

To be rear admiral

James M. Kelly

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To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Scott A. Buschman

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To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Steven D. Poulin

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 595.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Arbes nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4347. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Futures Options Transactions" (RIN3038-AE86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4348. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Agriculture" (RIN3209-AA48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4349. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Guard Bureau Privacy Program" (RIN0790-AK73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4350. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Office of Electricity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Critical Electric Infrastructure Information; New Administrative Procedures" ((RIN1901-AB4) (10 CFR Part 1004)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4351. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Code Cases" (RIN3150-AJ93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4352. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "March 2020 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4353. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3392-EM in the State of Louisiana having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4354. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New England Industry-Funded Monitoring Omnibus Amendment" (RIN0648-BG91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4355. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2017 Hawaii Kona Crab Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measure" (RIN0648-XF706) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4356. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule to Reduce the 2018 Sub-Annual Catch Limit for the Atlantic Herring Management Areas" (RIN0648-XG340) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4357. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule Extension to Address Overfishing of Atlantic Shortfin Mako Shark" (RIN0648-BH49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4358. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Revise Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Shark Fishery Closure Regulations" (RIN0648-BG97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4359. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for Amendment 43 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-BH39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4360. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2018 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Season" (RIN0648-XF486) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3557. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate required minimum distributions under tax-favored retirement plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3558. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to prevent the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority from enforcing a certain rule of that Authority; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. SMITH, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. JONES, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 3559. A bill to provide emergency financial assistance to rural health care facilities and providers impacted by the COVID-19 emergency; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3535

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3535, a bill to extend the due date for the return and payment of Federal income taxes to July 15, 2020, for taxable year 2019.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1562. Mr. HAWLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill S. 3548, to provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families, and businesses affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

SA 1563. Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3548, supra; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1562. Mr. HAWLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3548, to provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families, and businesses affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic; which was referred to the Committee on Finance; as follows:

In section 2101, strike subsection (a) and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chapter 65 of subtitle F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 6427 the following new section:

“SEC. 6428. 2020 RECOVERY REBATES FOR INDIVIDUALS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by subtitle A for the first taxable year beginning in 2020 an amount equal to \$1,200 (\$2,400 in the case of a joint return).

“(b) CHILD BENEFIT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a taxpayer described in paragraph (2), the amount determined under subsection (a) shall be increased by the product of \$500 multiplied by the number of qualifying children (within the meaning of section 24(c)) of the taxpayer.

“(2) TAXPAYER DESCRIBED.—A taxpayer is described in this paragraph if the taxpayer—

“(A) is a resident of the United States of America, and

“(B) has a valid Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

“(c) TREATMENT OF CREDIT.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be treated as allowed by subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1.

“(d) LIMITATION BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—The amount of the credit allowed by subsection (a) (determined without regard to this subsection and subsection (f)) shall be reduced (but not below zero) by 5 percent of so much of the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income as exceeds \$75,000 (\$150,000 in the case of a joint return).

“(e) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible individual’ means any individual other than—

“(1) any nonresident alien individual,

“(2) any individual with respect to whom a deduction under section 151 is allowable to another taxpayer for a taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which the individual’s taxable year begins, and

“(3) an estate or trust.

“(f) COORDINATION WITH ADVANCE REFUNDS OF CREDIT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of credit which would (but for this paragraph) be allowable under this section shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the aggregate refunds and credits made or allowed to the taxpayer under subsection (g). Any failure to so reduce the credit shall be treated as arising out of a mathematical or clerical error and assessed according to section 6213(b)(1).

“(2) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a refund or credit made or allowed under subsection (g) with respect to a joint return,

half of such refund or credit shall be treated as having been made or allowed to each individual filing such return.

“(g) ADVANCE REFUNDS AND CREDITS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (5), each individual who was an eligible individual for such individual’s first taxable year beginning in 2018 shall be treated as having made a payment against the tax imposed by chapter 1 for such first taxable year in an amount equal to the advance refund amount for such taxable year.

“(2) ADVANCE REFUND AMOUNT.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the advance refund amount is the amount that would have been allowed as a credit under this section for such first taxable year if this section (other than subsection (f) and this subsection) had applied to such taxable year.

“(3) TIMING OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall, subject to the provisions of this title, refund or credit any overpayment attributable to this section as rapidly as possible. No refund or credit shall be made or allowed under this subsection after December 31, 2020.

“(4) NO INTEREST.—No interest shall be allowed on any overpayment attributable to this section.

“(5) ALTERNATE TAXABLE YEAR.—In the case of an individual who, at the time of any determination made pursuant to paragraph (3), has not filed a tax return for the year described in paragraph (1), the Secretary may apply such paragraph by substituting ‘2019’ for ‘2018’.

“(h) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIREMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No credit shall be allowed under subsection (a) to an eligible individual who does not include on the return of tax for the taxable year—

“(A) such individual’s valid identification number,

“(B) in the case of a joint return, the valid identification number of such individual’s spouse, and

“(C) in the case of any qualifying child taken into account under subsection (b)(1)(B), the valid identification number of such qualifying child.

“(2) VALID IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘valid identification number’ means a social security number (as such term is defined in section 24(h)(7)).

“(B) ADOPTION TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(C), in the case of a qualifying child who is adopted, the term ‘valid identification number’ shall include the adoption taxpayer identification number of such child.

“(i) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.”.

SA 1563. Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3548, to provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families, and businesses affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic; which was referred to the Committee on Finance; as follows:

Strike section 2202 and insert the following:

SEC. 2202. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PAYROLL TAXES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) with respect to any taxable year which begins in the payroll tax suspension period, the rate of tax under section 1401(a) of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be 0 percent,

(2) with respect to remuneration received for pay periods ending during the payroll tax suspension period, the rate of tax under 3101(a) of such Code shall be 0 percent (including for purposes of determining the applicable percentage under sections 3201(a) and 3211(a)(1) of such Code), and

(3) with respect to remuneration paid for pay periods ending during the payroll tax suspension period, the rate of tax under section 3111(a) of such Code shall be 0 percent (including for purposes of determining the applicable percentage under section 3221(a) of such Code).

(b) PAYROLL TAX SUSPENSION PERIOD.—The term “payroll tax suspension period” means so much of calendar year 2020 as follows the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall notify employers of the payroll tax suspension period in any manner the Secretary deems appropriate.

(d) TRANSFERS OF FUNDS.—

(1) TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND.—There are hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund established under section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of the application of subsection (a). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence shall be transferred from the general fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible the transfers which would have occurred to such Trust Fund had such amendments not been enacted.

(2) TRANSFERS TO SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT ACCOUNT.—There are hereby appropriated to the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account established under section 15A(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231n-1(a)) amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of the application of subsection (a). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence shall be transferred from the general fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible the transfers which would have occurred to such Account had such amendments not been enacted.

(3) COORDINATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL LAWS.—For purposes of applying any provision of Federal law other than the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the rate of tax in effect under section 3101(a) of such Code shall be determined without regard to the reduction in such rate under this section.

ORDERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m., Sunday, March 22; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and morning business be closed; further, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 748; finally, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 748 be a 30-minute vote.

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