

conducted by the Bureau, the Bureau shall include a recent estimate of, with respect to specific percentile groups of income, the total amount that was added to the economy of the United States during the period to which the recent estimate pertains, including in—

- (1) each of the 10 deciles of income; and
- (2) the highest 1 percent of income.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 629—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO ENHANCED RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND SUPPORT FOR MOLDOVA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. RISCHE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 629

Whereas the United States has enjoyed stable and positive relations with the Republic of Moldova for over 25 years;

Whereas, since Moldova's independence in 1991, the United States has provided financial assistance to support the people of Moldova's efforts to build a prosperous European democracy;

Whereas the Governments of the United States and Moldova further strengthened their partnership through the launching of the inaugural Strategic Dialogue on March 3, 2014;

Whereas the United States Government seeks to help Moldova increase its prosperity, secure its democratic institutions, secure its internationally recognized borders, and integrate with Europe and the Euro-Atlantic community;

Whereas the United States and Moldova continue to broaden and deepen their partnership through advancing shared interests in democracy, good governance, anti-corruption, energy independence, economic development, and security cooperation through the relaunching of the Strategic Dialogue on June 23, 2017;

Whereas corruption remains a major obstacle in Moldova, which inhibits the country's ability to develop businesses, attract foreign investment, ensure good governance, and pursue closer integration with the European Union;

Whereas the Government of Moldova has been urged to fight corruption and improve governance since Moldova's independence, particularly in the wake of a 2014 scandal involving the loss of over a billion dollars, and the Government of Moldova has moved forward with certain reforms seeking to address these issues;

Whereas efforts to improve governance and adopt domestic reforms are critical to Moldova's ability to secure loan packages from international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund and the European Union;

Whereas the International Monetary Fund has approved a three-year loan package premised on the continuation of reforms focused on strengthening the economy, bolstering economic development, and promoting trade and investment;

Whereas Moldova ratified an Association Agreement containing comprehensive free

trade provisions with the European Union in 2014, and the Agreement became fully effective in July 2016;

Whereas the people and Government of the United States supports the democratic aspirations of the people of Moldova and their expressed desire to deepen their association with the European Union;

Whereas in a judgment in 2004, the European Court of Human Rights found that Transnistria was formed with the support of the Government of the Russian Federation and considered it "under the effective authority or at least decisive influence of Russia";

Whereas the United States supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova and on that basis participates as an observer in the "5+2" negotiations to find a comprehensive settlement that will provide a special status for the separatist region of Transnistria in Moldova;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation banned the import of Moldovan wine in 2013, and Moldovan meats and produce in 2014, and has threatened to ban Moldovan agricultural products, curtail the supply of energy resources to Moldova, and impose stricter labor migration policies on the people of Moldova;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation maintains a contingent of Russian troops and a stockpile of Russian military equipment and ammunition within the Transnistria region;

Whereas, by September 2016, the Government of the Russian Federation had issued Russian passports to residents of the Transnistria region;

Whereas the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the Government of Moldova have called upon the Government of the Russian Federation to remove its troops from Moldovan territory;

Whereas, in May 2017, the Constitutional Court of Moldova ruled that Moldova's constitutional neutrality means that the presence of foreign troops in Moldova is unconstitutional;

Whereas, in July 2017, the Moldovan Parliament adopted a declaration calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw its troops from Moldova;

Whereas the Senate and the House of Representatives both passed by an overwhelming majority, and the President signed into law Public Law 113-96, providing for a United States international broadcasting programming surge to counter disinformation from Russian supported news outlets and ensure that Russian-speaking populations in Ukraine and Moldova have access to independent news and information;

Whereas Moldova has been a valued and reliable partner in promoting global security by participating in United Nations peacekeeping missions in the Central African Republic, Kosovo, and South Sudan;

Whereas Moldova cooperates with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization through an Individual Partnership Action Plan to improve expertise, interoperability, peacekeeping capabilities, military education and training, and public sector reform;

Whereas, on June 22, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on Russia to withdraw its troops from Transnistria;

Whereas, in August 2018, the Russian Federation conducted military exercises on the western bank of the Dniester River in violation of the Agreement on the Principles for a Peaceful Settlement of the Armed Conflict in the Dniester Region of the Republic of Moldova, which Russia signed in 1992;

Whereas August 27 is Moldovan Independence Day, which commemorates the adoption

of Moldova's Declaration of Independence from the Soviet Union on August 27, 1991; and

Whereas Moldova will hold parliamentary elections in early 2019: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms it is the policy of the United States to support the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Moldova, and that Moldova has a sovereign right to determine its own partnerships, free of external coercion and pressure, including Moldova's right to associate with the European Union or any regional organization;

(2) supports the Strategic Dialogue as a means to strengthen relations between Moldova and the United States and enhance the democratic, economic, and security reforms already being undertaken by Moldova;

(3) encourages the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to focus United States assistance on supporting reforms that strengthen the justice sector, promote an open, transparent, and democratic government, foster independent media, increase energy security, and promote inclusive economic growth in both rural and urban areas;

(4) encourages the Government of Moldova to continue implementing crucial reforms to increase the capacity of and trust in democratic institutions, strengthen the justice sector through anti-corruption efforts, and maintain open space for civil society to operate;

(5) urges the Government of Moldova to enlist civil society in anti-corruption efforts, in accordance with Article 13 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, to which Moldova is a signatory;

(6) reaffirms the importance of and support for free, fair, and transparent elections in Moldova;

