

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

S. 3331

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Fluke Fairness Act of 2018”.

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Summer flounder is an important economic fish stock for commercial and recreational fishermen across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic United States.

(2) The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) was reauthorized in 2006 and instituted annual catch limits and accountability measures for important fish stocks.

(3) That reauthorization prompted fishery managers to look at alternate management schemes to rebuild depleted stocks like summer flounder.

(4) Summer flounder occur in both State and Federal waters and are managed through a joint fishery management plan between the Council and the Commission.

(5) The Council and the Commission decided that each State’s recreational and commercial harvest limits for summer flounder would be based upon landings in previous years.

(6) These historical landings were based on flawed data sets that no longer provide fairness or flexibility for fisheries managers to allocate resources based on the best science.

(7) This allocation mechanism resulted in an uneven split among the States along the East Coast which is problematic.

(8) The fishery management plan for summer flounder does not account for regional changes in the location of the fluke stock even though the stock has moved further to the north and changes in effort by anglers along the East Coast.

(9) The States have been locked in a management system based on data that occurred over a decade ago and the summer flounder stock is not being managed using the best available science and modern fishery management techniques.

(10) It is in the interest of the Federal Government to establish a new fishery management plan for summer flounder that is based on current geographic, scientific, and economic realities.

#### SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

(2) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council established under section 302(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(a)).

(3) NATIONAL STANDARDS.—The term “National Standards” means the national standards for fishery conservation and management set out in section 301(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1851(a)).

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(5) SUMMER FLOUNDER.—The term “summer flounder” means the species *Paralichthys dentatus*.

#### SEC. 4. SUMMER FLOUNDER MANAGEMENT REFORM.

(a) FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN MODIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Council shall submit to the Secretary, and the Secretary may approve, a modified fishery management

plan for the commercial and recreational management of summer flounder under title III of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 et seq.) or an amendment to such plan that—

(1) shall be based on the best scientific information available;

(2) reflects changes in the distribution, abundance, and location of summer flounder in establishing distribution of the commercial and recreational catch quotas;

(3) considers regional, coastwide, or other management measures for summer flounder that comply with the National Standards; and

(4) prohibits the allocation of commercial or recreational catch quotas for summer flounder on a State-by-State basis using historical landings data that does not reflect the status of the summer flounder stock, based on the most recent scientific information.

(b) CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION.—In preparing the modified fishery management plan or an amendment to such a plan as described in subsection (a), the Council shall consult with the Commission to ensure consistent management throughout the range of the summer flounder.

(c) FAILURE TO SUBMIT PLAN.—If the Council fails to submit a modified fishery management plan or an amendment to such a plan as described in subsection (a) that may be approved by the Secretary, the Secretary shall prepare and approve such a modified plan or amendment.

#### SEC. 5. REPORT.

Not later than 1 year after the date of the approval under section 4 of a modified fishery management plan for the commercial and recreational management of summer flounder or an amendment to such plan, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of such modified plan or amendment that includes an assessment of whether such implementation complies with the National Standards.

### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 601—CONDEMNING THE DECISION BY PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE WHITE HOUSE TO BAN MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA FROM WHITE HOUSE EVENTS FOR ASKING CRITICAL QUESTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT, AND AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF A FREE AND UNFETTERED PRESS IN OUR DEMOCRACY

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 601

Whereas President Donald Trump repeatedly refers to reputable journalists and multiple media organizations as “fake news”;

Whereas President Trump has characterized media organizations as “a stain on America”;

Whereas President Trump has also characterized media organizations as “the real enemy of the people”, while simultaneously characterizing his summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin as “a great success”;

Whereas President Trump has threatened media organizations such as CNN and the Washington Post with antitrust actions while ignoring antitrust concerns with news organizations that provide him favorable coverage;

Whereas, on July 25, 2016, the White House singled out CNN reporter Kaitlan Collins and barred her from attending an event at the White House Rose Garden;

Whereas Ms. Collins asked President Trump questions regarding his former attorney Michael Cohen and Russian President Vladimir Putin, which he did not answer, at the White House press pool earlier in the day;

