

available to get them through a very difficult time, but it is not going to be a grant; it is going to be a loan.

Finally, there is an area which is important that perhaps can have some additional thought put into it, and that is that not just the hospitals at the local level need our support and our assistance right now because they can't do this by themselves, but we are going to find that State after State is going to be knocking on our door, saying: You shut down businesses in our State. You have told us that we need to in order to quell this emergency, but in doing so, the revenues that were generated because of those business activities we don't have.

So you are going to find State revenues that are down significantly, and they are going to be coming in, and they are going to be visiting. I am convinced that between this package and perhaps the next package we have to also recognize the impact to State governments that provide so many of the services that men and women rely on on a daily basis.

So I would like to thank you for your time, Mr. President. I think this is important, and I think the message that we have to have as responsible individuals, Members of this body in which today we truly did have debate and discussion on the floor—we have to finish this, and we have to do it in such a fashion that it reaches men and women who are counting on us as soon as possible.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 632; that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and agreed to are as follows:

IN THE NAVY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (Lower Half)

- Capt. Bradley J. Andros
- Capt. Mark D. Behning
- Capt. Putnam H. Browne
- Capt. Matthew J. Burns
- Capt. Joseph F. Cahill, III
- Capt. Brian L. Davies
- Capt. Lawrence F. Legree
- Capt. Marc J. Miguez
- Capt. Carlos A. Sardiello
- Capt. Richard E. Seif, Jr.
- Capt. Derek A. Trinque
- Capt. Dennis Velez

- Capt. Darryl L. Walker
- Capt. Robert D. Westendorff
- Capt. Thomas R. Williams, II

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 238, 451, 453, 571, and 630.

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

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

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety; Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years; Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years; James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army; and Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness?

The nominations were agreed to, en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that 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.

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. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3568. A bill to require the President to use authorities under the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require emergency production of medical equipment to address the COVID-19 outbreak; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. JONES, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr.

BARRASSO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 3569. A bill to help small business broadband providers keep customers connected; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 3570. A bill to provide for the expedited procurement of equipment needed to combat COVID-19 under the Defense Production Act of 1950; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3571. A bill to require member banks to maintain pass-through digital dollar wallets for certain persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PERDUE:

S. Res. 550. A resolution commending the people in the United States who are carrying out essential tasks during the unprecedented time of crisis created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 948

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of S. 948, a bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes.

S. 3509

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3509, a bill to provide borrowers the right to request forbearance on mortgage loan payments due to a declared disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 3551

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3551, a bill to help small businesses access capital and create jobs by reauthorizing the successful State Small Business Credit Initiative.

S. 3559

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr.

LANKFORD), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3559, a bill to provide emergency financial assistance to rural health care facilities and providers impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.

S. 3565

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3565, a bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide additional protections for consumers and small business owners from debt collection during a major disaster or emergency.

S. RES. 548

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 548, a resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to enable the participation of absent Senators during a national crisis.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 550—COMMENDING THE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE CARRYING OUT ESSENTIAL TASKS DURING THE UNPRECEDENTED TIME OF CRISIS CREATED BY THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Mr. PERDUE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 550

Whereas the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (referred to in this preamble as "COVID-19") has created an unprecedented health crisis that has caused significant economic risks and harm to the well-being of the United States;

Whereas the United States is racing to address the uncertainty caused by that crisis while ensuring that people have access to critical care and the essential items they need;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments are tirelessly leading the United States through that unprecedented crisis;

Whereas health workers are on the front lines leading the charge to solve the crisis, flatten the curve, and protect the United States;

Whereas first responders show bravery and courage by putting themselves at risk while providing critical care to those who have

COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and conditions;

Whereas the brave members of the National Guard are always ready and always available to respond in times of need;

Whereas truck drivers, delivery persons, airline workers, and supply chain specialists are transporting critical medical goods between hospitals, essential items to stores, and food and delivered goods to the homes of people throughout the United States;

Whereas the energy industry is helping the United States by providing the power necessary for hospitals, governments, and businesses to work day and night responding to the crisis;

Whereas farmers and grocery store workers are feeding communities and helping families across the United States put food on the table;

Whereas educators in the United States have adapted quickly to distance and online teaching and continue to provide the children of the United States with a high-quality education under uncertain circumstances; and

Whereas janitorial-services businesses and staff are keeping buildings and businesses across the United States safe by providing the critical cleaning services necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes—

(A) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments for tirelessly leading the United States through the unprecedented crisis created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (referred to in this resolution as "COVID-19");

(B) the health workers who are on the front lines leading the charge to solve the crisis, flatten the curve, and protect the United States;

(C) the first responders who show bravery and courage by putting themselves at risk while providing critical care to those who have COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and conditions;

(D) the brave members of the National Guard who are always ready and always available to respond in times of need;

(E) the truck drivers, delivery persons, airline workers, and supply chain specialists who are transporting—

(i) critical medical goods between hospitals;

(ii) essential items to stores; and

(iii) food and delivered goods to the homes of people throughout the United States;

(F) the energy industry for helping the United States by providing the power necessary for hospitals, governments, and businesses to work day and night responding to the crisis;

(G) the farmers and grocery store workers who are feeding communities and helping families across the United States put food on the table;

(H) the educators in the United States who—

(i) have adapted quickly to distance and online teaching; and

(ii) continue to provide the children of the United States with a high-quality education under uncertain circumstances; and

(I) the janitorial-services businesses and staff that are keeping buildings and businesses across the United States safe by providing the critical cleaning services necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19;

(2) commends the people described in subparagraphs (A) through (I) of paragraph (1) who are carrying out the essential tasks described in those subparagraphs; and

(3) salutes the leadership that those people have shown in their communities and across the United States during an unprecedented time of crisis.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1569. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1570. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1571. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1572. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1573. Mr. SCOTT, of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1569. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CONDITIONS ON LOAN OR PURCHASE AUTHORITY FOR WARRANTS AND DEBT INSTRUMENTS.

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not make any loan, or make any commitment to loan, any funds authorized, appropriated, or otherwise dedicated under this Act or purchase, or make any commitment to purchase, any asset under the authority of this Act, unless the Secretary receives from the institution to which such loans are to be made or from which such assets are to be purchased—

(A) in the case of an institution, the securities of which are traded on a national securities exchange, a warrant giving the right to the Secretary to receive nonvoting common stock or preferred stock in such institution, or voting stock with respect to which, the Secretary agrees not to exercise voting power, as the Secretary determines appropriate; or

(B) in the case of any institution other than one described in subparagraph (A), a warrant for common or preferred stock, or a senior debt instrument from such institution, as described in paragraph (2)(C).

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The terms and conditions of any warrant or senior debt instrument required under paragraph (1) shall meet the following requirements:

(A) PURPOSES.—Such terms and conditions shall, at a minimum, be designed—

(i) to provide for reasonable participation by the Secretary, for the benefit of taxpayers, in equity appreciation in the case of a warrant or other equity security, or a reasonable interest rate premium, in the case of a debt instrument; and

(ii) to provide additional protection for the taxpayer against losses from sale of assets by the Secretary under this Act.