SA 793. Mr. YOUNG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 793. Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. TULLIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 793. Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 794. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 797. Mr. FETTERS (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 798. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 800. Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. CORRIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 801. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. MCGRIMMON, Ms. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. MURAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 802. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 803. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 804. Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. DONNELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 805. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 807. Mr. GARDNER (for Mrs. SHEREREN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care Commission.

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SA 809. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 808 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL, to the bill H.R. 601, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 789. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. __. UPGRADE OF M113 VEHICLES.

No amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2018 may be obligated or expended to upgrade Army M113 vehicles until the Secretary of the Army submits to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth the strategy of the Army for the upgrade of such vehicles. The report shall include the following:

(1) A detailed strategy for upgrading and fielding M113 vehicles.

(2) An analysis of the manner in which the Army plans to address M113 vehicle survivability and maneuverability concerns.

(3) An analysis of the historical costs associated with upgrading M113 vehicles, and a validation of current cost estimates for upgrading such vehicles.

(4) A comparison of total procurement and life cycle costs of adding an echelon above brigade (EAB) requirement to the Army Multi-Purpose Vehicle (AMPV) with total procurement and life cycle costs of upgrading legacy M113 vehicles.

(5) An analysis of the possibility of further accelerating Army Multi-Purpose Vehicle production or modifying the current fielding strategy for the Army Multi-Purpose Vehicle to meet near-term echelon above brigade requirements.

SA 790. Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Grassley) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. __. GOVERNMENT MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD MATTERS.

(a) INCREASE IN THRESHOLD.—Section 1902(a)(1) of title 41, United States Code, is amended by striking "$3,000" and inserting "$10,000".

(b) CONVENIENCE CHECKS.—A convenience check may not be used for an amount in excess of one half of the micro-purchase threshold under section 1902(a) of title 41, United States Code, or a lower amount set by the head of the agency. Use of convenience checks shall be prescribed in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-123, Appendix B.

SA 792. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. Ernst, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Paul) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title X, add the following:

SEC. __. REPORT ON THE FULL YEAR AUDIT OF THE FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report setting forth the following:

(1) A description of the work undertaken and planned to be undertaken by the Department of Defense, the military departments, Defense Agencies, and other organizations and elements of the Department, to test and verify transaction data pertinent to obtaining an unqualified audit of their financial statements, including from feeder systems.

(2) A projected timeline of the Department in connection with the audit of the full financial statements of the Department, to be submitted to Congress annually not later than six months after the submittal to Congress of the budget of the President for a fiscal year, including the following:

(A) The date on which the Department projects the beginning of an audit of the full financial statements of the Department, and the military departments, Defense Agencies, and other organizations and elements of the Department, for a fiscal year.

(B) The date on which the Department projects the completion of audits of the full financial statements of the Department, and the military departments, Defense Agencies, and other organizations and elements of the Department, for a fiscal year.
SA 793. Mr. YOUNG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle P of title X, add the following:

SEC. 2826. LAND CONVEYANCE, MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Air Force may convey to the City of Mountain Home, Idaho (in this section referred to as the ‘City’), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property, including improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 4.25 miles of railroad spur located near Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, for further development (c), for the purpose of economic development.

(b) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—As consideration for the land conveyed under subsection (a), the City shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the fair market value of the land, as determined by an appraisal approved by the Secretary. The Secretary shall provide an amount that is acceptable to the Secretary, whether by cash payment, in-kind consideration as described under paragraph (2), or a combination thereof.

(2) IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.—In-kind consideration provided by the City under paragraph (1) may include the acquisition, construction, provision, improvement, maintenance, repair, or restoration (including environmental restoration), or combination thereof, of any facility or infrastructure under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

(c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall finalize a map and the legal description of the property to be conveyed under subsection (a).

(d) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

(1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary may require the City to cover all costs (except those for environmental restoration of the property) to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out this section, including survey costs, costs for environmental documentation, and any other administrative costs related to the conveyance. If amounts are provided from the funds of the Secretary incurring the actual costs, and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually personal identifications, or financial information for commercial or competitive advantage or private financial gain;

(B) significant destructive malware attack; and

(C) significant denial of service activities.
incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance, the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the City.

