and processing facilities, provide medical care and consumables, and pay travel and overtime costs for personnel;
- \$209 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to fund transportation costs and medical care for detainees, conduct human trafficking operations, and pay travel and overtime costs for personnel;
- \$30 million for Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse states and localities for expenses they have incurred related to the massive influx of migrants;
- \$220 million for the Department of Justice to help process immigration cases and provide badly needed resources to the U.S. Marshals Service for the care and detention of Federal detainees; and
- \$145 million for the various branches of the U.S. military who have incurred operating expenses in support of multiple missions along the border.

Chairman Shelby's full remarks, as prepared, are as follows:

"There is no longer any question that the situation along our southern border is a full-blown humanitarian and security crisis.

"Leader McConnell has firmly established this fact here on the Senate floor, and charges from the other side of a manufactured crisis have fallen silent.

"At this juncture there is little need to recapitulate the case for action.

"We know what our professionals on the front lines need to get a handle on the situation.

"The only question is, will Congress come together and act or fall prey to partisanship while the crisis escalates further?"

"I am pleased to say that last week the Appropriations Committee charted a course for strong, bipartisan action.

"By a vote of 30-1, the committee approved an emergency appropriations bill to address the

crisis at the border. 30-1.

“Such an overwhelming bipartisan vote would not have been possible without the cooperation of my good friend and Vice Chairman, Senator Leahy.

“I want to thank Vice Chairman Leahy for working with me to find a path forward.

“This bipartisan committee product, which I will soon offer as a substitute amendment to the House bill, provides \$4.59 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations to address the humanitarian and security crisis at the border.

“It does not contain everything Vice Chairman Leahy wanted. It does not contain everything I wanted.

“More importantly, it does not contain any poison pills from either side.

“That is why it passed the Appropriations Committee by a vote of 30-1.

“And that is what gives us the best chance of passing a bill without further delay.

“I want to briefly outline for my colleagues the particulars of the package reported by the Appropriations Committee.

“Of the total funding provided, the lion’s share - \$2.88 billion – will help the Department of Health and Human Services provide safe and appropriate shelter and care for children in its custody.

“An additional \$1.1 billion is included for Customs and Border Protection, to establish migrant care and processing facilities; provide medical care and consumables; and pay travel and overtime costs for personnel.

“\$209 million is provided for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to fund transportation costs and medical care for detainees; conduct human trafficking operations; and again, to pay travel and overtime costs for personnel.

“\$30 million is for FEMA, to reimburse states and localities for expenses they have incurred related to the massive influx of migrants in their communities.

“\$220 million is included for the Department of Justice, to help process immigration cases and provide badly needed resources to the U.S. Marshals Service for the care and detention of Federal prisoners.

“Finally, \$145 million is provided for the various branches of the U.S. military who have incurred operating expenses in support of multiple missions along the border.

“This is a solid bill. It provides the resources needed to address the crisis we face. It contains no poison pills.

“And it is poised to pass the Senate with strong bipartisan support, unlike the version that came out of the House last night.

“So I say to our colleagues in the House: now that there is bipartisan acknowledgment that the crisis on our southern border is real, do not derail the one bipartisan vehicle with a real chance of becoming law.

“Those who want to alleviate the suffering on our southern border will soon have a bipartisan path forward in the Senate bill.

“Those who choose to obstruct over partisan demands will soon have a lot of questions to answer when this crisis escalates further.

“There is no excuse for Congress leaving town at the end of the week without getting this done.

“Let’s come together and do our job. And with that I yield the floor.”

The following are links to the legislative text and summary for the emergency supplemental:

[Border Security Supplemental Bill Text](#)

[Border Security Supplemental Summary](#)

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From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Huge bipartisan vote for the Senate border aid package – 84-8. The House supplemental failed, 37-55.

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Vote Result

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 AT 03:29 PM

The House-Passed Border Supplemental, as Amended (H.R. 3401)

Passed (60 votes required), 84-8:

H.R. 3401, the House-passed border supplemental, as amended.

The vote results will be posted **here** within one hour.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019 AT 09:00 AM

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The Senate will convene at 9:30 am. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #371, Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years, post-cloture.

At 11:00 am, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of the Dickson nomination.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #45, Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

At 3:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. (If cloture is invoked) Confirmation of Executive Calendar #45, Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
 2. (If cloture is invoked) Confirmation of Executive Calendar #53, Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.
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Yesterday's Session:

Roll Call Votes:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #374, Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.
Confirmed (90-8)

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #371, Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years. Invoked (52-45)

Adoption of Lee amendment #928 to H.R.1327, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act.
Not agreed to (32-66)

Adoption of Paul amendment #929 to H.R.1327, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act.
Not agreed to (22-77)

Passage of H.R.1327, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act. Passed (97-2)

Wrap Up:

S.Res.282 – John Paul Stevens

S.Res.265 – National Day of the American Cowboy

S.Res.194 – National Whistleblower Appreciation Day

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Subject: FW: Wrap-Up of Leader McConnell's Week
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In case this is helpful, fyi. The bottom includes a refresher on tax treaties which may be helpful to those tracking.

