

(A) increased or decreased, as appropriate, by such amounts as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in costs occurring after the date of enactment of this Act as indicated by the Bureau of Reclamation Construction Cost Index—Composite Trend; and

(B) adjusted to address construction cost changes necessary to account for unforeseen market volatility that may not otherwise be captured by engineering cost indices as determined by the Secretary, including repricing applicable to the types of construction and current industry standards involved.

(2) REPETITION.—The adjustment process under paragraph (1) shall be repeated for each subsequent amount appropriated until the amount authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), as adjusted, has been appropriated.

(3) PERIOD OF INDEXING.—

(A) TRUST FUND.—With respect to the Trust Fund, the period of indexing adjustment under paragraph (1) for any increment of funding shall end on the date on which the funds are deposited into the Trust Fund.

(B) IMPLEMENTATION FUND.—With respect to the Implementation Fund, the period of adjustment under paragraph (1) for any increment of funding shall be annually.

#### SEC. 15. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(a) WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE UNITED STATES.—Except as provided in subsections (a) through (c) of section 208 of the Department of Justice Appropriation Act, 1953 (43 U.S.C. 666), nothing in this Act waives the sovereign immunity of the United States.

(b) OTHER TRIBES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED.—Nothing in this Act quantifies or diminishes any land or water right, or any claim or entitlement to land or water, of an Indian Tribe, band, or community other than the Fort Belknap Indian Community.

(c) ELIMINATION OF DEBTS OR LIENS AGAINST ALLOTMENTS OF THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITHIN THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT.—On the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall cancel and eliminate all debts or liens against the allotments of land held by the Fort Belknap Indian Community and the members of the Fort Belknap Indian Community due to construction assessments and annual operation and maintenance charges relating to the Fort Belknap Indian Irrigation Project.

(d) EFFECT ON CURRENT LAW.—Nothing in this Act affects any provision of law (including regulations) in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act with respect to pre-enforcement review of any Federal environmental enforcement action.

(e) EFFECT ON RECLAMATION LAWS.—The activities carried out by the Commissioner under this Act shall not establish a precedent or impact the authority provided under any other provision of the reclamation laws, including—

(1) the Reclamation Rural Water Supply Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.); and

(2) the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 991).

(f) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—Nothing in this Act prohibits the Fort Belknap Indian Community from seeking—

(1) additional funds for Tribal programs or purposes; or

(2) funding from the United States or the State based on the status of the Fort Belknap Indian Community as an Indian Tribe.

(g) RIGHTS UNDER STATE LAW.—Except as provided in section 1 of Article III of the Compact (relating to the closing of certain water basins in the State to new appropriations in accordance with the laws of the

State), nothing in this Act or the Compact precludes the acquisition or exercise of a right arising under State law (as defined in section 6 of Article II of the Compact) to the use of water by the Fort Belknap Indian Community, or a member or allottee of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, outside the Reservation by—

(1) purchase of the right; or

(2) submitting to the State an application in accordance with State law.

(h) WATER STORAGE AND IMPORTATION.—Nothing in this Act or the Compact prevents the Fort Belknap Indian Community from participating in any project to import water to, or to add storage in, the Milk River Basin.

#### SEC. 16. ANTIDEFICIENCY.

The United States shall not be liable for any failure to carry out any obligation or activity authorized by this Act, including any obligation or activity under the Compact, if—

(1) adequate appropriations are not provided by Congress expressly to carry out the purposes of this Act; or

(2) there are not enough funds available in the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund established by section 10501(a) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C. 407(a)) to carry out the purposes of this Act.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I have two 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 HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 9 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 Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

#### AMENDING TITLE 35, UNITED STATES CODE, TO PROVIDE A GOOD FAITH EXCEPTION TO THE IMPOSITION OF FINES FOR FALSE ASSERTIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 3960 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3960) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide a good faith exception to the imposition of fines for false asser-

tions and certifications, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 3960) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3960

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. GOOD FAITH EXCEPTION TO THE IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN FINES.

Title 35, United States Code, is amended—  
(1) in section 41(j), by inserting “, unless the entity shows that the assertion was made in good faith,” before “be subject”; and  
(2) in section 123(f), by inserting “, unless the entity shows that the certification was made in good faith,” before “be subject”.

#### RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF POLLINATORS TO ECOSYSTEM HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES BY DESIGNATING JUNE 16 THROUGH JUNE 22, 2024, AS NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 747, submitted earlier today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 747) recognizing the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and agriculture in the United States by designating June 16 through June 22, 2024, as “National Pollinator Week”.

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

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 747) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

#### APPOINTMENT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101-595, and further amended by Public Law 113-281, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy:

the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), At Large.

#### APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SIGNING AUTHORITY

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senators from Virginia and the Senators from Maryland be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from June 20, 2024, through July 8, 2024.

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

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024, THROUGH MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times: Friday, June 21 at 6:30 a.m.; Tuesday, June 25 at 11:30 a.m.; Friday, June 28 at 12 noon; Tuesday, July 2 at 12 noon; Friday, July 5 at 9 a.m.; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, July 5, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 8; that on Monday, 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 following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Maldonado nomination postcloture and that all time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m.; and that if the nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; further, that the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen on Tuesday, July 9.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 6:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam 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 3:15 p.m., adjourned until Friday, June 21, 2024, at 6:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 716:

##### *To be major*

SCOTT D. HOPKINS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### *To be colonel*

JOHN C. REED

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS A PERMANENT PROFESSOR AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9433(B) AND 9436(A):

##### *To be colonel*

ELIZABETH B. MATHIAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS A PERMANENT PROFESSOR AT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9433(B) AND 9436(A):

##### *To be colonel*

MATTHEW I. HORNER

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### *To be major*

JOSHUA A. KING

THE FOLLOWING NAMED WARRANT OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

##### *To be major*

MATTHEW F. FOUQUIER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

##### *To be lieutenant colonel*

VEGAS V. COLEMAN

MATTHEW A. DUGARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

##### *To be major*

HANNAH E. CHOI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

##### *To be colonel*

STEVEN P. PERRY, JR.

REBECCA D. WHITE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

##### *To be colonel*

ROY A. GEORGE

GARY I. GWYNN II

PAUL A. KESSENS

MICHAEL R. KOWALSKI

LUCAS J. LANCZY

JOHN S. LEAKE II

INGOLF D. MAURSTAD

RODERICK J. RICHARDSON

ANTHONY J. SMITHHART II

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### *To be colonel*

GARY LEVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER IDENTIFIED BY CODE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE

UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### *To be lieutenant colonel*

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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

##### *To be major*

JESSE J. ADAMSON

MELISSA K. ANDERSON

KIMBERLY E. BAUMGARDNER

PARKER N. BENTON

ALLISON T. BERTONI

TAYLOR W. BIVENS

LEE A. BRETHOWER

JORDAN E. BROADDUS

ROSS H. CARROLL

JIMMY CHEN

STEPHANIE J. CHOE

MYUNGSO CHUNG

AARON N. COLAMARINO

KYLEE G. DEITER

DONALD R. DEMICHELE II

BURKE A. DEVLIN

CORBY M. DIXON

EMILY L. EICKHOFF

TIFFANY C. FORD

MICHAEL E. FRANCISCUS

ALAN R. GEORGE

AARON J. GRINGER

AMANDA J. HAAR

CHARLES J. HARDIN

PETER F. HEITMAN

SHANE C. HOFFNER

DAVID A. HORNAK

PETER C. HWANG

ALYSE M. KNUTH

TORIA L. KOUTRAS

GLORIA H. KWON

DAVID I. LIBERMAN

TIDA N. LIU

SAMUEL K. LO

CHARLES A. LONG

RACHEAL M. LONG

SCHULER P. LUCE

WAEK K. MABROUK

ELIZABETH M. MACKALL

AUSTIN T. MAJURE

PATRICE L. MARA

CAITLYN A. MENICUCCI

TRI M. NGUYEN

PAUL J. PARK

COOPER A. PASQUE

ADAM J. PINK

IAN N. PRINS

GREGORY J. RAMIREZ

ANDREW T. RAY

MARY E. RONDEAU

JOSEPH M. SARNELLE

KENDRICK J. SAWYERS

AUSTIN J. STUBBS

KATELYN M. SWEET

ROSS T. VANDERCREEK

CASSI L. VELAZQUEZ

ANDY VON BERGEN

ZACHARY D. WHITE

ELENA A. WISER

CHRISTOPHER M. WUNSCH

HEUNG S. YOO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS CHAPLAINS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

##### *To be colonel*

MATTHEW D. ATKINS

DEBORAH A. BROWN

JENNIFER J. COOPER

TIMOTHY G. CROSS

RANDALL P. CURRY

MICHAEL A. DERIENZO

JERRY D. HALL

JOHN V. O. IJEOMA

HYOKCHAN D. KIM

JAMES N. KLINE

JONATHAN J. KNOEDLER

ERIC W. LEETCH

JASON R. LORENZEN

NATHAN P. MCLEAN

BYUNG K. MIN

LIGHT K. SHIN

CHRISTOPHER W. WALLACE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

##### *To be colonel*

JOSEPH T. CONLEY III

GARY DETTLOFF

PHILLIP R. HEMMERT

RODNEY P. KELLEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### *To be lieutenant colonel*

RICHARD T. HILL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE