House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

I hereby appoint the Honorable G.K. BUTTERFIELD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Compassionate and merciful God, thank You for giving us another day.

In the days that come the House will be considering another massive economic bill to address the coronavirus' effect on the health of Americans and our economy.

These will be days of considerable debate. The differences and disagreements among the Members will be open, clear, and public.

Send Your spirit of calm and wisdom, that each Member will be inspired by insight and understanding, but also respect and a shared commitment to facing our Nation's greatest challenge in nearly a century.

Bless their efforts, and in the days to come, may everything done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4302. A letter from the Program Specialist, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule — Regulatory Capital Rule: Eligible Retained Income [Docket No.: OCC-2020-0009] (RIN: 1557-ASB1) received May 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4303. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Major interim final rule — Regulatory Capital Rule: Paycheck Protection Program Lending Facility and Paycheck Protection Program Loans (RIN: 3064-AF49) received May 8, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4304. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Non-discrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance [Docket ID: ED-2018-OCR-0064] (RIN: 1870-AA14) received May 13, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

4306. A letter from the Director, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Regulatory Capital Rule: Paycheck Protection Program Lending Facility and Paycheck Protection Program Loans (RIN: 3064-AF49) received May 8, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4307. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Non-discrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance [Docket ID: ED-2018-OCR-0064] (RIN: 1870-AA14) received May 13, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

4308. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-314, "Adams Morgan Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4309. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-315, "Firearms Safety Omnibus Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4310. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-316, "Children's Hospital Research and Innovation Campus Phase 1 Temporary Amendment Act", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4311. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-313, "Ward 8 Senior Housing Fund Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4312. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 23-314, "Adams Morgan Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1:407 is 2:40 p.m.
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. BACON, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Mr. MITCHELL):
H.R. 6849. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure communication accessibility for residents of skilled nursing facilities during the COVID-19 emergency period; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SÁNCHEZ (for herself and Mr. FLENGERSON):
H.R. 6856. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to allow a deduction for investment advisory expenses of certain funeral and cemetery trusts during suspension of miscellaneous itemized deduction to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SOTO:
H.R. 6857. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a COVID-19 skilled nursing facility payment incentive program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VARGAS (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CROW, Mr. RYAN, Mrs. TAYLOR, and Mr. THOMAS):
H.R. 6858. A bill to enhance authorities under the Defense Production Act of 1950 to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, to provide additional oversight of such authorities, and to require a strategy on securing supply chains for medical materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself and Ms. WATERS):
H.R. 6859. A bill to authorize supplemental appropriations for public housing operations and tenant-based rental assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:
H. Res. 965. A resolution authorizing remote voting by proxy in the House of Representatives and remote committee proceedings during a public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. BACON, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MITCHELL, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DUNHAM, Mr. JAYAPAL, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. TITUS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SMITH of Nevada, Mr. MURDOCH, Mr. CONEY, Mr. CROW):
CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. BASS:
H.R. 6938.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution, providing—"All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mr. HORSFORD:
H.R. 6849.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ:
H.R. 6851.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. OCASIO-CORTEZ:
H.R. 6852.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. PHILLIPS:
H.R. 6853.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, providing—"The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States: . . ."

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS
Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

By Ms. PORTER:
H.R. 6854.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8.

By Ms. SANCHEZ:
H.R. 6855.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. SUOZZI:
H.R. 6857.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. VARGAS:
H.R. 6858.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
(1) to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; and all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution; (2) to make all laws necessary and proper for executing powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States; . . .

H.R. 6801: Mr. Bacon.
H.R. 1413: Mr. Phillips.
H.R. 2054: Mr. Grijalva.
H.R. 2655: Mr. Collins of Georgia.
H.R. 2767: Mrs. Luria.
H.R. 2655: Mr. Walz.
H.R. 4704: Mr. Moore, Mr. Adenholt, Mr. Cole, Mr. Evans, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Stanton.
H.R. 4189: Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Chabot.
H.R. 5695: Ms. Sherrill, Ms. Omar, Mr. Van Drew, and Mr. Veasey.
H.R. 6142: Mr. Butterfield.
H.R. 6390: Ms. Tidwell.
H.R. 6408: Mr. Van Drew, Mr. Aguilar, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. costa, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Veasey, Mrs. Dingell, Ms. Norton, Ms. DelBene, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Mr. Heck, and Ms. McCollum.
H.R. 6416: Mr. Phillips.
H.R. 6449: Mr. Soto.
H.R. 6514: Mr. Rose of New York, Mr. Gallego, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Meng, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. Schiff, and Mr. Meeks.
H.R. 6563: Mr. Mcnerney, Ms. Matsui, Mr. Butterfield, Ms. Judy Chu of California, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Nadler, and Ms. Blunt Rochester.
H.R. 6669: Mr. Gallego.
H.R. 6702: Ms. Judy Chu of California, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Ljukan, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Hock, Ms. Schmizberger, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Butterfield, and Mr. Welch.
H.R. 6722: Ms. Eshoo.
H.R. 6722: Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Rich of South Carolina.
H.R. 6729: Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Ms. Degette, Ms. Schakowsky, and Mr. Hastings.
H.R. 6738: Mr. San Nicolas.
H.R. 6732: Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Craig, and Ms. Slotkin.
H.Res. 962: Mr. McGovern, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Vargas, and Ms. Omar.
The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER
The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:
Let us pray. Eternal God, the author of unity, remind our lawmakers that people accomplish laudable goals more through unity than division. May our Senators remember that all of us are more effective than any one of us.

As our legislators pursue effectiveness in their work, give them the wisdom to forge alliances that make the difficult become easy and the impossible become probable. In their search for common purposes, inspire them with the conviction that nothing is impossible for those who believe.

We pray in Your omnipotent Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. Loeffler). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.
The Senator from Iowa is recognized. Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I ask to speak in morning business for 1 minute.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CORONAVIRUS
Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, people often think of prisons as places only to send criminals and then forget about them. But as I have noted here before, most inmates will one day be released. Helping former criminals become productive citizens is very much an important function of our prison system. In recent weeks, inmates in the Iowa prison system have acquired what you might consider strange skills—but they are new skills—and even monetary allowances. They have done this by producing personal protective equipment, like face shields and masks. During this time of the virus pandemic, we all know what those are used for.

I commend these efforts by our prisoners and our prison system promoting this sort of training. They will help to protect the health and safety of the prisons and our State in the short term, but they will also help inmates in the long term. These inmates are providing an essential public service, and for that they deserve our appreciation. It is an important contribution that I hope they will long remember and that will help them to be productive members of society when they finish their sentences.