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Folks-

Please see below for highlights of the Leader's press, other important stories from this week, and what we've got on the floor next week. Let me know if you need anything else.

Popp

Leader McConnell Press

[Leader McConnell Floor Remarks: Important Work Continues to Keep Our Elections Secure](#)

"[Wednesday], the entire Senate had the opportunity to meet in classified session for a briefing on election security. We heard from the Director of National Intelligence, the FBI Director, the Acting Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security, and other key administration officials about our recent progress and ongoing work to protect our democratic process from interference. The takeaway was clear: After 2016, this new administration kicked into high gear. Alongside our efforts in Congress, all levels of government worked proactively to make sure that 2018 was not a repeat of 2016. And far from letting up, the executive branch is continuing to work hard in advance of next year's presidential election. We know our adversaries won't be letting up and so we aren't letting up either."

"Congress will certainly continue to monitor this closely, while resisting any efforts to use the failures of the past to justify sweeping federalizations of election law, as some on the other side have consistently sought to do. Make no mistake: many of the proposals labeled by Democrats to be "election security" measures are indeed election reform measures that are part of the left's wish list I've called the Democrat Politician Protection Act."

[Leader McConnell Floor Remarks: More Job Opportunities, Wage Growth, New Investment Thanks to Republican Policies](#)

"Fourth of July celebrations weren't the only thing for American families to smile about last week. We received even more positive news about the strong U.S. economy that American workers and job creators are building with a big assist from Republican policies. More than 200,000 new jobs

were created in June alone. The economy is overflowing with opportunities. American workers are in high demand and more and more previously sidelined individuals are getting to clock back in.”

“All kinds of American workers. All kinds of families. All kinds of small towns, and farm counties, and smaller cities, and suburbs. This all-American recovery is benefiting our whole country with job opportunities, wage growth, new investment, and new optimism. Two and a half years ago, Republicans started out with a pretty simple philosophy. It goes like this: The American people can accomplish great things and build prosperity for their families if Washington D.C. mostly stays out of their way. We needed the federal government to stop creating so many economic headwinds and start creating a few tailwinds.

[Washington Post: Senate confirms Trump judicial nominee to California-based 9th Circuit](#)

[Daniel] Bress’s confirmation gives Trump his seventh judge on the 9th Circuit, altering the historically liberal bench, which now has 16 judges nominated by Democratic presidents and 12 by Republicans. The court still has one vacancy.

Bress, who clerked for the late Supreme Court justice Antonin Scalia, was praised by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), who blocked several of President Barack Obama’s nominees and has expedited Trump’s choices.

“Mr. Bress comes with strong credentials: the academic pedigree, the legal experience and, most importantly, a demonstrated commitment to the rule of law,” McConnell said on the Senate floor.

BONUS READ from the Communications Center: [New Judges ‘Making An Important Difference For The Country’](#)

Next Week’s Floor Schedule

We will process the following nominees and tax treaties (more on those below) in this order. As always, additional items may be considered.

- Executive Calendar #362, Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.
- Treaties Cal. #1 - The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain.
- Treaties Cal. #2 - Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.
- Treaties Cal. #3 - Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan.
- Treaties Cal. #4 - Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg.
- Executive Calendar #54, Clifton L. Corker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
- Executive Calendar #175, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.
- Executive Calendar #183, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador of the United

States of America to Jamaica.

Refresher on Ratifying Treaties

Immediately following the Phipps confirmation vote, we will hold a cloture vote (60 votes) on the first treaty. We will then have up to 30 hours of debate on the first treaty and then a vote to ratify the treaty at a 2/3 present threshold. Immediately following ratification of the first treaty, we will repeat the process for the second, third, and fourth treaties.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you need clarity or have additional questions.

From: [Lee, Jane \(McConnell\)](#)
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Subject: FYI - Starting the Senate process for the caps/debt limit deal
Date: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:35:46 PM

The Leader just filed cloture on the House vehicle for the caps/debt limit deal.

THE CLERK: MOTION TO PROCEED TO CALENDAR NUMBER 165, H.R. 3877,
AND ACT -- AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMERGENCY BUDGET CONTROL ACT.

MR. McCONNELL: I SEND A CLOTURE MOTION TO THE DESK FOR THE MOTION TO PROCEED.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE CLERK WILL REPORT THE CLOTURE MOTION.

THE CLERK: CLOTURE MOTION, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED SENATORS,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RULE 22, DO HEREBY BRING
TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO H.R. 3877, A BILL
TO AMEND THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL
ACT OF 1985, AND SO FORTH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, SIGNED BY 17
SENATORS.

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THE PRESIDING OFFICER: WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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Subject: ICYMI -- 1 of 2: Chairman Inhofe Op-Ed on FOXNews.com: Budget deal is good for defense AND conservative values
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In an increasingly dangerous world – and after years of sustained armed conflict, underfunding, and budgetary uncertainty – our military has fallen behind our competitors in readiness and key capabilities.

There is one way Congress can help our military meet these challenges. It’s the solution that every military leader and civilian leader has asked for over and over again: the stability and predictability of a budget. Strong national security requires steady investment to meet threats now and in the future – which is simply not possible without stable funding.

That’s why I was glad to see the administration reach a budget deal with Congress that prioritizes defense. I commend President Trump for doing what is best for our military, our veterans and American families – and now, I call on my colleagues to support this deal as well.

Reaching a deal was never going to be easy, but it was necessary. As our newly appointed Secretary of Defense Mark Esper told the Senate Armed Services Committee last week, “I fully support the need for a two-year budget deal...Again I cannot overstate how important it was for the Department of Defense last year to receive a budget on time.”

It’s a victory for our national security, it’s a victory for our military, and it’s a victory for our veterans. It’s also a victory for American families, who will sleep easier under the protection of a well-funded, world-class military.

This budget is necessary to continue rebuilding our military that was depleted under the Obama administration. After nearly a decade of chronic underfunding, our military can no longer be counted on to have the best of everything. China and Russia have passed us up in long-range precision fire, hypersonic weapons and other key investments.

There is an old document that no one reads anymore. It’s called the Constitution, and it says our top priority has to be defending America. This budget agreement lets us do that and champion our constitutional, conservative values: our duty to our country and our unfailing support of our troops.

I would have liked to see more funding for defense. The National Defense Strategy Commission report – the foundation for all the work we’ve done the past two years – calls for three to five percent of real growth each year.

It's what President Trump requested in his budget and it's what the Senate-passed defense policy bill provided. But at the end of the day, this funding provides minimal growth to give our military what it needs and will allow the Department of Defense to plan strategically for the future.

Importantly, this topline is well above the bare-bones amount House Democrats wanted to provide. Under President Trump's leadership over the past two years, our military has made strong investments to rebuild, modernize and strengthen our force. Now, we can build on those gains and restore our military superiority.

We stopped some of Democrats' worst instincts by breaking parity. I applaud President Trump for rejecting poison-pill policy riders that Democrats wanted and making sure we won't be held hostage by Democrat's liberal budget demands during an election year. President Trump also won by securing substantial offsets to cover the increase in domestic priority spending.

Most importantly, we've removed the threat of sequestration forever. Never again will these arbitrary cuts, which former Secretary of Defense Mattis described as worse than any enemy in the field, be wielded by Democrats to extract wins for their liberal agenda.

We've also lessened the risk of defaulting to a stopgap funding measure, also known as a continuing resolution, which would shortchange our troops and waste taxpayer dollars.

For the first time in four decades, last year, thanks to President Trump's hard work, we funded the Department of Defense on time, without a continuing resolution. But for 10 years before that, the Department of Defense had to operate under the burden and uncertainty of a continuing resolution for more than 1,000 days. The outcome was devastating; it wreaked havoc on our military.

The Pentagon has never operated under a full-year continuing resolution. Short-term continuing resolutions have decimated our readiness – I shudder to think of what would happen during a full year of stopgap funding. It's our duty to make sure that never happens.

With this deal, we can turn to critical next steps: passing on-time defense policy and funding bills. These bills will make sure our troops have the training, resources and equipment they need to succeed in their missions. We will be able to focus on top priorities – fixing military housing, modernizing our military and giving our troops a well-deserved pay raise.

That's why a vote for this legislation means standing with our men and women in uniform – the best in the world. It means standing with our veterans – who served this country with bravery and honor, and who deserve the benefits they've been promised. It means fulfilling our promises to the American taxpayers and supporting our president. Most simply, it's the right thing to do.

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Democrats lose a weapon against Trump in ban on 'poison pills'

Politico

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Dozens of House Democratic attempts to roll back Trump administration policies will get tossed out of spending bills after congressional leaders agreed in their two-year, \$2.7 trillion budget deal with the White House that they would avoid "poison pills."

House Democrats in their first year in control of the chamber after President Donald Trump's election used appropriations bills to blast away at the president's agenda. Democrats wanted to overturn a block on federal funding for abortion, limit Trump's border security push and bar the administration from stripping out references to climate change in federal documents, among other things.

But a handshake agreement wrapping in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and GOP leaders will only permit bipartisan policy riders in fiscal 2020 spending bills. Republican leaders are championing the concession as a major win that provides critical protection for conservative priorities. But Democrats are dismissing it as a routine compromise in funding the government, vowing to secure legislative wins against Trump elsewhere.

