

Whereas the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92) authorized funds to be appropriated for Israeli cooperative missile defense program codevelopment and coproduction, including funds to be provided to the Government of Israel to procure the David's Sling weapon system as well as the Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor Program; and

Whereas, on December 19, 2014, President Barack Obama signed into law the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-296), which stated the sense of Congress that Israel is a major strategic partner of the United States and declared it to be the policy of the United States "to continue to provide Israel with robust security assistance, including for the procurement of the Iron Dome Missile Defense System": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms that Israel is a major strategic partner of the United States;

(2) reaffirms that it is the policy and law of the United States to ensure that Israel maintains its qualitative military edge and has the capacity and capability to defend itself from all credible military threats;

(3) reaffirms United States support of a robust Israeli tiered missile defense program;

(4) supports continued discussions between the United States Government and the Government of Israel for a robust and long-term Memorandum of Understanding on United States military assistance to Israel;

(5) urges the expeditious finalization of a new Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Government and the Government of Israel; and

(6) supports a robust and long-term Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between the United States and Israel regarding military assistance that increases the amount of aid from previous agreements and significantly enhances Israel's military capabilities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 509—CONGRATULATING THE CLEVELAND CAVALIERS FOR WINNING THE 2016 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FINALS

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 509

Whereas, on June 19, 2016, the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the Golden State Warriors by a score of 93 to 89 in Oakland, California, in a decisive game 7 to win the 2016 National Basketball Association (referred to in the preamble as the "NBA") Finals;

Whereas the Cleveland Cavaliers have captured the first NBA Finals victory in franchise history and have at last brought the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy to Cleveland;

Whereas the Cleveland Cavaliers became the first team in NBA Finals history to win a series after trailing 3 games to 1;

Whereas LeBron James, who averaged 29.7 points, 8.9 assists, and 11.3 rebounds during the NBA Finals, led all players from both teams in the respective statistical categories of total points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks and was named Most Valuable Player of the NBA Finals for the third time in his career;

Whereas LeBron James became the third player in NBA Finals history and the first since 1988 to record a triple-double in game 7, scoring 27 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, and making 11 assists in leading his team to victory;

Whereas Kyrie Irving, who played a critical role through the 2016 NBA Finals, scored 26 points in game 7 and hit a crucial three-pointer with 53 seconds left to play in the game;

Whereas every member of the 2015-2016 Cleveland Cavaliers team, including Matthew Dellavedova, Channing Frye, Kyrie Irving, LeBron James, Richard Jefferson, Dahntay Jones, James Jones, Sasha Kaun, Kevin Love, Jordan McRae, Timofey Mozgov, Iman Shumpert, J. R. Smith, Tristan Thompson, and Mo Williams, played an integral role in bringing the NBA Championship to Cleveland;

Whereas head coach Tyronn Lue and his entire team of assistants and team staff worked together to put the Cleveland Cavaliers players in a position to win the 2016 NBA Finals;

Whereas General Manager David Griffin and the entire Cavaliers basketball front office have worked to assemble a championship team and create a culture and environment that fosters the very best performance and the highest success;

Whereas owner Dan Gilbert has helped build a first-rate, championship sports franchise in the city of Cleveland;

Whereas, prior to June 19, 2016, the 3 major sports franchises in Cleveland had not won a championship since 1964;

Whereas on June 19, 2016, LeBron James completed his goal of bringing an NBA Championship back to northeast Ohio, and the Cleveland Cavaliers ended a 52-year championship drought for the city of Cleveland; and

Whereas the 2016 Cleveland Cavaliers have brought pride and elation to Cleveland and the entire State of Ohio by winning the 2016 NBA Finals;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Cleveland Cavaliers for winning the 2016 National Basketball Association Finals;

(2) recognizes the contributions and achievements of all the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the 2015-2016 season;

(3) applauds the fans of the Cleveland Cavaliers who have never given up hope in the pursuit of their first ever championship; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit for appropriate display an official copy of this resolution to—

(A) the owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers, Dan Gilbert;

(B) the coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, Tyronn Lue; and

(C) the leader of the Cleveland Cavaliers, LeBron James.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4854. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4685 proposed by Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4855. Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4685 proposed by Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2578, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4856. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4685 proposed by Mr. SHELBY (for himself

and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2578, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4854. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4685 proposed by Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 71, line 3, insert before the period the following: " ; *Provided*, That \$10,000,000 shall be for NASA to conduct further research at the Federal Aviation Administration's six test sites in collaboration with the FAA's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center of Excellence on UAS use in a broad range of public safety applications over land and maritime environments".

SA 4855. Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4685 proposed by Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

SEC. 539. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to enter into a civil settlement agreement on behalf of the United States that includes a term requiring that any donation be made to any nonparty by any party-defendant to such agreement other than a payment that provides restitution for or otherwise directly remedies actual harm (including to the environment) directly and proximately caused by the party making the payment, or constitutes payment for services rendered in connection with the case.