I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.
The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.
Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
The majesty leader is recognized.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, normally during National Police Week, thousands of officers from across the country come here to our Nation’s Capital to honor their comrades who have fallen in the line of duty. Obviously, the coronavirus has changed the logistics around these kinds of gatherings, but it has not made it any less important that we honor our brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their neighbors.

Tonight’s candlelight vigil for fallen officers will go on, as a virtual event. Our hearts will be united in remembering these heroes as their names are added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. I am thinking especially of two of my fellow Kentuckians, who will be among those memorialized.

Meade County sheriff’s deputy Chris Hulsey answered the call of public service with a distinguished career that also included time as a firefighter and a paramedic. He was attacked while investigating a suspect and was pronounced dead hours later.

Chief Deputy Bobby Wayne Jacobs, of the Knott County Sheriff’s Office, suffered a fatal heart attack following a tense call for service. Bobby’s colleagues remember the lasting positive impact he made on so many.

Both of these deputies left behind children, loving friends, and a Commonwealth made safer by their service. We also cannot let this year’s National Police Week pass us by without reaffirming our gratitude for our very own U.S. Capitol Police. These men and women protect this institution with the greatest professionalism, no matter the challenge.

To all police officers—in Kentucky, here in the Capitol, and all across the country—your country thanks you.

FISA
Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, speaking of keeping our Nation safe, the Senate has work of our own to do this week to ensure the safety and security of our Nation. In addition to fighting this historic pandemic, it is...
also our job to keep sight of the other threats to national security that are still evolving, independent of COVID–19.

Far from any frontline hospital, the PRC’s domineering approach to contested territories in the South China Sea is keeping the men and women of the U.S. Seventh Fleet on high alert.

From dark corners of cyber space, Russia busies our national security and intelligence experts with a steady flow of infectious propaganda and disinformation.

From the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Aden, Iran continues to expand its regional influence, sow division, promote terror, and threaten America and its partners.

And across Afghanistan, the Taliban, al-Qaida, and ISIS continue to undermine the work of an international coalition and a representative government.

These are just a few of the global threats that were with us long before the COVID–19 crisis, and they have only gotten worse during the pandemic.

History reminds us that when great nations confront profound challenges at home, their enemies and competitors do not pause their own efforts until the situation becomes more stable. Whether from Beijing to Moscow, to caves in the Middle East, our adversaries would be tickled pink if the coronavirus caused the United States to lose our ability to multitask.

Some Democratic colleagues have implied recently that it is beneath the Senate—beneath the Senate—to spend time on any business that does not exclusively pertain to the pandemic. I could not disagree more strongly. Common sense tells us that this crisis demands more vigilance on the other fronts of national security, not less. When we take our oaths of office as U.S. Senators, we swear to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. This coronavirus may have shifted its way to the top of that list, but the list is still a long one, indeed.

Unfortunately, for several weeks now, our Nation has been less prepared than normal to defend ourselves against those who wish us harm, and it is not because of the coronavirus. It is because House Democrats have failed to act.

In March, the Senate passed a clean short-term extension of key authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, while a broader renegotiation was under way. After the shameful abuses of the FISA process that marred the 2016 Presidential campaign, there was a clear need for meaningful reforms to bring more daylight and accountability into the process. But at the same time, many of us on both sides of the aisle were absolutely intent on preserving these critical national security tools that have helped keep America safe.

While discussions were under way on how to strike the right balance, the Senate passed a bipartisan short-term extension so these important tools could remain in our national security professionals’ hands while Congress got our act together. Unfortunately, Speaker Pelosi let that extension sit on her desk and gather dust. So, for more than 8 weeks—these important tools have gone dark.

Fortunately, the Attorney General and Members of Congress have worked together to craft a compromise solution that will implement needed reforms while preserving core national security tools. These intense discussions produced a strong bill that balances the need for accountability with our solemn obligation to protect our citizens and defend our homeland.

I understand several of our colleagues believe this compromise bill is not perfect. Sadly, imperfection is a fact of life when it comes to compromise legislation. While I respect my distinguished colleagues whose amendments are pending, I urge my colleagues to vote against them.

The current bill in its current form already strikes the correct and delicate balance, and there is certainly no guarantee that another, new version of this legislation would necessarily pass the House or earn the President’s support.

This version has already done both. We cannot let the perfect become the enemy of the good when key authorities are currently sitting expired and unusable.

In sum, while the Senate continues overseeing the national response to the coronavirus crisis, we are also making sure the pandemic does not inflict even greater harm by distracting us from other threats and challenges that preceded it.

Off the floor, our committees are working through a number of pressing national security nominations, from the Director of National Intelligence to the Secretary of the Navy, to other high-level appointments. The current bill in its current form allows us to promptly rush these critical high-level appointments to the Senate floor. Of course, while we urgently need to confirm these nominees, we also must continue to pay attention to other threats and challenges that predate the pandemic.

We cannot put Homeland Security on autopilot because another crisis has our attention. The Senate can, will, and must continue to pay attention to both.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

USA FREEDOM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2020

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 6172, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6172) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Democratic leader is recognized.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, yesterday, the House Democrats unveiled new legislation to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The American people need their government to act strongly, decisively, and promptly. The President has been preemptively slandering any legislation that has come out of the House as being “a partisan wish list”—long before he even saw the bill. It was a paint-by-numbers response from the Republican leader. It continues to be. It didn’t matter what was in the bill. In his eyes, not in the eyes of almost every American, it was going to be a far-left, partisan wish list.

To fit the preordained narrative, last night, Senate Republicans were latching onto provisions that account for 0.0003 percent of the total bill—0.0003 percent. Talk about grasping at straws. It is as predictable that the Republican leader would oppose anything before he coughed what was in it, and now that it is so necessary for so many Americans, it is predictable that the Republicans are just saying no.
The Republican leader also called the bill aspirational. The Republican leader should know that it is not aspirational when Americans, for the first time, are worried about losing their homes even before they are evicted from their apartments; that it is not aspirational when Americans are facing a health crisis in which every one of us is afraid we might come down with a dangerous illness or spread it to a loved one; that Americans are talking about urgent and necessary relief, but out of reflective, knee-jerk partisanship, the Republican leadership in the Senate basically declared the House bill dead on arrival before it was even announced.

It is a shocking and incomprehensible position to take at this moment of national crisis. It would be one thing for the Republican leadership to say: Well, let's talk about where both parties can come together to do something for the Nation's well-being at this time of urgent crisis. Yet it has taken the position that there is absolutely no urgency and something at all.