"It's an unsurprising aspect of the deal," said Rep. David Price (D-N.C.), chairman of the House Transportation spending panel.

"Everybody has their policy provisions that they value" and spending bills are the usual vehicle, he said. "It's a trade off," he added, arguing that Republicans "have made much heavier use of riders" than Democrats in years past.

The House passed the two-year, \$2.7 trillion agreement Thursday on a 284-149 vote, with weak GOP support. The deal is expected to clear the Senate next week.

A senior Democratic aide told POLITICO that House Democrats will continue to pursue their priorities in other key bills, like the annual defense policy package, in addition to legislation dealing with election security, intelligence authorization and drug pricing.

The ban on partisan riders amounts to "meaningless verbiage designed to make the obvious seem profound," another House Democratic aide said on background.

In a recent letter to House spending leaders about the budget deal, Appropriations Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) stressed that members can still "negotiate riders" — including ones that involve Trump's ability to shift money around — "during committee consideration, floor debate, and conference."

"Just as we do every other year, we will need bipartisan support to enact any changes in FY 2020 and FY 2021," she wrote.

GOP leaders are celebrating the prohibition on partisan riders and see it as a "big selling point" in winning over fiscal conservatives, who are loath to increase the already \$1 trillion federal deficit with spending hikes for domestic programs.

"Preventing these poison pills are key to the deal because that provision will allow President Trump to continue putting in place conservative policies through executive orders and regulations, and that fact has been a big selling point as our members decide whether to support it or not," a senior House GOP aide said on background.

Republicans say the agreement preserves the Hyde Amendment prohibition on using federal funds for abortion, even though House spending leaders left that long-standing provision intact while writing spending bills earlier this year.

"We know that some on the far left had been hankering to claw back Hyde Amendment protections, or cut away at reprogramming authorities and flexibility that presidents rightly possess," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on the floor Tuesday.

The fiscal 2020 funding bills crafted by House Democrats this spring sought to reverse the Trump administration's family planning rule, which would halt the flow of federal funding to Planned Parenthood, and bar another rule allowing health care providers to refuse services on the basis of their religious beliefs.

The bills would have prevented the administration from pursuing a legal push to eliminate Obamacare, block the removal of references to climate change from agency publications, and prohibit funding transfers to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for more detention beds or deportation efforts.

House Democrats also sought to rescind \$601 million in fiscal 2019 funding for border wall construction — the same amount of money that Trump said he would shift out of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund earlier this year.

After congressional leaders unveiled the budget deal on Monday, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) swiftly rejected it, saying it left Democrats unable to stop Trump from shifting cash toward priorities like building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

But the Senate spending leader later stressed that he would support the bill, despite his concerns.

Trump is expected to sign the two-year deal which would suspend the debt ceiling through July 2021 and raise spending for military and non-military programs by \$320 billion above the budget caps.

In a statement, Texas Republican Sen. John Cornyn said the bill "advances conservative priorities."

"We know they wanted to use policy riders, nearly 30 of them and counting, to try to implement elements of the Green New Deal to undo the President's regulatory reforms or to rewrite our immigration laws through the back door," he said.

"No bipartisan agreement is ever perfect. That's the definition of a negotiation."

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WASHINGTON – Newly installed [U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper](#) says he is happy with the two-year budget deal’s recommendation for the Pentagon...

“\$738 [billion] is a good number. We also have two years. We expect to see two years’ worth of numbers. To the degree we have predictability, to the degree we can avoid [continuing resolutions], those things allow us to plan and make more efficient use of our dollars,” Esper said.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/pentagon/2019/07/24/newly-installed-secdef-the-budget-deal-provides-a-good-number-for-defense/>

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Leader just now on the floor:

"For the information of all our colleagues — I want to provide an update on the remaining items that the Senate needs to complete before we adjourn for the August state work period.

Here is what we need to accomplish before members depart next week:

- We need to confirm well-qualified nominees to two open positions of the utmost importance: The Deputy Secretary of Defense and our Ambassador to the UN. These jobs are important; the nominees are impressive; and we need to confirm David Norquist and Kelly Craft next week.
- Obviously, we need to pass the bipartisan funding agreement that President Trump's negotiating team worked out with Speaker Pelosi. The House will pass it today. The president is strongly in support of it. The Senate needs to pass it and put it on the president's desk next week.
- And we need to make more headway on the backlog of qualified judicial nominees who are waiting for confirmation. So next week, we'll also need to process a significant bipartisan package of district court nominees.

That's our "to-do list," for next week. A Deputy Secretary of Defense, a UN Ambassador, the bipartisan government funding agreement, and a significant group of well-qualified judges.

Not bad for a week's work. And that's what the Senate will accomplish before we adjourn for August."

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