SA 4856. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4685 proposed by Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . MARIJUANA RESEARCH.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration;

(2) the term "eligible State" means a State that, in accordance with State law, permits the production, possession, use, distribution, dispensation, administration, laboratory testing, or delivery of medical and recreational marijuana;

(3) the term "marijuana" has the meaning given the term "marihuana" in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802); and

(4) the term “State” has the meaning given the term in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).

(b) MANUFACTURE OF MARIJUANA FOR RESEARCH.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, in order to meet the legitimate research needs of the United States, the Attorney General, acting through the Administrator, shall register not fewer than 3 applicants in each eligible State under section 303(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(a)) to manufacture marijuana for research purposes.

(c) OVERSIGHT.—The Attorney General, acting through the Administrator—

(1) shall directly oversee the registration under subsection (b) in accordance with section 303(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(a)); and

(2) may not delegate oversight authority to any other official.

(d) QUOTA.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and each year thereafter, the Attorney General, acting through the Administrator, shall establish an annual quota under section 306(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 826(a)) for the production of marijuana for research that is not less than 125 percent of the aggregate production specified in all research applications approved or reasonably expected to be approved during the applicable year by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(e) RESEARCH REGISTRATION PROCESS.—The Attorney General, acting through the Administrator, shall expedite the registration process for research on marijuana under section 303(f) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(f)) for practitioners in eligible States who have been approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct such research.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 22, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a classified hearing entitled “Security Assistance: Cutting Through a Tangled Web of Authorities.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 22, 2016, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Renewing Communities and Providing Opportunities Through Innovative Solutions to Poverty.”

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 22, 2016, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Accessing USDA Rural Development Programs in Native Communities.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 22, 2016, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration.”

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 22, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Examining the Progress and Challenges in Modernizing Information Technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 22, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Examining Pathways Towards Compliance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ground-Level Ozone: Legislative Hearing on S. 2882 and S. 2072.”

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my intern, Marty Bergen, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the day.

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that James Kelly, a member of my staff, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this Congress.

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the attached documentation from the Office of Compliance be printed in the RECORD.

U.S. CONGRESS,
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE,
Washington, DC, June 22, 2016.

Hon. ORRIN HATCH,
President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Section 304(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act

(“CAA”), 2 U.S.C. § 1384(b)(3), requires that, with regard to substantive regulations under the CAA, after the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance (“Board”) has published a general notice of proposed rulemaking as required by subsection (b)(1), and received comments as required by subsection (b)(2), “the Board shall adopt regulations and shall transmit notice of such action together with a copy of such regulations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate for publication in the Congressional Record on the first day on which both Houses are in session following such transmittal.”

The Board has adopted the regulations in the Notice of Adoption of Substantive Regulations and Transmittal for Congressional Approval which accompany this transmittal letter. The Board requests that the accompanying Notice be published in the Senate version of the *Congressional Record* on the first day on which both Houses are in session following receipt of this transmittal.

The Board has adopted the same regulations for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the other covered entities and facilities, and therefore recommends that the adopted regulations be approved by concurrent resolution of the Congress.

All inquiries regarding this notice should be addressed to Barbara J. Sapin, Executive Director of the Office of Compliance, Room LA-200, 110 2nd Street, SE, Washington, DC 20540;

(202) 724-9250.

Sincerely,

BARBARA L. CAMENS,
Chair of the Board of Directors,
Office of Compliance.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS AND
TRANSMITTAL FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

Modifications to the rights and protections under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), Notice of Adoption of Regulations, as required by 2 U.S.C. § 1384, Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, as amended (CAA).

Background

The purpose of this Notice is to announce adoption of modifications to the existing legislative branch FMLA substantive regulations under section 202 of the CAA (2 U.S.C. § 1302 et seq.), which applies to covered employees the rights and protections of sections 101 through 105 of the FMLA (29 U.S.C. §§ 2611 through 2615), and such remedies as would be appropriate if awarded under paragraph (1) of section 107(a) of the FMLA (29 U.S.C. § 2617(a)(1)). These modifications are necessary in order to bring previously approved existing legislative branch FMLA regulations (approved by Congress April 15, 1996) in line with current Department of Labor (DOL) regulations implementing recent statutory changes to the FMLA, 29 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.

What is the authority under the CAA for these adopted substantive regulations?

Section 202(a) of the CAA provides that the rights and protections established by sections 101 through 105, and remedies under section 107(a)(1) of the FMLA (29 U.S.C. §§ 2611-2615) shall apply to covered employees.

Section 202(d)(1) and (2) of the CAA require that the Office of Compliance (OOC) Board of Directors (the Board), pursuant to section 1384 of the CAA, issue regulations implementing the rights and protections of the FMLA and that those regulations shall be “the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to