On Monday, here is what the Republican leader said. “Republicans,” he said, "have yet to feel the urgency to act immediately. What will it take? Are they so wrapped around the hard-right ideology that they can't see the real needs of the American people? Is there no urgency with testing? Talk to your local businesses. Talk to your local mayors. Talk to your Governors. See if they are so preoccupied with the hazard pay? That is in the House bill. It is very close to what the Governors—Democratic and Republican—have asked for. Leader McConnell frequently highlights the heroism of our essential workers, and I applaud him for that. Yet why don't we, in addition to giving speeches on the floor, put a little more money for the extra expenses they are undergoing? Why isn't there an urgency to provide relief to renters and homeowners? No urgency to prevent firefighters, police officers, and teachers from being laid off by State and local governments whose budgets are underwater in both blue and red States?

I would like to know how many of my Republican colleagues actually oppose providing the assurance to State and local governments so teachers in Iowa, in North Carolina, and police officers in Kentucky don't get laid off. The support our States need is in the House bill. It is very close to what the Governors—Democratic and Republican—have asked for. Leader McConnell frequently highlights the heroism of our essential workers, and I applaud him for that. Yet why don’t we, in addition to giving speeches on the floor, put a little more money for the extra expenses they are undergoing? Why isn't there an urgency to provide them with hazard pay? That is in the House bill.

Leader McConnell and President Trump have placed a great emphasis on reopening the country as quickly as possible. That is something we all want to see. So how do we achieve that safely? Far and away, the most important factor in reopening the economy is testing. We are far behind where we should be, despite the President's lies and mistruths about testing. Fauci made that clear yesterday.

Remember that our President said on March 6. I think it was, that anyone who wants a test can have a test. That is even not true today. Deluding the American people and running from the truth to say what pops into your head so it sounds good to the media for that moment, while the President's MO, doesn't help. It doesn't help.

Everyone knows, until this crisis is over and on into the future, we are going to need personal protective equipment to keep ourselves safe as we work. As I mentioned, I wore this mask on the floor—a mask made in Rochester by Hickey Freeman. The House bill includes crucial support for the supply chain and manufacturing of PPE. Should we wait on that? Is that not urgent? Is ambulance workers and healthcare workers not having the PPE they need not urgent? Who believes that? Does Leader McConnell? Does President Trump? Do our Republican colleagues agree? It is just baffling that at this time of, probably, the greatest crisis we have faced in decades, both in health and economically, the Senate Republican leadership, instead of working with the Democrats to find common ground on essential protections, is going to be against taking urgent and necessary action to help the American people—in a time of national crisis—unless, of course, that means there being liability protections for big corporations. That seems to be their concern.

More than 30 million Americans are now unemployed, and more than 80,000 Americans have died. Just how many lost jobs, lost businesses, lost lives will it take before Senate Republicans begin to feel the urgency?

Madam President, on another matter, last week, Americans learned that the Trump White House had blocked the release of a document by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that contained guidance for safely re-opening the country. According to media reports, this guidance was painstakingly prepared by the CDC to help the country determine when and how it could begin easing social distancing without causing undo risk to public health—the further spread of COVID, the recurrence of a second wave, and more infections and more deaths.

The CDC guidance includes detailed information and flowcharts to help guide businesses, businesses, schools, churches, religious institutions, and individuals as they consider how to protect themselves and others when they desire to re-open the country. According to media reports, this guidance was painstakingly prepared by the CDC to help the country determine when and how it could begin easing social distancing without causing undo risk to public health—the further spread of COVID, the recurrence of a second wave, and more infections and more deaths.

The CDC guidance includes detailed information and flowcharts to help guide businesses, schools, churches, religious institutions, and individuals as they consider these very challenging questions. Businesses want to know how and when to open. Citizens want to know how they should behave to protect themselves, which seems to course, all Americans, regardless of where they live or what parties they belong to, want to get back to normal as quickly as possible.

I know every Member of the Senate wants that to happen as soon as it possibly can. I certainly do. Yet making the wrong decisions about when, where, and how fast to reopen could result in the loss of precious lives that could have been saved, and the recurrence of a COVID second wave that could be worse than the first.

In order to make these decisions wisely, the country needs guidance from the Nation's best medical and scientific experts. These are literally matters of life and of death, and that is exactly why the CDC prepared this guidance. Yet the White House has blocked the release of the CDC guidance, reportedly so the President and his political appointees can make changes to it. As we all know, the President is not a doctor, and the President is not a scientist. Many don't even believe he is a stable genius like he thinks he is. It has become painfully clear over the past 2 months how unfamiliar he is with the disciplines of science and medicine. Anyone who would say drink bleach—use bleach—to protect yourself is not much of a medical expert. So it is difficult, if not impossible, to imagine any legitimate, constructive purpose could be served by the President or his staff to edit the CDC's work.

I wish President Trump and his aides could be trusted to tell the American people the truth about this public health crisis. I wish they could be trusted not to engage in the political censorship of the medical and scientific judgments of our Nation's foremost experts, but at this point in the crisis, after all of the faults, after all of the disinformation, after all of the transparent attempts at political spin, every American knows full well that the President and his staff simply cannot be trusted to tell the truth about the coronavirus. Just yesterday the President claimed that COVID-19 cases are falling everywhere in America, but another report that is also yet to be released by the President's own coronavirus task force is said to show that its infection rates are spiking to new heights in a number of large and small communities around the country—places in Tennessee and Iowa, Texas and Kentucky. The point is that America needs and must have the can-do spirit of our best scientists that its infection rates are spiking to new heights in a number of large and small communities around the country places in Tennessee and Iowa, Texas and Kentucky. The point is that America needs and must have the can-do spirit of our best scientists that it's infection rates are spiking to new heights in a number of large and small communities around the country—places in Tennessee and Iowa, Texas and Kentucky.

The CDC guidance is an important piece of guidance, and the Senate should unani-

mously support the uncensored release of that document. Therefore, I will now offer a very simple and brief unanimous consent request, and I hope all Senators will support it.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. RES. 572

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 572, expressing the sense of the Senate that
calamity. The inability to conduct so as not to have now put us on the prowl, which didn't make sense to forced us to take a one-size-fits-all, which we are contending with currently.

Thanks to the White House’s efforts to fight off the regulatory swamp at the CDC and its efforts to fix the testing regulators, we now lead the world in testing. Yesterday, I submitted for the RECORD, from that over 2-hour briefing with the healthcare experts, that timeline referred to. It happened from late January through March—so.

Senator SCHUMER wants to release the CDC’s version of the reopening guidance, but the White House and senior health officials rejected the initial CDC recommendations in that version because, 12 years ago, I fought to regulate efforts from day one, and the CDC bog down the economy even with bureaucratic hurdles. I probably know that as well as any Senator here because, 12 years ago, I fought to reform healthcare and its related agencies that bogged the system down and stymied testing; immature agencies that have us healthcare costs that are double that of any other country. We will get back to that, but 80 Senators on both sides of the aisle weighed in on that before the coronavirus raised its ugly head.

