

of chapter 76 of title 38, United States Code, as enacted”.

(7) VETERANS HEALING VETERANS MEDICAL ACCESS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 304 of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “covered medical schools” and inserting “covered medical school”; and

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (2), by striking “entitled to” and inserting “concurrently receiving”;

(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”; and

(iii) in paragraph (6), by striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection (d)”;

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”; and

(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”;

(D) in subsection (e), by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”; and

(E) in subsection (f), by striking “December 31, 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2021”.

(8) DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN MEDICAL FACILITIES AS UNDERSERVED FACILITIES AND PLAN TO ADDRESS PROBLEM OF UNDERSERVED FACILITIES.—Section 401 of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(5), by adding “or the applicable access standards developed under section 1703B of title 38, United States Code” after “the wait-time goals of the Department”; and

(B) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by striking “section 407” and inserting “section 402”.

(9) PILOT PROGRAM ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESIDENCY.—Section 403(b)(4) of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182) is amended by inserting “under” after “an agreement”.

(10) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL SCRIBE PILOT PROGRAM.—Section 507 of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “as determine” and inserting “as determined”; and

(B) in subsection (c)(2)(C), by striking “speciality” and inserting “specialty”.

### TITLE III—OTHER MATTERS

**SEC. 301. APPROVAL OF COURSES OF EDUCATION PROVIDED BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR PURPOSES OF TRAINING AND REHABILITATION FOR VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES CONDITIONAL ON IN-STATE TUITION RATE FOR VETERANS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3679(c) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “chapter 30 or 33” and inserting “chapter 30, 31, or 33”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) An individual who is entitled to rehabilitation under section 3102(a) of this title.”;

(3) in paragraph (3), by striking “paragraph (2)(A) or (2)(B)” and inserting “paragraph (2)(A), (2)(B), or (2)(C)”;

(4) in paragraph (6), by striking “chapters 30 and 33” and inserting “chapters 30, 31, and 33”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to courses of education provided during a quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, that begins after March 1, 2019.

**SEC. 302. CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPLOYEES FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OPERATED FOR PROFIT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3683 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.—(1) An officer or employee of the Department shall receive corrective action or disciplinary action if such officer or employee—

“(A) has, while serving as such an officer or employee, owned any interest in, or received any wage, salary, dividend, profit, or gift from, any educational institution operated for profit; or

“(B) has, while serving as a covered officer or employee of the Department, received any service from any educational institution operated for profit.

“(2) In this subsection, the term ‘covered officer or employee of the Department’ means an officer or employee of the Department who—

“(A) works on the administration of benefits under chapter 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, or 36 of this title; or

“(B) has a potential conflict of interest involving an educational institution operated for profit, as determined by the Secretary.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “If the Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(b) STATE APPROVING AGENCY EMPLOYEES.—If the Secretary”;

(B) by striking “wages, salary, dividends, profits, gratuities, or services” and inserting “wage, salary, dividend, profit, or gift”;

(C) by striking “in which an eligible person or veteran was pursuing a program of education or course under this chapter or chapter 34 or 35 of this title”;

(D) by striking “terminate the employment of” and inserting “provide corrective action or disciplinary action with respect to”;

(E) by striking “while such person is an officer or employee of the State approving agency, or State department of veterans’ affairs or State department of education” and inserting “until the completion of such corrective action or disciplinary action”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “A State approving agency” and inserting the following:

“(c) DISAPPROVAL OF COURSES.—A State approving agency”;

(B) by striking “of Veterans Affairs”; and

(C) by striking “wages, salary, dividends, profits, gratuities, or services” and inserting “wage, salary, dividend, profit, or gift”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking “The Secretary may” and inserting the following:

“(d) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—(1) The Secretary may”;

(B) by striking “of Veterans Affairs”;

(C) by striking “, after reasonable notice and public hearings.”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) The Secretary shall provide public notice of any waiver granted under this subsection by not later than 30 days after the date on which such waiver is granted.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to conflicts of interest that occur on or after that date.

**SEC. 303. MODIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICULAR LEASES RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WEST LOS ANGELES CAMPUS.**

Section 2(h)(1) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–226) is amended by striking “any lease or land-sharing agreement at the Campus” and inserting “any new lease or land-sharing agreement at the Campus that is not in compliance with such laws”.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

### FORT ONTARIO STUDY ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 147, H.R. 46.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 46) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the “Fort Ontario Study Act”.*

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

*In this Act:*

(1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area” means Fort Ontario in Oswego, New York.

#### SEC. 3. FORT ONTARIO SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a special resource study of the study area.

(b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) evaluate the national significance of the study area;

(2) determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the study area as a unit of the National Park System;

(3) consider other alternatives for preservation, protection, and interpretation of the study area by the Federal Government, State or local government entities, or private and nonprofit organizations;

(4) consult with interested Federal agencies, State or local governmental entities, private and nonprofit organizations, or any other interested individuals; and

(5) identify cost estimates for any Federal acquisition, development, interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives.

(c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to carry out the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

(1) the results of the study; and

(2) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to and that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time.

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

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 46), as amended, was passed.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

#### ELKHORN RANCH AND WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST CONVEYANCE ACT OF 2017

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 87, H.R. 698.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 698) to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 698) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 638, S. Res. 639, and S. Res. 640.

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

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

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 638 and S. Res. 639) 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. 640) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107-12, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Berl Perdue of Kentucky.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

#### AMENDING THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 300, H.R. 1551.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1551) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production from advanced nuclear power facilities.

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

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my substitute amendment at the desk be considered; that the Alexander amendment to it be agreed to; that my substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to; and that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time.

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

The amendment (No. 4022) was considered as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.)

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The amendment (No. 4021) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the short title)

On page 1, line 5, strike "Music Modernization Act" and insert "Orrin G. Hatch Music Modernization Act".

The amendment, in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 1551), as amended, was passed.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

#### ORRIN G. HATCH MUSIC MODERNIZATION ACT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I thank Senators ALEXANDER, WHITEHOUSE, GRASSLEY, FEINSTEIN, COONS, and KENNEDY for all of their hard work on this important bill. I am touched by this gesture. I also thank all of the staffs involved, including those in the cloakroom, and the legislative counsel for their assistance. I feel like we have been really blessed to be able to get this bill through.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, if the Senator from Utah has concluded his remarks, I would like to say a word or two.

We have just passed in the Senate a bill that is named the Orrin G. Hatch Music Modernization Act. It was an amendment I had offered to the bill, not Senator HATCH's amendment. He is the principal sponsor of the bill, along with Senator WHITEHOUSE and 82 Members of this body, but I ask that it be named in his honor. It is fitting because it is the most important piece of legislation in a generation to help make sure songwriters in our country are paid and are paid a fair market value for their work. It is fitting because Senator HATCH is a songwriter himself and has long been an advocate for musicians. So I can think of no better way to memorialize his four decades of service in the U.S. Senate than by renaming this legislation the Orrin G. Hatch Music Modernization Act.

Under his leadership, as I just mentioned, the bill gained nearly unanimous support in the Senate. It passed in the House earlier. After its having been thoroughly vetted and compromised and changed, it passed unanimously. It went to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where it was considered and passed by voice vote. Then, tonight, it passed by voice vote.

I join with Senator HATCH in especially thanking the other Senators who have worked so hard on this, both Democrats as well as Republicans—Senator WHITEHOUSE; Senator DURBIN, the Assistant Democratic Leader, who enjoys going to Nashville on a regular basis and has lots of good stories about it; and Senator COONS of Delaware.

The bill, which passed the House unanimously and has now passed the Senate, will go back to the House because we have made some changes in the bill. That is the way the process works. We have stayed in close touch with the House of Representatives as we have done this. Representative DOUG COLLINS and a number of others in the House have been really extraordinary leaders in pushing this, so I