(2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Amounts received under paragraph (1) as reimbursement for costs incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a) shall be credited to the fund or account to cover the costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out the conveyance, or to an appropriate fund or account currently available to the Secretary for the purposes for which the costs were paid. Amounts so credited shall be merged with amounts in such fund or account and shall be available for the same purposes, and subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to such means of transfer, as amounts in such fund or account.

(3) USE RESERVATION.—The Secretary may reserve a right to temporarily use, for urgent reasons of national defense and at no cost to the United States, all or a portion of the railroad spur conveyed under subsection (a).

(f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

SA 796. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through 2026, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

(1) a list of airports at which aircraft owned or controlled by Mahan Air have landed during the 2 years preceding the submission of the report; and
(2) for each such airport—
(A) an assessment of whether aircraft owned or controlled by Mahan Air continue to conduct operations at that airport;
(B) an assessment of whether any of the landings of aircraft owned or controlled by Mahan Air were necessitated by an emergency situation;
(C) an assessment regarding whether additional security measures should be imposed on flights to the United States that originate from that airport; and
(D) an explanation of the rationale for that determination.

(b) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

SA 797. Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

SEC. ... ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM FOR THE COAST GUARD
(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard operating is authorized to procure an electronic health records system for the Coast Guard that is interoperable with such means of military personnel health records system of the Department of Defense.

(b) COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING.—Procurement of an electronic health records system under this section shall be exempt from the competition requirements of section 2304 of title 10, United States Code.

(c) AUTHORIZED PROCUREMENT ACTIONS.—The authority of the Secretary to procure an action to procure an electronic health records system under this section includes the following:

(1) Authority for task orders under the Department of Defense electronic health records contract.

(2) Authority for a sole source contract award.

(3) Authority for agreements made pursuant to sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the “Economy Act”).

(4) Any other procurement authority the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) SUPPORT SERVICES.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may procure, in addition to the electronic health records system, such other support services for the electronic health records system as the Secretary considers appropriate to ensure the electronic health records system is fully interoperable and integrated with the electronic health records system of the Department of Defense.

(2) SUPPORT SERVICE.—Support services procurable pursuant to this subsection may include services for the following:

(A) System integration support.

(B) Hosting support.

(C) Training, testing, technical, and data migration support.

(D) Hardware.

(E) Any other support the Secretary considers appropriate.

(MANNER OF PROCUREMENT.—The Secretary may procure support services pursuant to this subsection using the authorities provided in subsection (c).

SA 798. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. PLAN TO ENHANCE THE EXTENDED DETERRENCE AND ASSURANCE CAPABILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

(a) FINDING.—Congress recognizes that North Korea’s first successful test of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) constitutes a grave and imminent threat to United States security and to the security of United States allies and partners in the Asia-Pacific region.

(b) PLAN.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander of the United States Pacific Command and the Commander of the United States Strategic Command, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the Secretary’s plan to enhance the extended deterrence and assurance capabilities of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region.

SEC. ASSESSMENT OF THE EXPANDING GLOBAL INFLUENCE OF CHINA AND ITS IMPACT ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall enter into a contract or other agreement with an appropriate entity independent of the Department of Defense to conduct an assessment of the foreign military and non-military influence of the People’s Republic of China which could affect the regional and global national security and defense interests of the United States.
(1) Increased visible presence of key United States military assets, such as missile defenses, long-range strike assets, and intermediate-range strike assets, to the region that does not pose a threat to the United States.

(2) Increased military cooperation, exercises, and integration of defenses with allies in the region.

(3) Increased foreign military sales to allies in the region.

(4) Planning for, exercising, or deploying dual-capable aircraft to the region.

(5) Any unclassified modifications to the United States nuclear force posture.

(6) Such other actions the Secretary considers appropriate to strengthen extended deterrence and assurance in the region.