The White House and the task force have been behind transparent in the midst of this outbreak, indeed, in its holding an unprecedented number of daily press briefings and in its allowing for a free flow of information that has been central to the White House’s reopening efforts. This is not about transparency, and the White House is always going to be in favor of transparency. The President comes from a world of entrepreneurs, one in which we embrace competition. This is about the minority leader’s trying to use the bureaucracy at the CDC to bog down the economy.

From this point forward, we have to make sure that we adhere to everything the healthcare experts have told us, but we have to be able to do a couple of things at once, which means having a smart restart to the economy. The CDC and other health agencies were targets of the White House’s deregulation efforts from day one, and they were the most challenging regulatory agencies to rein in. The Democrats and the bureaucrats, who are content with the status quo, have been blocking efforts to deregulate since President Trump took office.

However, that when decades have brought us to the point at which the healthcare system, in general, doesn’t make sense to a mainstream entrepreneur like me, who has found that a different dynamic works? The CDC, for example, was in the driver’s seat during the initial stages of the outbreak. Its missteps on testing forced us to take a one-size-fits-all approach, which didn’t make sense to many of us.

We should have handled this in a way so as not to have now put us on the precipice of there being an even greater calamity. The inability to conduct early and wide testing in the United States, caused by the CDC’s and FDA’s overly prescriptive stodginess, prolonged the testing process in the early stages when it should have been expedited. The result has been one-size-fits-all, which we are contending with currently.

U.S. testing exploded once the White House’s efforts to increase testing and fight off the regulatory bureaucrats won out. The same thing will happen with reopening the economy, using the reopening guidance as a roadmap under the President’s leadership.

I yield.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, two quick points. My friend, who is my friend from Indiana, what the White House has always been transparent and believed in transparency. Does any American believe that? Does any Senator believe that? Does my friend from Indiana actually believe that the White House has always been transparent?

Second, he has said that America leads the world in testing. Does any independent scientist believe that? Is there anyone who believes we are leading in testing; that we have done as President Trump said—that we have accomplished everything in testing?

Does anyone outside the White House and their acolytes believe that? I doubt it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip is recognized.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. THUNE, Madam President, so far Congress has passed four coronavirus bills that have trillions of dollars to meet the coronavirus crisis. Our goal has been to provide a comprehensive response addressing not just the medical priorities but the economic impact this virus has had on so many American families.

We have provided funding for coronavirus testing, for medical care, for personal protective equipment for frontline medical personnel, for vaccine and treatment development, for veterans, for nutrition programs, for food inspectors, unemployment benefits, for elementary schools, high schools, and colleges, for farmers and ranchers. The Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act, or the CARES Act, the third relief bill we passed, provided nearly $293 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program to help small businesses keep employees on their payroll during this crisis. When the program ran out of money, we provided another $340 billion to ensure as many small businesses as possible were able to take advantage of this help.

The CARES Act also appropriated $2.3 trillion for direct payments to American citizens to help them get through this difficult time. At this point, government agencies are focused on getting all of the aid we passed out the door. Some programs, such as the Paycheck Protection Program, have been up and running practically since day one. More than 4 million businesses have applied. And already we have received forgivable loans through the Paycheck Protection Program, enabling millions of workers to keep their
jobs. The vast majority of direct payments to American citizens, approximately 130 million so far, have been sent out. Other aid is still in the process of getting out the door.

The Department of Agriculture recently announced it will use funds appropriated in the CARES Act, plus other money, to issue direct payments to farmers and ranchers affected by this crisis. These payments are expected to reach farmers and ranchers in late May or early June.

Overall, from four coronavirus bills, we provided more than $500 billion to State and local governments. That is equal to roughly 25 percent of the yearly operating budgets of the 50 States combined. That money includes at least $185 billion for unemployment benefits, $150 billion for general relief funds for States, localities, and Tribes; $45 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund; nearly $26 billion for nutrition programs; $13 billion for school districts; $4 billion for States to treat the homeless; more than $1 billion for first responders; and there is so much more.

On top of that, Congress directed the Federal Reserve to provide an additional $3 trillion in loans to help States and municipalities manage cashflow issues during the pandemic. A lot of the money that we have provided has already been sent to States while some is still in the process of being disbursed. Meanwhile, States are in the process of deciding how to spend the money they have received—some they have spent and some they have not—which brings me to an important point.

My friends across the aisle are pushing for more money, more money, more money. Yesterday, the House of Representatives unveiled a $3 trillion coronavirus relief bill—that is right, $3 trillion.

But we haven’t yet seen the effects of the money we have provided already. It is difficult to understand how Democrats can call for an additional $3 trillion—all money borrowed. I might add, on the backs of younger workers and our children and grandchildren—when they haven’t even seen what existing funds have been used for or whether they have been used at all.

Nobody is questioning—nobody is questioning that we may need additional money to address this crisis. Republicans stood up and supported the appropriation of $2.4 trillion—roughly, 50 percent of the entire Federal budget for 2020. That is an extraordinary amount of money, but these are extraordinary circumstances, and they call for an extraordinary response. But it is important to remember that every dollar of what we have appropriated for coronavirus is borrowed money, and today’s young workers and our children and grandchildren are going to be paying for this borrowing.

We are putting an incredible burden on younger generations. We have an absolute obligation to make sure that we are only appropriating what is really needed. The way we find out what is really needed is by carefully monitoring the implementation of the $2.4 trillion that we have already provided, not by rushing to provide trillions more before we know whether and where the money we have already provided has been fully allocated, we will have a better sense of where we may need to appropriate additional funds and where we have spent enough.

It is also important to remember that there are other things we can do in Congress besides borrowing money that younger generations will have to pay. Yesterday, the leader came down to the floor to talk about the liability protections the Republicans are pursuing for healthcare workers, businesses, and others on the frontline in response to reopening. As the leader noted, hundreds of coronavirus lawsuits are being filed around the country, and these lawsuits represent a real threat to our economic recovery. Doctors and hospitals, for example, are making extraordinary efforts to protect patients and healthcare workers. They are reluctant to resume noncoronavirus-related medical care for fear of being sued if a patient were somehow exposed to the disease in the process of receiving care.

Businesses are worried that they can be held responsible if one of their employees develops coronavirus, even if the business took every reasonable precaution to discourage infection.

There is obviously a place for lawsuits when businesses engage in gross negligence or intentional misconduct. We will not be giving a free pass to anyone who fails in their basic duties during this crisis, but we need to make sure that medical professionals and healthcare workers are protected and others can get back to running their operations and employing Americans without worrying that an army of trial lawyers is about to descend.