Whereas the White House alleged that Ms. Collins’ questions were inappropriate for the venue;

Whereas the White House’s justification for removing Ms. Collins was clearly a pretext, and the real reason she was removed was that President Trump didn’t like Ms. Collins’ questions, which made him uncomfortable;

Whereas President Trump has threatened to take away the White House press credentials of journalists whose coverage he does not like;

Whereas the decision to bar a member of the press from the White House for the questions the member asked is retaliatory in nature, violates the spirit of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and is not indicative of an open and free press; and

Whereas a free and unfettered press is the cornerstone of our democracy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the decision by President Donald Trump and the White House to bar Kaitlan Collins from the White House;

(2) condemns the escalating attacks by President Trump on reputable journalists and news organizations as “fake news”, “a stain on America”, and “the real enemy of the people”;

(3) affirms that it is necessary and appropriate for reporters to ask questions of powerful government officials, including the President of the United States, in order to hold these officials accountable to the people of the United States; and

(4) affirms that reporters and journalists must be able to feel free to do their duty without fear of reprisal from the Government.

SENATE RESOLUTION 602—SUPPORTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER TSIPRAS OF GREECE AND PRIME MINISTER ZAEV OF MACEDONIA TO RESOLVE LONGSTANDING BILATERAL DISPUTES

Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. RISCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 602

Whereas, on June 17, 2018, Prime Minister of Greece Alexis Tsipras and Prime Minister of Macedonia Zoran Zaev signed an agreement to officially change the constitutional name of the “Republic of Macedonia” to the “Republic of North Macedonia” and end a 27-year-long dispute;

Whereas, on June 12, 2018, the United States Department of State congratulated Prime Ministers Tsipras and Zaev and welcomed their historic agreement to resolve the name dispute;

Whereas, on June 12, 2018, the European Union's High Representative for Foreign Policy, Federica Mogherini, and the European Union's Commissioner for Enlargement, Johannes Hahn, issued a joint statement wholeheartedly congratulating Prime Ministers Tsipras and ZaeV, their teams, and the people of the two countries, and further reaffirming that the European Union perspective of the Western Balkans remains the most stabilizing force for the region;

Whereas, on June 12, 2018, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg stated, "This historic agreement is testament to many years of patient diplomacy, and to the willingness of these two leaders to solve a dispute which has affected the region for too long.";

Whereas the agreement paves the way for Macedonia to begin accession talks to join NATO and the European Union;

Whereas, on July 5, 2018, Macedonia's parliament ratified the agreement to rename the country as the "Republic of North Macedonia," and under the terms of the agreement the Government of Macedonia may hold a public referendum and shall pass a constitutional amendment to rename the country, and the parliament of Greece must vote on ratification of the agreement;

Whereas Russia consistently seeks to undermine agreements that enhance European cohesion, broaden the NATO alliance, or strengthen transatlantic partnerships;

Whereas the Governments of both Greece and Macedonia have accused Russia of meddling in their domestic affairs to undermine the name agreement, including by organizing public protests and deepening ties with nationalist organizations;

Whereas, on July 11, 2018, the Government of Greece announced the expulsion of two Russian diplomats and barred the entry of two additional Russian diplomats due to their involvement in funding public protests to undermine the name deal;

Whereas Greece is a longstanding NATO member and valued United States ally, contributing 2.6 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) to defense and hosting United States Naval Support Activity at Souda Bay;

Whereas Macedonia joined NATO's Partnership for Peace in 1995, joined NATO's Membership Action Plan in 1999, and is one of the largest per-capita troop contributors to the NATO-led mission in Afghanistan;

Whereas, on July 11, 2018, NATO allies formally invited Macedonia to begin accession talks to join the alliance under the name "Republic of North Macedonia"; and

Whereas, on July 19, 2018, Macedonia's parliament unanimously adopted a declaration supporting the country's bid to join NATO: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) welcomes the agreement between Greece and the Republic of Macedonia to resolve the name dispute and to strengthen bilateral relations for the benefit of both countries;

(2) congratulates Prime Ministers Alexis Tsipras and Zoran Zaev, Foreign Ministers Nikos Kotzias and Nikola Dimitrov, their teams, and the people of both countries for this historic achievement;

(3) affirms that stability in southeastern Europe is an important United States national security interest;

(4) condemns efforts by the Government of the Russian Federation to undermine the agreement and supports United States assistance to authorities in Athens and Skopje to counter malign Russian influence;

(5) urges Macedonia to continue implementing important reforms as it seeks to join NATO and the European Union, including those related to protecting freedom of expression, strengthening the rule of law, and fighting corruption; and

(6) encourages the United States Department of Commerce, Department of State, and other relevant agencies to support United States companies interested in investing in southeastern Europe.

SENATE RESOLUTION 603—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2018 AS "SCHOOL BUS SAFETY MONTH"

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 603

Whereas, every school day in the United States, approximately 500,000 public and private school buses carry more than 26,000,000 children to and from school;

Whereas school buses comprise the largest mass transportation fleet in the United States;

Whereas 55 percent of all K–12 students ride a school bus, totaling 260,000,000 miles for each of the 180 school days in a year, or 46,800,000,000 miles driven annually;

Whereas the Child Safety Network, celebrating 29 years of national public service, supports the CSN Safe Bus campaign, which is designed to provide the latest technology and free safety and security resources to the school bus industry;

Whereas the designation of School Bus Safety Month will allow broadcast and digital media and social networking industries to make commitments to disseminate public service announcements that are produced in order—

(1) to provide resources designed to safeguard children; and

(2) to recognize school bus drivers and professionals;

Whereas key leaders who are deserving of recognition during School Bus Safety Month and beyond have provided security awareness training materials to more than 14,000 public and private school districts, trained more than 100,000 school bus operators, and provided more than 110,000 counterterrorism guides to individuals who are key to providing both safety and security for children in the United States; and

Whereas School Bus Safety Month offers the Senate and the people of the United States an opportunity to recognize and thank all of the school bus drivers in the United States and the professionals who are focused on school bus safety and security: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates September 2018 as "School Bus Safety Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 604—TO AUTHORIZE DOCUMENT PRODUCTION BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE IN UNITED STATES V. MARIIA BUTINA (D.D.C.)

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

S. RES. 604

Whereas, the prosecution and the defendant in *United States v. Mariia Butina*, Cr. No. 18–218, currently pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, have requested copies of a transcript of an interview of the defendant conducted by the Select Committee on Intelligence;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under

the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that documents, papers, and records under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to the parties in *United States v. Mariia Butina*, under appropriate security procedures, copies of the transcript of the interview of the defendant taken by the Committee.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished Democratic leader, Mr. SCHUMER, I send to the desk a resolution on documentary production by the Select Committee on Intelligence, and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the Select Committee on Intelligence has received requests from the Department of Justice and from the defendant in a pending criminal case for copies of a transcript of an interview that the Committee staff conducted of the defendant in April 2018 for use in preparation for trial.

This resolution would authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, acting jointly, to provide copies of the interview transcript, under appropriate security procedures, to both parties in response to this request.

SENATE RESOLUTION 605—DESIGNATING THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST AS "WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK"; AND DESIGNATING AUGUST AS "NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH"

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KING, Mr. NELSON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. HIRONO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 605

Whereas the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that breastfeeding continue for at least 12 months after the birth of a baby and for as long as the mother and baby desire;

Whereas the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action has designated the first week of August as "World Breastfeeding Week", and the United States Breastfeeding Committee has designated August as "National Breastfeeding Month";

Whereas National Breastfeeding Month focuses on how data and measurement can be used to build and reinforce the connections between breastfeeding and a broad spectrum of other health topics and initiatives;

Whereas World Breastfeeding Week and National Breastfeeding Month provide important opportunities to address barriers to breastfeeding faced by families across the United States;

Whereas, according to the 2016 Breastfeeding Report Card of the Centers for