(b) Form.—The plan shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

SA 800. Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 9810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1. RECOGNITION OF THE AVIATION CADET MUSEUM IN EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, AS THE NATIONAL AVIATION CADET MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The Aviation Cadet Museum was founded in 1994 by former aviation cadet and Air Force First Lieutenant Errol Severe.

(2) From 1917 until 1965, the flying cadet and succeeding aviation cadet programs served as the primary production source for nearly 500,000 joint service pilots, navigators, and bombardiers.

(3) The bravery, courage, dedication, and heroism of the men who trained for and fought in, as well as those in support of the Army Air Forces were critical factors in defeating the enemies of the United States during World War II.

(4) The Aviation Cadet Museum in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, is the only museum in the United States that exists exclusively to examine World War I and World War II.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “Aviation Cadet Museum” means the museum in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, which may include assessment of the local ecosystem of the region of the consortium, which may include assessment of workforce and training, such as that in the United States for women and veterans, infrastructure or site development,
trade and international investment, operational improvements, and capital access components needed for manufacturing activities in such region; 
(iv) a comprehensive plan for developing components of such ecosystem (selected by the consortium): 
(I) by making specific investments to address gaps in such ecosystem; and 
(II) by making the manufacturing of the region of the consortium uniquely competitive; 
(v) a description of the investments the consortium proposes and the implementation strategy the consortium intends to use to address gaps in such ecosystem; and 
(vi) a description of the outcome-based metrics, benchmarks, and milestones that the consortium will track and the evaluation methods the consortium will use while designated as a manufacturing community to gauge performance of the strategy of the consortium to improve the manufacturing in the region of the consortium; and 
(vii) such other matters as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(6) EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall invite other Federal agencies to become participating agencies of the Manufacturing Community Support Program.

(b) PREFERENCES AND REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary, when determining which consortium a Federal agency will support, shall take into account
(1) PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION.—
(A) IN GENERAL.—In making determinations under paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5), the Secretary shall give such preference in favor of an application designated as a manufacturing community by the Secretary under section 6253 of this title to an applicant that has received designation as a manufacturing community under subsection (d) if—
(I) the consortium that will receive the financial or technical assistance has represented to the Secretary that it will use the proceeds of the financial or technical assistance
for an investment in an ecosystem that will improve the competitiveness of United States manufacturing;
(II) the consortium proposes and the implementation of the program consistent with the economic development strategy of the consortium;
(III) the use of funds will contribute to the economic development of the region of the consortium;
(IV) the consortium will use the financial or technical assistance for a purpose that will contribute to the competitiveness of United States manufacturing;
(V) the consortium will use the financial or technical assistance for a purpose that will contribute to the economic development of the region of the consortium;
(VI) the consortium will use the financial or technical assistance for a purpose that will contribute to the competitiveness of United States manufacturing;
(VII) the consortium will use the financial or technical assistance for a purpose that will contribute to the economic development of the region of the consortium;
(VIII) the consortium will use the financial or technical assistance for a purpose that will contribute to the competitiveness of United States manufacturing;
(IX) the consortium will use the financial or technical assistance for a purpose that will contribute to the economic development of the region of the consortium; and
(X) the consortium will use the financial or technical assistance for a purpose that will contribute to the competitiveness of United States manufacturing.
(B) PRIORITY ISSUES.—The Secretary is encouraged to give priority to any program or activity that seeks financial or technical assistance for a purpose that will contribute to the competitiveness of United States manufacturing.

(7) CERTAIN COMMUNITIES PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED AS MANUFACTURING COMMUNITIES.—
(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a Federal point of contact available as a manufacturing community under subsection (d) to the members of the consortium access Federal funds and technical assistance.

(2) T ECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may make a Federal point of contact available as a manufacturing community under subsection (d) to the members of the consortium access Federal funds and technical assistance.

(3) FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—
(A) IN GENERAL.—Under the Manufacturing Community Support Program, the head of a participating agency may provide financial or technical assistance to a member of a consortium designated as a manufacturing community under subsection (d) as he or she considers appropriate for purposes of such program and consistent with the economic development strategy of the consortium.

(B) USE OF FUNDS.—
(I) IN GENERAL.—A recipient of financial or technical assistance under subparagraph (A) may use such financial or technical assistance to support an investment in an ecosystem that will improve the competitiveness of United States manufacturing.

(ii) INVESTMENTS SUPPORTED.—Investments supported under this subparagraph may include—
(I) infrastructure; 
(II) access to capital; 
(III) promotion of exports and foreign direct investment; 
(IV) equipment or facility upgrades; 
(V) workforce training, retraining, or reemployment; and 
(VI) any other activity that the Secretary determines will contribute to the competitiveness of United States manufacturing.

(C) DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY ISSUES.—The Secretary shall make a determination of the priority issues for a consortium designated as a manufacturing community.

(D) COORDINATION BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.—The Secretary shall establish a point of contact for each consortium designated as a manufacturing community to the Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, and Energy. The Secretaries shall consult with the Secretary of Commerce and designated representatives of the Department of Labor, the Department of Energy, and the appropriate State, regional, or local government. The Secretary shall not make any determination under subsection (a) that would result in an adverse economic impact on the manufacturing sector.
has financial interests around the world and negotiates and concludes transactions with foreign states and entities that are extensions of foreign states.

(7) The propriety of the term of a "blind trust," as defined by former White House Ethics Counsels Richard Painter and Norm Eisen in an opinion piece in the Washington Post entitled, the trust "is neither blind nor trustworthy," dated November 15, 2016, and the Congressional Research Service report "The Use of Blind Trusts By Federal Officials," is such that the official will have no control over, will receive no communications about, and will have no knowledge of the identity of the specific assets held in the trust, and that manager of the trust is independent of the owner.

(8) On January 11, 2017, President-elect Donald J. Trump and his lawyers held a press conference to announce that he would be placing his assets in a trust and turning over management of the Trump Organization to his two adult sons, Donald Trump, Jr., and Eric Trump, and executive, Allen Weisselberg: that there will be no communication with President Trump and no new overseas business deals; that an ethics advisor will be appointed to the management team; that the proposed new deals will be domestic; and that the Trump Organization will donate any profits from any foreign governments that use Trump hotels to the Department of the Treasury.

(9) This arrangement is not sufficient because of its utter lack of independent accountability. An ethics advisor who manages a conflict or blind trust is either blind or trustworthy," as Richard Painter and Norm Eisen define the term, and they have set the precedent of using true blind trusts, in which their holdings were liquidated and placed in new investments unknown to them by an independent trustee who managed them free of familial bias.

(10) The director of the Office of Government Ethics has stated that "[t]he plan the [President] has announced doesn't meet the standards that the best of his nominees are meeting and that every president in the last four decades have met." 

(11) The promise that no new overseas business deals will be agreed to by the Trump Organization in what constitutes a deal, and whether expansions to existing properties, licensing or permitting fee agreements, or loans from foreign banks like Deutsche Bank, or financial interests around the world and negotiates and concludes transactions with foreign states and entities that are extensions of foreign states.

(12) The promise that the Trump Organization will donate profits from any foreign governments that use Trump hotels does not include Trump golf courses and other properties; does not explain whether the promise covers foreign government officials who register under their own names or third-party vendors and contractors; and does not address the propriety of the Trump Tower's biggest tenant, qualifies; does not define what constitutes "profit"; does not address the propriety of the Trump Tower's biggest tenant, qualifies; does not define what constitutes "profit"; does not address the propriety of the Trump Tower's biggest tenant, qualifies; does not define what constitutes "profit"; does not address the propriety of the Trump Tower's biggest tenant, qualifies; does not define what constitutes "profit";

(13) President Trump's lawyers claimed that "it would be impossible to find an institutional trustee that would be competent to run the Trump Organization" when there are dozens if not hundreds of highly qualified trustees who handle complicated business situations like the disposition of the Trump Organization.

(14) At the January 11, 2017, press conference, President-elect Trump's lawyer implied that the pledge made by him and the Emoluments Clause is over "routine business transactions like paying for hotel rooms" and claimed that "[p]laying for a CEO's hotel suite or paying for a CEO's home, and it has nothing to do with an office. It's not an emolument.

(15) A comprehensive study of the Emoluments Clause written by Richard Painter, Norman Eisen, and Lawrence Tribe, two of whom are former ethics counsels to past presidents, has stated: "Since the Emoluments Clauses are properly defined as including 'profit' from any employment, as well as 'salary,' it is clear that even remuneration fairly earned is improper.

(16) Numerous legal and constitutional experts, including several former White House ethics counsels, have also made clear that the arrangement announced on January 11, 2017, in which the President fails to exit the ownership of his businesses through use of a blind trust or equivalent, will leave the President with a conflict of interest in businesses that collect foreign government payments and benefits, which raises both constitutional and public interest concerns.

(17) Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, William J. Clinton, and George W. Bush have set the precedent of using true blind trusts, in which their holdings were liquidated and placed in new investments unknown to them by an independent trustee who managed them free of familial bias.

(18) The continued intertwining of the business of the Trump Organization and the work of government has the potential to constitute the foreign corruption so feared by the Founding Fathers and to betray the trust of America's citizens.

(19) On January 20, 2017, President Trump swore an oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, the rights, privileges and limitations of which are defined and guarded by the Federal judiciary of the United States.

(20) Congress has an institutional, constitutional obligation to ensure that the President of the United States does not violate the Emoluments Clause, Federal law, or fundamental principles of ethics, and is discharging the obligations of office based on the national interest, not based on personal interest.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

(1) finds the promised actions outlined by President Donald J. Trump at his January 11, 2017, press conference wholly inadequate and insufficient to ensure compliance with the Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution;

(2) calls upon President Trump to follow the precedent established by prior Presidents and convert his assets to simple, conflict-free holdings by appointing an independent trustee with no relationship to Donald J. Trump or his businesses, or take other equivalent measures;

(3) calls upon President Trump not to use the powers or opportunities of his position as President of the United States for any purpose related to the Trump Organization; and

(4) regards, in the absence of express affirmative authorization by Congress, dealings that Donald J. Trump, as President of the United States, may have through his companies, investments in foreign entities owned or controlled by foreign governments as potential violations of the Emoluments Clause.

SA 804. Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. DONNELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 1651(c), strike paragraph (2).

SA 805. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 85, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

‘‘(7A) The base commander of a military installation impacted by a proposed wind turbine project shall submit to the Clearinghouse a statement of objection or non-objection regarding the impact of proposed project.

‘‘(B) The statement shall include the following elements:

(i) An analysis of the impact on pilot safety, training, military operations, and readiness.

(ii) A detailed description of any potential negative impacts on pilot safety, training, military operations, and readiness.

(iii) Any additional information the base commander determines to be necessary for consideration in the evaluation process.

(iv) A statement of objection or non-objection.

The base commander’s recommendation shall be incorporated into the Clearinghouse analysis and made a matter of permanent record.’’

SA 806. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 1651(c), strike paragraph (2).

SEC. 2803. ANNUAL LOCALITY ADJUSTMENT OF DOLLAR THRESHOLDS APPLICABLE TO UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITIES.

Section 2803 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘‘(f) ADJUSTMENT OF DOLLAR LIMITATIONS FOR LOCATION.—Each fiscal year, the Secretary concerned shall adjust the dollar limitations specified in this subsection for an unspecified minor military construction project inside the United States to reflect
the area construction cost index for military construction projects published by the Department of Defense during the prior fiscal year for the location of the project.'

SA 807. Mr. GARDNER (for Mrs. SHAHEN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care Commission; as follows:

On page 5, line 12, strike ‘‘and’’.

On page 5, line 20, strike the period and insert ‘‘; and’’.

On page 5, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

‘‘(g) Enactment.—(1) In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by House amendment SA 808, this Act shall be effective 1 day after enactment.’’

SA 808. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 601, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 5, line 12, strike ‘‘and’’.

