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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end of subtitle B of title I, add the following:

SEC. 11. IDENTIFICATION OF FEDERAL LAND SUITABLE FOR DISPOSAL.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED FEDERAL LAND.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered Federal land” means any Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned.

(B) EXCLUSION.—The term “covered Federal land” does not include a unit of the National Park System.

(2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—In this section, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

(A) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior; and

(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National Forest System land.

(b) SURVEY OF FEDERAL LAND.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall complete a survey of covered Federal land to identify any covered Federal land that is suitable for disposal by the Secretary concerned by competitive sale.

(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On completion of the survey under subsection (b), the Secretary concerned shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that—

(1) describes the results of the survey; and

(2) identifies at least 10 percent of the total acreage of covered Federal land surveyed by the Secretary concerned that is suitable for disposal by the Secretary concerned by competitive sale.

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At the end of section 3001, add the following:

(f) ACQUISITION RESTRICTIONS.—Section 200306(b) of title 54, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking “Appropriations” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations”;

(2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), in the second sentence, by striking “Appropriations” and inserting the following:

“(2) PREACQUISITION.—Appropriations”;

and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) ZERO NET GAIN.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations from the Fund pursuant to this section shall not be

used for acquisition unless the acquisition results in a zero net gain of Federal land.

“(B) APPLICATION.—The limitation under subparagraph (A) shall apply only to an acquisition of land in a State more than 50 percent of the land of which is Federal land.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I have 3 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program”.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program”.

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 Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Managing Pain During the Opioid Crisis.”

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Tom Schaff, a staff member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the 116th Congress.

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

HBCU PROPELLING AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS TOWARDS A NEW ERA OF RESULTS FOR STUDENTS ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 461.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 461) to strengthen the capacity and competitiveness of historically Black colleges and universities through robust public-sector, private-sector, and community

partnerships and engagement, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

Ms. MCSALLY. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 (S. 461) was passed, as follows:

S. 461

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 “HBCU Propelling Agency Relationships Towards a New Era of Results for Students Act” or the “HBCU PARTNERS Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) As many colleges and universities across the country kept their doors closed to African American applicants, historically Black colleges and universities (referred to in this section as “HBCUs”) played a central role in ensuring that African Americans could attain an excellent education.

(2) Today, HBCUs continue to play a critical role in ensuring that African Americans, and those of all races, can access high-quality educational opportunities.

(3) HBCUs enroll nearly 300,000 students, an estimated 70 percent of whom come from low-income backgrounds and 80 percent of whom are African American.

(4) According to the National Association For Equal Opportunity In Higher Education, HBCUs make up just 3 percent of American institutions of higher education but serve more than a fifth of African American college students.

(5) A March 2017 report from the Education Trust concluded that HBCUs have higher completion rates for African American students than other institutions serving similar student populations.

(6) In 2014, HBCUs generated a total direct economic impact of \$14,800,000,000 and created more than 134,000 jobs, according to a study commissioned by the United Negro College Fund (referred to in this section as “UNCF”).

(7) According to the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (referred to in this section as “TMCFF”), 40 percent of African American Members of Congress, 50 percent of African American lawyers, and 80 percent of African American judges are graduates of HBCUs.

(8) According to UNCF, in 2013, HBCUs awarded a quarter of all science, technology, engineering, and mathematics bachelor’s degrees awarded to African Americans.

(9) According to TMCFF, approximately 9 percent of all African American college students attend HBCUs.

(10) According to UNCF, African American graduates of HBCUs are almost twice as likely as African Americans who graduated from other institutions to report that their university prepared them well for life.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—