The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER
The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:
Let us pray.
O Lord our God, You soar upon the wings of the wind. Increase our faith, hope, and love that we may receive Your promises.
As our lawmakers seek to humbly do Your will, impart to them Your strength. Lord, pursue and overtake their adversaries, so that Your will may be done on Earth. Show our Senators Your loving kindness, enabling them to serve Your purposes for their lives in this generation.
Sustain us all in the day of calamity, for we find our delight in You. Show mercy to the merciful, purity to the pure, and justice to the upright.
We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015—
MOTION TO PROCEED
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business.
The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:
Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 19, H.R. 22, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all time is yielded back.
The question is on agreeing to the motion.
Mr. MCCAIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?
There appears to be a sufficient second.
The clerk will call the roll.
The legislative clerk called the roll.
Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted “yea.”
Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), are necessarily absent.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?
The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 26, as follows:

![Rollcall Vote No. 252 Leg.] YEAS—51
AYotte Baldwin Barasso Boxer Burr Capito Cassidy Coats Cochran Collins Cornyn Crapo Daines Donnelly Durbin Ellis Grassley Hatch Hoeven Johnson Kingston Kirsch Klomchak Lankford Leahy Leach Lesniak Levin Manchin NAYs—26 Bennet Blumenthal Brown Cantwell Cardin Casey

● This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.
The motion was agreed to.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employer to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment, as modified, is as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act” or the “DRIVE Act”.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 2266, AS MODIFIED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I call up amendment No. 2266, as modified with the changes at the desk.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment, as modified, is as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)