On page 5, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

‘‘(g) Enactment.—(1) In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by House amendment SA 808, this Act shall be effective 1 day after enactment.’’
enactment of this Act and ending on December 8, 2017.

(b) Special Rule Relating to Obligations Issued During Extension Period.—Effective on December 8, 2017, the limitation in effect under section 310(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall be increased to the extent that—

(1) the face amount of obligations issued under chapter 31 of such title and the face amount of obligations whose principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States Government (or are held by the Secretary of the Treasury) outstanding on December 9, 2017, exceeds

(2) the face amount of such obligations outstanding on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) Restoring Congressional Authority Over the National Debt. (1) Extension limited to necessary obligations.—An obligation shall not be taken into account under section 101(a) unless the issuance of such obligation was necessary to fund a commitment incurred pursuant to law by the Federal Government that required payment before December 9, 2017.

(2) Control of Appropriation of Case Reserve During Extension Period.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall not issue obligations during the period specified in section 101(a) for the purpose of increasing the cash balance above normal operating balances in anticipation of the expiration of such period.

DIVISION D—CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes, namely:

Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2017 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act and not conducted in fiscal year 2017, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts:


(12) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 (division A of Public Law 115–31), except for appropriations for fiscal year 2017 that included the following:

SEC. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2017 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act and not conducted in fiscal year 2017, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts:


(b) The rate for operations provided for in subsection (a) is hereby reduced by 0.8791 percent.

SEC. 102. (a) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2017 shall be used for: (1) the new production of items not funded for production in fiscal year 2017 or prior years; (2) the increase in the service life of those items funded or reacquired or salvaged during fiscal year 2017 or prior years; or (3) for any project, activity, operation, or organization (defined as any project, subproject, activity, budget, budget program, program element, and program group within a program element, and for any investment items defined as a P–1 line item in a budget activity within an appropriation account and an R–1 line item that includes a program element and subprogram element within an appropriation account) for which funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2017.

(b) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department of Defense shall be used to initiate multi-year procurements utilizing advance procurement funding for economic order quantity procurement unless specifically appropriated later.

SEC. 103. Appropriations made by section 101 shall be available to the extent and in the manner that would be provided by the pertinent appropriations Act.

SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in section 105, any section or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2017.

SEC. 105. Appropriations made and authority granted under this Act shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for any project or activity during the period for which funds or authority for such project or activity were provided by this Act.

SEC. 106. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act or in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2017, appropriations and authority granted under this Act shall be available until whichever of the following first occurs:

(1) the enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this Act;

(2) the enactment into law of the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2018 without any provision for such project or activity; or

(3) December 8, 2017.

Expenditures made pursuant to this Act shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into law.

SEC. 108. Appropriations made and funds made available or authority granted pursuant to this Act may be used without regard to the time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments set forth in section 1513 of title 31, United States Code, but nothing in this Act may be construed to waive any other provision of law governing the apportionment of funds.

SEC. 109. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, except section 106, for those programs that would otherwise have high initial rates of operation or complete distribution of items at the beginning of fiscal year 2018 because of distributions of funding to States, foreign countries, grantees, or others, such high initial rates of operation or complete distribution shall not be made, and no grants shall be awarded for such programs funded by this Act that would impinge on final funding prerogatives.

SEC. 110. This Act shall be implemented so that only the most limited funding action of that permitted in the Act shall be taken in order to provide for continuation of projects already approved for.

SEC. 111. (a) For entitlements and other mandatory payments whose budget authority is provided in this Act for fiscal year 2017, and for appropriations under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, activities shall be continued at the rate to maintain program levels under current law, under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2017, to be continued through the date specified in section 106(b).

(b) Notwithstanding section 106, obligations for mandatory payments due on or about the first day of any month that begins after December 2017 shall be made on or before the date specified in section 106(b) and continue to be made, and funds shall be available for such payments.

SEC. 112. Amounts available under section 101 for civilian personnel compensation and benefits in each department and agency may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to avoid furloughs within such department or agency, consistent with the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2017, except that such authority provided under this section shall not be used until after the department or agency has taken all necessary actions to reduce or defer non-personnel-related administrative expenses.


SEC. 114. (a) Each amount incorporated by reference in this Act that was previously designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism is hereby transmitted to the obligation and apportionment level of the corresponding appropriation in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
of 1985 or as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of such Act is designated by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Ground War on Terrorism or as being for defense requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act or as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of such Act, respectively.

(b) Notwithstanding section 101(b) of this Act shall not apply to—

1. amounts designated under subsection (a) of this section;
2. amounts made available by section 101(a) by reference to the second paragraph under the heading “Social Security Administration—Administrative Expenses” in division H of Public Law 115–31; or
3. amounts made available by section 101(a) by reference to the paragraph under the heading “Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services—Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Account” in division H of Public Law 115–31.

c. Section 6 of Public Law 115–31 shall apply to amounts designated in subsection (a) for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism or as an emergency requirement necessary to avoid disruption of continuing projects or activities funded in this appropriation.

Sec. 115. During the period covered by this Act, discretionary amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2017 were provided pursuant to appropriation Acts shall be available in the amounts provided in such Acts, reduced by the percentage in section 101(b).

Sec. 117. Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are provided for “Department of Agriculture—Domestic Food Programs—Food and Nutrition Service—Commodity Assistance Program” for the rate for operations of $317,139,000, of which $238,120,000 shall be available for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

Sec. 118. Amounts made available by section 101 for “Department of Commerce–Buyer Support” shall be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to maintain the service according to statutory deadlines in the 2020 Decennial Census Program.

Sec. 119. Section 121(f)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note), as most recently amended by section 1223 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–286), shall be apportioned up to “2018” for “2017” through the earlier of the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

Sec. 121. Amounts made available by section 101 for “Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund” may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to avoid disruption of continuing projects or activities funded in this appropriation.

Sec. 122. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, the first proviso under the heading “Power Marketing Administrations—Operation and Maintenance, Southeastern Power Administration” in division D of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied by substituting “$60,760,000” for “$60,760,000”.

(b) Notwithstanding section 101, the third proviso under the heading “Power Marketing Administrations—Operation and Maintenance, Southwestern Power Administration” in division D of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied by substituting “$179,000,000” for “$367,000,000”.

Sec. 123. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, except section 106, the District of Columbia may expend local funds under the heading “District of Columbia Funds” for such programs and activities under the District of Columbia Appropriation Acts specified in section 106(3) of such Act for the period specified in section 106(3). The authority provided by section 101 for “Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Relief Fund” may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to carry out response and recovery activities as provided by section 101, an additional amount is provided for “Environmental Protection Agency—Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program Account” for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, notwithstanding section 5053 of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, at a rate for operations of $3,000,000.

Sec. 124. Amounts made available by section 101 for “Department of the Interior—National Park Service—Operating Expenses” in division E of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied by substituting “$19,400,000” for “$34,895,000” and $4,754,000. Amounts made available by section 101 for “Department of the Interior—National Park Service—Operation of the National Park Service—Interagency and Intramural Programs” in division E of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied by substituting “$10,000,000” for “$14,900,000” and $4,754,000.

Sec. 125. Amounts made available by section 101 for “Department of the Interior—National Park Service—Operating Expenses” in division F of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied by substituting “$2,420,818,000” for “$2,420,818,000”.


Sec. 127. Amounts made available by section 301 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391) shall continue in effect through the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act.

Sec. 128. Section 404 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–118; 6 U.S.C. 610(e)) shall be amended, subject to any further provisions or amendments made by section 101, by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) for “September 30, 2017”.

Sec. 129. Amounts made available by section 101 for “Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Relief Fund” may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to carry out response and recovery activities as provided by section 101, amounts are provided for “Environmental Protection Agency—Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program Account” for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, notwithstanding section 5053 of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, at a rate for operations of $3,000,000.

Sec. 130. (a) The following sections of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act shall continue in effect through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution—


Sec. 131. Sections 1309(a) and 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016a and 4016b) shall be applied by substituting “2018” for “2017”.

