

(5) A description of the process at the Department for handling complaints of veterans about the use of contractors as described in subsection (a).

(c) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I have eight requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing.

##### 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 Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:45 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on The Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on The Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hybrid hearing.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Rhode Island.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 298, Michael Colin Casey, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center; that the Senate vote on the nomination without any intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the Record; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael Colin Casey, of Kentucky, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Casey nomination?

The nomination was agreed to.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions: S. Res. 337, National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week; S. Res. 338, Patriot Week; and S. Res. 339, Blood Donation Drive.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles, where applicable, be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions (S. Res. 337 and S. Res. 338) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

The resolution (S. Res. 339) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 12 noon on Wednesday, September 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 198, H.R. 4366, postcloture; further, that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and leader remarks count against the postcloture time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 4366

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator MURRAY, I ask unanimous consent that the following report from the Committee on Appropriations be printed in the RECORD.

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

#### FURTHER REVISED ALLOCATION TO SUBCOMMITTEES OF BUDGET TOTALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report revising the allocations to its subcommittees for fiscal year 2024 set forth in Senate Report 118-45 (June 22, 2023) and revised in Senate Report 118-57 (July 12, 2023), Senate Report 118-69 (July 19, 2023), and Senate Report 118-78 (July 26, 2023).

Section 302(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended, provides that at any time after a committee reports its allocations, such committee may report to its House an alteration of such allocations. This report is submitted pursuant to this section.

Under the provisions of section 301(a) of the Congressional Budget Act, the Congress shall complete action on a concurrent resolution on the budget no later than April 15 of each year. The Congressional Budget Act requires that, as soon as practicable after a concurrent resolution on the budget is agreed to, the Committee on Appropriations shall submit to the Senate a report subdividing among its subcommittees the new budget authority and total outlays allocated to the Committee in the joint explanatory statement accompanying the conference report on such a resolution.

On June 3, 2023, the President approved the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. Section 121 of that act provides for the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget to file an allocation, consistent with the terms of the Fiscal

Responsibility Act, to serve as a section 302(a) allocation for purposes of budget enforcement in the Senate. The allocation was filed by the Chairman of the Budget Committee on June 21, 2023 (Congressional Record pp. S2180–S2181).

The Committee notes that, under the terms of section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget may increase the 302(a) allocation of the Committee on Appropriations if certain conditions relating to funding of specific pro-

grams are met. These provisions address such programs as the costs of emergencies (sec. 251(b)(2)(A)(i)), continuing disability reviews and redeterminations (sec. 251(b)(2)(B)), healthcare fraud and abuse control (sec. 251(b)(2)(C)), disaster funding (sec. 251(b)(2)(D)), reemployment services and eligibility assessments (sec. 251(b)(2)(E)), and wildfire suppression (sec. 251(b)(2)(F)).

On September 12, 2023, the Committee on the Budget filed a revised 302(a) allocation for the Committee on Appropriations reflecting permissible increases in the fiscal year

2024 discretionary allocation. These reflect an increase of \$8,000,000,000 in budget authority in the revised security category for emergencies and \$54,198,000,000 in budget authority in the revised nonsecurity category for emergencies, continuing disability reviews and redeterminations, healthcare fraud and abuse control, disaster funding, reemployment services and eligibility assessments, and wildfire suppression, as well as their associated outlays.

The revised allocations to subcommittees for fiscal year 2024 are set forth below:

FURTHER REVISED SUBCOMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024  
(In millions of dollars)

Subcommittee	Discretionary				Mandatory		Total	
	Budget authority			Outlays Total	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
	Security	Nonsecurity	Total					
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies .....		25,993	25,993	27,894	174,241	169,505	200,234	197,399
Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies .....	6,674	65,060	71,734	87,588	385	441	72,119	88,029
Defense .....	831,080	187	831,267	821,922	514	514	831,781	822,436
Energy and Water Development .....	33,422	24,670	58,092	64,020			58,092	64,020
Financial Services and General Government .....	43	16,907	16,950	33,018	22,334	22,326	39,284	55,344
Homeland Security .....	3,612	78,025	81,637	83,400	1,147	1,147	82,784	84,547
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies .....		42,695	42,695	48,392	64	65	42,759	48,457
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies .....		202,178	202,178	263,863	1,064,077	1,062,276	1,266,255	1,326,139
Legislative Branch .....		6,761	6,761	6,657	137	137	6,898	6,794
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies .....	19,070	135,282	154,352	150,863	209,944	195,630	364,296	346,493
State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs .....		61,608	61,608	67,235	159	159	61,767	67,394
Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies .....	448	98,483	98,931	182,360			98,931	182,360
Total .....	894,349	757,849	1,652,198	1,837,212	1,473,002	1,452,200	3,125,200	3,289,412

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:47 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate September 12, 2023:

THE JUDICIARY

JEFFREY IRVINE CUMMINGS, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

TANYA J. BRADSHER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

MICHAEL COLIN CASEY, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY CENTER.