(7) supports efforts to counter disinformation campaigns in Eastern Europe in ways that are consistent with democratic principles;

(8) calls upon the Government of the Russian Federation to fulfill its commitments made at the Istanbul summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in 1999, and to withdraw its military forces and munitions from within the internationally recognized territory of Moldova;

(9) calls upon the Government of the Russian Federation to refrain from issuing economic threats or exerting pressure against Moldova and to cease any and all actions that support separatist movements within the territory of Moldova; and

(10) urges all parties to refrain from unilateral actions that may undermine efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution, and supports efforts to resolve the Transnistria issue through a comprehensive settlement that secures Moldova's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 630—CELEBRATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S CONGRESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 630

Whereas, in August 2008, a bipartisan group of female congressional staff members founded the Women's Congressional Staff Association (referred to in this preamble as the "WCSA"), the first official staff association

focused on the professional development of female staff members;

Whereas the WCSA has more than 400 active members in the Senate and the House of Representatives;

Whereas the commitment of the WCSA to bipartisanship fosters congeniality and respect in Congress;

Whereas the WCSA organizes and hosts a variety of career development opportunities for female staffer members, such as résumé reviews, networking workshops, and mock interview sessions; and

Whereas the WCSA provides mentoring opportunities to further the career advancement and professional education of young staff members: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Women's Congressional Staff Association (referred to in this resolving clause as the "WCSA");

(2) commends the WCSA on its many achievements and contributions to the congressional community; and

(3) reaffirms the commitment of the Senate to supporting the professional development of female staff members.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4017. Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. HATCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4013 proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER to the bill H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4018. Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4013 proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER to the bill H.R. 6, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4019. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4020. Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. JONES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3004, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to exclude privately held, non-custody brokers and dealers that are in good standing from certain requirements under title I of that Act, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4017. Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. HATCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4013 proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER to the bill H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . LABELING OF PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 825(c)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" before "The Secretary"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) The label of any container or package containing an opioid or opiate listed in schedule II or III shall, when dispensed (other than administered) to or for a patient, contain a clear, concise warning, in a man-

ner specified by the Secretary by regulation, that the opioids or opiates dispensed can cause dependence, addiction, and overdose."

(b) REGULATIONS.—

(1) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prescribe regulations under section 503(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)) to implement the amendment made by subsection (a) and such regulations shall be effective not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) INTERIM RULES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services may issue the regulations required under paragraph (1) by interim rule to the extent necessary to comply with the timing requirement in paragraph (1).

SA 4018. Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4013 proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER to the bill H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 67, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

(b) ELIMINATING ANY TIME LIMITATION FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS, CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS, CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS, CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES, AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BECOME QUALIFYING PRACTITIONERS.—Section

303(g)(2)(G)(iii)(II) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(G)(iii)(II)) is amended by striking "during the period beginning on the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 and ending on October 1, 2021" and inserting "beginning on the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016".

(c) DEFINITION OF QUALIFYING OTHER PRACTITIONER.—Clause (iv) of section 303(g)(2)(G) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(G)) is amended by striking "nurse practitioner or physician assistant" each place it appears and inserting "nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, or physician assistant".

SA 4019. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ANNUAL FEE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each year, beginning with calendar year 1999, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall assess a fee against each prescription drug manufacturer that, at any time during the applicable calendar year, manufactured any opioid drug. Such fee, with respect to such a manufacturer, shall be in an amount, as determined by such Secretary, that bears the same relationship to \$2,000,000,000 as the market share of any opioid drugs manufactured by such manufacturer during the applicable calendar year bears to the total market for opioid drugs during such year.

(b) TRANSFERS TO BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS.—For each year that the Secretary of Health and Human Services assesses fees under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the general fund of the Treasury to the Secretary of

Health and Human Services an amount equal to the amount of such fees, for purposes of carrying out the substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant under subpart II of part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–21 et seq.).

SA 4020. Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. JONES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3004, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to exclude privately held, non-custody brokers and dealers that are in good standing from certain requirements under title I of that Act, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Small Business Audit Correction Act of 2018".

SEC. 2. EXEMPTION.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE I OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002.—Section 110 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7220) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by inserting " , except that the term does not include a non-custody broker or dealer that is privately held and in good standing" after "registered public accounting firm";

(2) in paragraph (4), by inserting " , except that the term does not include a non-custody broker or dealer that is privately held and in good standing" after "registered public accounting firm";

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

"(5) IN GOOD STANDING.—The term 'in good standing' means, with respect to a broker or dealer (as those terms are defined in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a))), that, as of the last day of the most recently completed fiscal year of the broker or dealer, as applicable, the broker or dealer—

"(A) is registered with the Commission;

"(B) is a member of an association that is a registered securities association under section 15A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o–3);

"(C) is compliant with the minimum dollar net capital requirements under section 240.15c3–1 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation;

"(D) has not been, during the 10-year period preceding that date, convicted of a felony under Federal or State law;

"(E) does not employ a registered representative who, during the 10-year period preceding that date, has been convicted of a felony under Federal or State law for fraudulent conduct; and

"(F) is not, as described in part in section 3(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(39))—

"(i) expelled or suspended from membership or participation in a self-regulatory organization or an association that is a registered futures association under section 17 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 21);

"(ii) subject to an order of the Commission, or another appropriate regulatory agency, denying, suspending, or revoking the registration of the broker or dealer as a regulated entity; or

"(iii) subject to an order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or another appropriate regulatory agency, denying, suspending, or revoking—