Sec. 132. The authority provided by section 101, an additional amount is provided for “Environmental Protection Agency—Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program Account” for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, notwithstanding section 5053 of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, at a rate for operations of $3,000,000.

Sec. 133. Amounts made available by section 101 for “Department of the Interior—National Park Service—Operating Expenses” in division E of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied by substituting “$19,400,000” for “$34,895,000” and $4,754,000. Amounts made available by section 101 for “Department of the Interior—National Park Service—Operation of the National Park Service—Interagency and Intramural Programs” in division E of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied by substituting “$10,000,000” for “$14,900,000” and $4,754,000.

Sec. 134. (a) The following sections of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act shall continue in effect through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution—

SEC. 136. The second proviso under the heading “Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families—Children and Families Services Programs—Division B” of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied during the period covered by this Act as if the following were struck from such proviso: “of which $80,000,000 shall be available for a cost of living adjustment notwithstanding section 649(a)(3)(A) of such Act”.

SEC. 137. The proviso at the end of paragraph (a) under the heading “Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations” in title I of division G of Public Law 113–235 shall be applied through the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act by substituting “seven” for “six”.

SEC. 138. In making Federal financial assistance, the National Institutes of Health shall continue through the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act the provisions relating to indirect costs in part 75 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, including with respect to the approval of deviations from negotiated rates, to the same extent and in the same manner as the National Institutes of Health applied such provisions in the third quarter of fiscal year 2017. None of the funds provided in this Act may be used to develop or implement a modified approach to such provisions, or to intentionally or substantially expand the fiscal effects of such provisions, from negotiated rates beyond the proportional effect of such approvals in such quarter.

SEC. 139. (a) Section 529 of division H of Public Law 115–31 shall be applied by substituting “prior to the beginning of fiscal year 2018 under section 2104(n)(2)(A)(ii)” for “from the amounts made available under title I of the semiannual allotment period for fiscal year 2017 under section 2104(n)(2)(A)(i)” and “1,132,000,000” for “2,652,000,000”.

SEC. 140. Notwithstanding 2 U.S.C. 1577, amounts made available by section 101 for “Legislative Branch—Senate—Salaries, Officers and Employees-Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper” may be appropriated for operations necessary to maintain current Senate cybersecurity capabilities.

SEC. 141. (a) The remaining unobligated balances of funds made available under the heading “Department of Veterans Affairs—Departmental Administration—Construction, Major Projects” in division A of the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 and Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–2) are hereby rescinded: Provided, That the amounts rescinded pursuant to this section that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to that section of that Act.

(b) In addition to the amount otherwise provided by section 101 for “Department of Veterans Affairs—Departmental Administration—Construction, Major Projects”, there is appropriated for an additional amount for fiscal year 2017, to remain available until September 30, 2022, an amount equal to the unobligated balances rescinded pursuant to subsection (a), for renovations and repairs as a consequence of damage caused by Hurricane Sandy: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and used to carry out planning and design and major medical facility construction 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.

(c) Each amount designated in this section by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

(d) This section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

SEC. 142. (a) The Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 5976 note) shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) for “October 1, 2017”.

This division may be cited as the “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. President, I have 6 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leader.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to hold a hearing entitled “Addressing the Risk of Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in the Federal Communications Commission’s Lifeline Program.”

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10 a.m. in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The History and Challenges of the Individual Insurance Market for 2018: State Insurance Commissioners.”

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Stabilizing Premiums and Helping Individuals in the Individual Insurance Market for 2018: State Insurance Commissioners” on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 11 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Stabilizing Premiums and Helping Individuals in the Individual Insurance Market for 2018: State Insurance Commissioners” on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing titled “The History and Current Reality of the U.S. Health Care System.”

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 6, 2017, at 10 a.m., in room SD–226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S.J. RES. 49

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I understand there is a joint resolution at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 49) condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured by the violence, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, respecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President’s Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups.

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

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

AUTHORIZING USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 23, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 23) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered