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"Type of loan	Active duty veteran	Reservist	Other obligor
(B)(iii) Subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a	3.30	3.30	NA
dwelling with 0-down, or any other subsequent loan described in section 3710(a)			
(closed on or after April 7, 2023, and before October 1, 2029)			
(B)(iv) Subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a	1.25	1.25	NA
dwelling with 0-down, or any other subsequent loan described in section 3710(a)			
(closed on or after October 1, 2029)			
(C)(i) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-	1.50	1.75	NA
down (closed before January 1, 2020)			
(C)(ii) Loan described in section $3710(a)$ to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-	1.65	1.65	NA
down (closed on or after January 1, 2020, and before April 7, 2023)			
(C)(iii) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-	1.50	1.50	NA
down (closed on or after April 7, 2023, and before October 1, 2029)			
(C)(iv) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-	0.75	0.75	NA
down (closed on or after October 1, 2029)			
(D)(i) Loan described in section $3710(a)$ to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-	1.25	1.50	NA
down (closed before January 1, 2020)			
(D)(ii) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-	1.40	1.40	NA
down (closed on or after January 1, 2020, and before April 7, 2023)			
(D)(iii) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with	1.25	1.25	NA
10-down (closed on or after April 7, 2023, and before October 1, 2029)			
(D)(iv) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-	0.50	0.50	NA
down (closed on or after October 1, 2029)			
(E) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan	0.50	0.50	NA
(F) Direct loan under section 3711	1.00	1.00	NA
(G) Manufactured home loan under section 3712 (other than an interest rate reduc-	1.00	1.00	NA
tion refinancing loan)	1.05	1.05	
(H) Loan to Native American veteran under section 3762 (other than an interest	1.25	1.25	NA
rate reduction refinancing loan)	0.50	0.50	0.50
(I) Loan assumption under section 3714	0.50	0.50	0.50
(J) Loan under section 3733(a)	2.25	2.25	2.25".

SEC. 8. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EF-FECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

RYAN KULES SPECIALLY ADAPT-IVE HOUSING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3504, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 3504) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements to the specially adapted housing program and educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Moran substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, 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 amendment (No. 1579) was agreed to.

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

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

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 3731), as amended, was passed.

VA TELE-HEARING MODERNIZATION ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4771 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 4771) to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit appellants to appear in cases before the Board of Veterans' Appeals by picture and voice transmission from locations other than facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and 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. 4771) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-FAIRS WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3587, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3587) to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the accessibility of websites of the Department of the Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 3587) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 3587

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 "Department of Veterans Affairs Website Accessibility Act of 2019".

SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE ACCESSIBILITY OF WEBSITES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO INDIVID-UALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study of all websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine whether such websites are accessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after completing the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on such study.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (b) shall include the following:

(1) A list of each website described in subsection (a) that is not accessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

(2) For each website identified in the list under paragraph (1)—

(A) the plan of the Secretary to bring the website into compliance with the requirements of section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d); and

(B) a description of the barriers to bringing the website into compliance with the requirements of such section, including any barriers relating to vacant positions at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(d) WEBSITE DEFINED.—In this section, the term "website" includes the following:

 $\left(1\right)$ A file attached to a website.

(2) A web-based application.

(3) A kiosk at a medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the use of which is required to check in for scheduled appointments.

Passed the Senate March 26 (legislative day, March 25), 2020.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the junior Senator from West Virginia, the senior Senator from Alaska, and the majority leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Wednesday, March 25 through Monday, April 20.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020, THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times; and that, following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, March 30, 11 a.m.; Thursday, April 2, 10 a.m.; Monday, April 6, 10 a.m.; Thursday, April 9, 10 a.m.; Monday, April 13, 10 a.m.; Thursday, April 16, 3 p.m.

I further ask that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 16, it next convene at 3 p.m., Monday, April 20; 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, that upon the closing of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the Feitel nomination, under the previous order.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020, AT 11 A.M.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:07 a.m., adjourned until Monday, March 30, 2020, at 11 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 25, 2020:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CHARLES WILLIAMS, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AN ASSIST-ANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. WILLIAM JORDAN GILLIS, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN AS-SISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.