There are undoubtedly other things we can do to help Americans get back to work and deal with the effects of coronavirus without spending trillions of dollars, everything from regulatory reform to ensuring that frontline volunteers don’t face surprise tax bills.

That is not to say that we will not be providing additional funding. In fact, it is likely that we will have to appropriate more money for the coronavirus response, but as I have already said, it is absolutely essential—that we consider further investment carefully and only spend money where it is truly needed.

My friends across the aisle tend to think that government money and government solutions are the solution literally to every crisis. They are happy to throw taxpayer dollars around without thought to the consequences of future generations. Disturbingly, more than one Democrat has indicated that they would like to take advantage of this crisis to remake America in their own far-left image. That is not a responsible response.

Republicans are going to continue to do everything we can to help Americans through this crisis. We are committed to meeting the country’s needs while spending taxpayer dollars responsibly and with an eye to the burden we are placing on younger workers and future generations.

We undoubtedly have more difficult days ahead, but our country is strong and so are the American people. We are going to get through this.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip is recognized.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I came to the floor this morning to listen to the statements made by the other side of the aisle in reaction to the proposal of Speaker Pelosi to deal with the coronavirus and the national emergency we face.

The Republican leader, Senator MCCONNELL of Kentucky, as well as his colleagues, repeated the theme not only of the issue of the liability facing businesses and others because of the COVID virus pandemic which we are facing. In fact, the leader, Senator MCCONNELL, has gone so far as to declare that there is a “reckless disregard for the American people” by the Democrats to help our police, firefighters, paramedics, and teachers unless we provide guaranteed business immunity from COVID-19 lawsuits—lawsuits that might be brought by workers and consumers.

Senator MCCONNELL’s guaranteed business immunity is an invitation, sadly, for irresponsible corporations to cut corners when it comes to protecting workers as well as protecting their customers. The McConnell redline threat will result in more people being infected by the coronavirus and more people getting sick—exactly the opposite of what we should be doing as a matter of policy.

We also heard today, both from Senators MCCONNELL and THUNE, that there is no urgency in continuing to provide assistance across America because of the economic crisis that we face and certainly the public health crisis we face. I couldn’t disagree more. It is absolutely essential that we address the liability issue on guaranteeing business immunity as well as the argument that we have done enough. Let’s sit back and wait and see what happens. I couldn’t disagree more.

Yesterday, we had a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senator GRAHAM held the hearing and the title was “Examining the Liability During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” That hearing took place yesterday afternoon after Senator MCCONNELL had come to the floor and had spoken about the concerns of businesses about lawsuits against them related to the COVID-19 virus.
In fact, Senator MCCONNELL came to the floor yesterday morning and characterized the lawsuits that were being filed and pending because of this pandemic, and the words he used to characterize them were very explicit. He called it a "epidemic of frivolous lawsuits." He referred to the "minefield" created by these lawsuits. He went so far as to call them a "tidal wave"— "tidal wave," his words on the floor of the U.S. Senate when it came to these lawsuits related to COVID–19.

So I went into this with my staff and said: Tell me about this tidal wave of lawsuits. Here is what we discovered about this so-called tidal wave of lawsuits. As of Monday, there are 958 COVID-related cases that had been discovered in a tracking database of lawsuits filed in the United States—958. But then we took a closer look.

How many of these lawsuits were malpractice suits being brought against hospitals, clinics, doctors, nurses, medical professionals? Nine. Nine lawsuits. There have been 1.3 million Americans diagnosed as infected by the COVID–19 virus, and 9 lawsuits have been filed.

Senator MCCONNELL calls that a tidal wave. A tidal wave? It is barely a ripple.

We added 27 other cases for personal injury. We are up to 36 cases out of 1.3 million Americans who have been diagnosed as infected—36 cases. That is not to say that they are all serious or all frivolous. No way of saying. I am counting all lawsuits of personal injury and medical malpractice brought because of COVID–19.

We took a look at other lawsuits. There are 260 lawsuits that have been filed by prisoners in jails arguing that they were held in an unhealthy, unsanitary, and unsafe condition. Is that what the Senator wants to stop? Does he consider that a tidal wave of lawsuits?

There are 171 cases brought against insurance companies. In other words, a business is suing an insurance company over the coverage they have in their insurance policy. Is that one of the avalanche of lawsuits that Senator MCCONNELL is talking about?

There are 95 contract cases and 79 civil rights cases. We took a look at the civil rights cases being filed with mention of COVID–19, and, you know, many of them are being filed by businesses arguing that they should be allowed to reopen. Is Senator MCCONNELL suggesting that we should be prohibiting those lawsuits as well?

What it comes down to is this. There is no tidal wave of lawsuits. We shouldn’t condition helping businesses, unemployed people, and individuals across America because of this phantom threat of lawsuits. I am surprised that they didn’t refer to a caravan of trial lawyers coming up to the courthouse across America. It just isn’t there.

Yesterday, in a hearing, we had some excellent witnesses. One of the better witnesses, I will be happy to concede, was a person brought in by the Republican Senators. His name is Kevin Smartt. Kevin is the chief executive officer and president of Kwik Chik Food Stores out of Bonham, TX. He was speaking on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores.

He told the story of what he has done with his businesses and outlets and 600 employees to make it safer for them. He has really gone, based on his testimony, to great lengths to create a safe working environment. We know what Kevin Smartt said about the problems he faces.

Here is his testimony: "This was a challenge [mitigating the threat] because the guidance provided by the CDC, [OSHA] as well as state and local governments often conflicted with one another in addition to being vague and difficult to follow."

What he was looking for and stated in his sworn testimony were guidelines for a safe business place, and they don’t exist. One of the reasons came up earlier this morning when Senator SCHUMER came to the floor and said: We want to see the CDC guidelines released for individuals across America can see how to deal with this threat in the workplace.

There was an objection on the Republican side of the aisle for the publication of these CDC guidelines. They can’t have two ways. They can’t argue through Senator MCCONNELL that we should have guaranteed business immunity from liability and then basically say to the businesses, as Mr. Smartt told us, there are no guidelines.

You see, that is a defense in any lawsuit. We live by the guidelines. We have appropriate social distancing. We put up the plastic shields to protect employees and customers. We have people wearing masks.

Those are all good defenses in any lawsuit that might be brought, but the Republicans want it both ways: guaranteed immunity for the business but no guidelines from the government as to what is a safe practice. Mr. Smartt said that makes his job next to impossible in his important business in Texas.

But there were numbers given to us yesterday that really did show a tidal wave. Marc Perrone is the president of the United Food and Commercial Workers. He testified before our committee, and during the course of his testimony he told us that 162 of his workers—those who are in grocery stores, food processing, and particularly in meat processing, 162—have died from COVID–19.

Now, working in a meatpacking plant is something I know a little bit about. I worked my way through college—12 months—in a meatpacking plant in East St. Louis, IL. It is dirty, hot, and dangerous work. I got to know a lot of people who work there, and that is the danger of that workplace. The most dangerous workplace in America—meat processing. There have been 162 deaths and 25,000 of Marc Perrone’s workers who have been infected so far with COVID–19.

You want to talk about a tidal wave, we ought to take a look at what those workers in meat processing are facing right now. Some companies are, conscientiously, trying to do the right thing and make the workplace better and safer and test their employees. I salute all of them. There are good people who are leading these businesses, and they are making good decisions, but they need the guidelines and standards of the CDC and OSHA. And the Republicans just objected to publishing those standards."

I want to tell you, there is a way through this pandemic in a sensible fashion that is fair to business and fair to the economy and people who are leery about going to a food bank. Mr. President, let me say a word about this HEROES Act that was released yesterday by Speaker Pelosi. Yes, she has asked for more money to be spent. We have to decide whether it is worth spending.

Is it worth giving more direct economic payments to families across America? I supported President Trump’s call for those payments in the first round. Does he believe, do we believe, does the Senate believe that $1,200 is the end of the story for people who are struggling and facing unemployment, facing the hardships that are part of our economy?

The flood of people at our food banks tells us that people need more resources to provide the basics for their family. Senator MCCONNELL has told us that is not an urgent need. Well, he ought to go to a food bank in Kentucky and take a look around. He is going to see a lot of people—not just Democrats but Republicans and Independents—facing the hardships of the economy.

To say it is not urgent that we provide money to hospitals—I will tell you, even in the areas of Illinois—smalltown, rural Illinois—hospitals are being hit even harder and have COVID virus infections to deal with. They are struggling because of the economy and people who are leery about going forward with elective surgery and outpatient treatment.

One thing to keep in mind: Even if you happen to have a hospital in a remote, rural area with little or no infection from the COVID virus, if you want
to return to elective surgery, good medical practice requires that you test the patient before the surgery to see if they are positive for COVID virus. Hospitals have talked to us about testing the drivers who are going to take the patients to the procedures. We need testing so that these hospitals, even in areas not directly affected by this pandemic, can get back in business and keep their doors open. What a tragedy it is, in any State, to lose local businesses.

Speaker PELOSI, in her bill, the HEROES Act, calls for additional funds for these hospitals. I think there is a sense of urgency to that. Clearly, Senator REID does not.

The notion that we would honor the people who are working on the frontlines to make sure that they would be able to continue to serve us and to risk their lives for us in treating the patients—I think that is a priority, there is a sense of urgency, and I think Speaker PELOSI was correct in including that money to give those first responders, health workers, and others a helping hand.

And by what I say that this notion that we shouldn't be helping State and local governments—who in the world do we think is on the frontline in the battle against this national emergency, this pandemic? It is the doctors, of course, and the nurses, of course, but it is also our first responders, our policemen, our firefighters, and even our teachers.

If we don't provide the resources that have been lost to the States and localities because of this pandemic, there will be cutbacks in pay and layoffs for sure. Is that how we are going to answer this national emergency? I believe there is a profound sense of urgency here as well.

I note that a couple of my colleagues are on the floor to speak, so I will wrap up my remarks by saying we need to stick with this program of helping America get back on its feet. We need to help those who are struggling to feed their families and going to food banks to try to get by. We need to stand by those who are drawing unemployment insurance today with additional Federal help, trying to keep their families together, while they are looking for a job and waiting for the economy to rebound.

We need to stand by the small businesses that cannot survive if we don't continue our assistance. This notion that Speaker McConnell suggested it, has to be a bad idea is just plain wrong and selfish.

Look at her proposals on their merits, they mirror what we have started to do with the CARES Act and need to continue. At home after the process, you don't build a bridge halfway across a river. You build it all the way.

Let's build it to the point where our economy can rebound with strength and people can get back to work. Let's stand by the workers and their families and the businesses and support the HEROES Act that has been introduced in the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE). The Senator from Louisiana, UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I am honored to follow my friend, the senior Senator from Illinois. I enjoyed his comments very much.

As the Presiding Officer knows, this Congress has passed, I think, four bills to provide money to the American people, to the American healthcare delivery system, and to businesses and businesses. It is known that our country to fight the coronavirus and the damage it has done to our public health and also to our economy.

We have spent and will spend—because all of the money is not yet spent—about $3 trillion. That is $3,000,000,000,000. That is $3 billion. We don't even take in that much money in a year. We take in, in revenue, about 90 percent of that. So we have to borrow the money.

I voted for the bills. We had to do it. The Federal Reserve, through its lending facilities, including but not limited to its 13(3) lending facilities, will probably spend at least another $3 trillion.

I asked one of the senior officials at the Federal Reserve yesterday, and he told me that in the past 2 months the balance sheet of the Federal Reserve has doubled.

Now, many of the transactions conducted by the Federal Reserve, of course, I know that all of the loans aren't going to be paid back. And since the Federal Reserve can't lose money, we are going to have to appropriate probably even more money than we appropriated in the CARES Act to backstop those losses.

So we are up to $6 trillion, let's say. Speaker PELOSI, as the Presiding Officer knows, has introduced a new bill that would spend another $3 trillion that, of course, we will have to borrow. Someone somewhere just printed the money. We don't. We issue Treasury securities, which is just basically a bond. We borrow the money from people—from many Americans, many foreigners, including but not limited to China, and we have to pay that money back.

So now we are up to $9 trillion—that is, 9,000,000,000,000—and our total debt is—that is going to put us at about $28 trillion. I am not going to repeat the zeroes again. I think I have made my point.

Now, Speaker PELOSI's bill is not going to pass the U.S. Senate in its present form. You don't have to be a senior at the University of Georgia to know that. It has provisions in it—for one thing, it costs $3 trillion, as I just pointed out. For another thing, it will expand the Affordable Care Act, which, of course, is controversial in the Senate.

It will change our election laws dramatically. Some have suggested that Speaker PELOSI's bill will basically federalize elections, take them away from our States, which is certainly not contemplated and I think is forbidden by the U.S. Constitution.

Speaker PELOSI's bill will dramatically change our immigration laws. It will provide amnesty for people who are in our country illegally during the coronavirus pandemic. It will provide a lot of money—hundreds of millions of dollars—to people who are in our country illegally. Some will like that. Some will not like that. But the point I am trying to make is it will be controversial.

Speaker PELOSI's bill will release many of our Federal prisoners during the coronavirus unless the Bureau of Prisons can affirmatively show that those prisoners are not going to go out and commit a violent crime. In other words, the Bureau of Prisons has to prove that John Doe, the prisoner who is being released, is not going to go out and commit a violent crime. That is an impossible standard, of course, to meet.

Speaker PELOSI's bill is very pro-cannabis. I don't know how the Presiding Officer feels about cannabis—that is your business—but it is controversial in the U.S. Senate. It will provide cannabis something like 28 times.

Finally, Speaker PELOSI's bill addresses, in many respects, the subject of race. For example, it directs every Federal agency to keep deposits in minority-owned banks. I am not suggesting that is good or bad. I am just suggesting to you it will be very controversial. And, for that reason, the bill is not going to pass this body in its present form.

Now, that sets up three scenarios. One scenario is that Speaker PELOSI, of course, she knows her bill isn't going to pass, and she doesn't intend for it to pass. It is what we call a messaging bill: She is sending a message on behalf of her party with an eye toward the November elections. It is done around here all the time. So one scenario is it is just a messaging bill, and it is political pageantry.

There is a second possibility; that this is her opening bid and that the leadership in the Senate on the Democratic side and the leadership in the Senate on the Republican side and the Republican leadership in the House and Speaker PELOSI and probably Treasury Secretary Mnuchin will then sit down and negotiate, without much input, quite frankly, from Members of the Senate. I don't know how it works in the House. They will sit down and come up with something, and then they will come back to us. I am in labor, not management. They will come back to us and say: Here it is; take it or leave it—gimme or grumble and then just follow our leaders into the chute. We can moo and follow our leaders into the chute like cattle and vote for it.
The third scenario, with respect to the Speaker's bill, would be that the second scenario happens but the Members of the Senate and the Members of the House bow up and say: Uh-uh. Not this time. We are not going to moo and follow our leadership into the chute like cattle. We don't agree with what they did.

That is a particular danger in the House because, again, you don't have to be in Mensa to understand that Speaker Pelosi has drafted a bill to address the interests and concerns of the leftwing of her party in the House.

So I can see a third scenario, where the powers that be negotiate what they see as a compromise and that compromise is taken back to the House and the liberal Members of the House—I don't use "liberal" and "conservative" in a pejorative sense—the liberal Members of the House say: The short answer is no. The long answer is hell no; we are not going to vote for that.

That could also happen in the Senate on my side of the aisle. Our leaders could negotiate a package and come back and say: OK. Here is the deal. The liability provision is going to cost you $1 trillion in extra spending. I can see some Republicans—one of them is standing right over here. I don't speak for him, but he is my good friend, Florida, who is going to have some heartburn if that happens.

And then nothing happens. We have appropriated, as I mentioned—I don't want to belabor the point—$3 trillion, another $3 trillion if you add the Federal Reserve. Some of that money went to States and local governments—$150 billion. My State got about $3 billion.

Many of the States need that money. I am not saying that we aren't going to have to share, sacrifice here, but I am not saying that we shouldn't ask our State and local governments to submit to us revenue estimates. I am not saying that we shouldn't ask them to pare down their budgets. We ought to pare down our budgets as well.

But, to me, it is undeniable that States and local governments have sustained damage from the coronavirus. For God's sake, their economy has been shut down. If you are a State that relies on sales tax, nobody has been buying anything—or at least not like they did before. If you are a State that relies on income tax, income tax hasn't been coming in because nobody has been open.

Now, some of my colleagues believe that we should not give the States any latitude to use any of that $150 billion to address revenue shortfalls. And I understand that point of view, I do.

You take Florida, for example. In a few moments, Senator SCOTT is going to speak. He was Governor of Florida for 8 years, did an incredible job, grew employment dramatically. And I can understand—I am not speaking for my good friend, the Senator from Florida, but I can understand how someone in the Senate would say: Well, no. Every Governor needs to go reform his entire State government.

But that is not going to happen—at least not within the next year. In the meantime, I believe that State and local governments have sustained damage, and I think that is just a natural fact. They have.

I have a bill, S. 3608. It is called the Coronavirus Relief Fund Flexibility for State and Local Government Act. Senator SULLIVAN has another bill that does somewhat the same thing as mine. I think Senator ROUNDs has a bill.

All my bill would do is this. That $150 billion we have already spent, which now has been given to the States and local governments, says it can only be used for coronavirus expenses. My bill will change that. My bill would not spend a single, solitary new dollar.

Let me say that again. My bill will not add to our spending. It just says that the Governors have additional flexibility to spend the $150 billion that we have already given them. They can't spend it on their pension systems. My bill prohibits that. They can spend it to address a revenue shortfall, which many of them have.

We will never agree in this body about which State is well-managed and which State is not well-managed. One person's trash is another person's treasure. I have personal feelings. Senator SCOTT does. I see my good friend Senator WARNER is here. He was a very distinguished Governor of Virginia. He probably has a different point of view.

There is one thing we can agree on. There is real danger that Speaker PELOSI's bill is not going to pass. It is not going to pass today, and it may not pass tomorrow, and it may not pass in June.

The second thing we can agree on is that our States and our cities have sustained debt, and we can take off the handcuffs and allow the money we have already given them to try to help them repair that damage as we recover from this horrible pandemic.

For that reason, I am going to ask for unanimous consent not that we pass the bill. I am going to ask in a second for unanimous consent that we just vote on my bill. We don't vote enough around here. I came up here to deliberate and decide. I didn't come up here to issue press releases and participate in delay and stultification. I want to do an honest day's work. Instead, we want an honest day's pay for an honest day's work.

All I want to do is have a vote on my bill. If you don't like it, you can chew it up, spit it out, step on it, and vote no in front of God and country. But if you like it, you can vote for it, and let's be Senators again.

For that reason, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of S. 3608—that is my bill—and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration. I further ask that there be 2 hours of debate—see, we will have plenty of debate—equally divided between the proponents and the opponents of the bill; and that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Kenneth J. Roth Institute Act of 2021 be considered and agreed to, the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with a 60-affirmative-vote threshold for passage with no immediate action or debate; finally, if passed, that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

Let my people vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?
We took care of them in the CARES Act. It is not our teachers. We took care of them in the CARES Act. It is not our healthcare workers. We took care of them in the CARES Act. We are bailing out liberal politicians who cannot live within their means, and now we are asking Floridians to pay for the incompetency of Governors like Andrew Cuomo.

We can't give hard-earned taxpayer money to poorly managed States that are going to turn around and spend it on their priorities and to back-fill their budget shortfalls and solve their longstanding fiscal problems.

States like California, Illinois, and New York have big budgets, high taxes, and tons of debt because they refused to make the hard choices and live within their means. They know they cannot tax their citizens more. So now they have their hands out to the Federal taxpayers to rescue them. But that is not fair to citizens of States like Florida, where the hard choices have been made.

Let me show you this chart. From 1985 to 2018, this is how many people moved to Florida from other States. We gained over 2 million people. This is how many people left New York, Illinois, and California. Why did they leave? Partially, because they may like our weather better. But look at the tax rates. They are way higher in these States. Look at their business climate. Those three States are the three worst in the country. Look at what the Tax Foundation ranking is—some of the worst States in the country.

Then look at the debt. We have more people than New York by about 2 to 3 million people, and their debt is seven times as much. As for Illinois, we are at least double, and they have almost three times as much debt.

You look at this, and this is why income is moving to our State and away from others. Now these people do not want us to tax our citizens to pay for their debt, their pensions, for all of their fiscal irresponsibility, and that is not fair to the citizens of our State.

When I became Florida’s Governor in 2011, we had a big budget shortfall, and we had lost $32,000 jobs in 4 years. When I became Governor, we started cutting taxes every year. We cut $10 billion over 8 years. And guess what. Our revenues increased. The State went from losing hundreds of thousands to over 4 years to adding 1.7 million jobs in 8 years. We turned a $2.5 billion shortfall into a $4 billion surplus, with $3 billion in a rainy day fund.

I was the first Florida Governor in 20 years to actually pay down State debt. I paid down—with the support of my legislature and the success of our State—one-third of our State debt in 8 years.

That didn’t happen in California. It didn’t happen in Illinois, and it didn’t happen in New York.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said it was irresponsible and reckless not to bail out States like his—a State with 2 million fewer people than Florida, with a budget almost double ours. The opposite is true. It is irresponsible and reckless to take money from America’s taxpayers and use it to save liberal politicians from the consequences of their poor choices.

Every day, American families make responsible budgetary decisions. Well-managed States like Florida have done it for years. It is time for New York, Illinois, and California to do the same.

As you can see from this chart, Congress has already allocated billions of dollars in direct and indirect aid to States and localities. Total direct funding from the Federal Government already exceeds over $1 trillion, and this doesn’t begin to count another $1.3 trillion in indirect assistance to small businesses, individuals, and increased unemployment benefits to families in all of our States.

We have $150 billion. Again, it is billions of dollars for expenses. By the way, this is not the way it is done with FEMA. This money has been sent with no obligation of the States to pay a portion. When I had my hurricanes, I had to pay a portion of the cost that the Federal government would have participated in, but we still paid a part of the cost.

We have $500 billion in short-term loans for municipal governments; $45 billion in FEMA disaster funds; $30 billion for education, without knowing whether education costs went up or down; $34 billion for mass transit community grants; $270 billion under the appropriations, on top of the indirect funding. So we have not “sent” a lot of money to the States already.

I appreciate that the Senator from Virginia is seeking a vote on this proposal. However, this legislation has not been considered by any committee. Although I think we both agree that the CARES Act is far from perfect. Congress must work methodically before we make large-scale changes such as those proposed by my colleague.

We have to get absolutely serious about how we are spending taxpayer money and the fact that this year’s Federal budget deficit will be the largest in the history of our Nation.

I have seven grandchildren. Four of them are watching here today: August, Eli, Quinton and Sebastian. I have no interest in saddling them or children like them across the country with mountains of debt. To do so would not only be a political failure; it would be an abdication of our moral responsibility.

It is time that we make the hard choices to put our Nation on a path to recovery—recovery from this virus, from the economic devastation it has brought with it, and from the fiscal calamity that decades of politicians have ignored.

I hope my colleagues will join me in this fight to keep our country’s future bright.

I, therefore, respectfully object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Virginia. Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I come here to speak on a different topic, but I want to simply seize this moment on the exchange between my friend from Louisiana and my friend from Florida.

I can assure my friend from Louisiana who was ranked the best managed State in America by an independent source, Governing Magazine—the Commonwealth of Virginia—at least during my tenure as Governor. We are also proud to be ranked by Forbes Magazine the best State for business.

I have looked at the bill of the Senator from Louisiana. It may not be perfect. I actually think we should be voting on it. I think it is a bit strange to talk about taking care of every small business when they have lost revenues, but when States and localities across the country are losing revenues at a record rate, to say we are not going to give them certain flexibilities to make the hard choices to make that happen.

When we say that we are going to come in and bail out the airlines because they have lost revenues and we are going to come in and very generously take care of every small business when they have lost revenues, but when States and localities across the country are losing revenues at a record rate, to say we are not going to give them certain flexibilities to make the hard choices to make that happen. If we had a bill like that, and I would even put a clause and support a clause in that place that would say let’s prohibit any of those funds being used to take care of long-term obligations like pension obligations. But the notion that somehow we are going to say we are going to take care of everybody else who lost revenues but we are not going to take care of a local government that has seen its meals tax dry up, its lodging tax dry up, its sales tax dry up, and you suddenly are on your own and you have to lay off police officers and firefighters and EMTs at this moment in time, it doesn’t make sense to me. I hope the Senator will continue to press his case and we will get a chance to have that debate.
hard truths about how we got here and what will come next if we fail to act. The reason we are facing this dire economic crisis is simple: The Federal Government failed to take the appropriate early actions to control this virus.

That is why we have had to do social distancing. Social distancing isn’t very much fun. I see some of my friends and colleagues on the floor. It is particularly hard for people who spend their lifetime shaking hands and saying hello to folks. It has been tough on all of us. But it has saved lives, and it has begun to flatten the curve.

We also know that things can’t just go back to normal overnight—not before we have a vaccine, not before the government, working in concert with the private sector, solves the chronic shortages in testing and in PPE that have hampered our response to this pandemic from day one.

States and municipalities are working toward a new normal where we gradually scale back social distancing, when it is safe to do so, but it is just not realistic to suggest, as the President has, that we can just immediately reopen the economy before we have contained the virus and are able to resume normal business, knowing that another coronavirus outbreak could shut them down any day, as if a virus for which we still don’t have a vaccine didn’t just kill more than 80,000 of our fellow Americans.

It is time to face the facts, about what it will take for our economy to recover from this public health crisis. There is not a magic switch that we can just flip. Unfortunately, there will not be a V-shaped recovery if we stay on our current course. Just as it took the U.S. years to emerge from the Great Depression, it could take years, or even decades, to recover from the coronavirus if we do not take immediate bold action in the next coronavirus relief bill.

Our first goal must be to prevent further job losses, as well as permanent disruptions like business closures, evictions, and foreclosures.

Second, we must work quickly to reduce the economic uncertainty facing workers and small businesses. To do this, we need to provide immediate assistance to millions of American workers who have gone overnight from a steady paycheck to unemployment through no fault of their own.

I am not talking about another stimulus check. I am not talking about unemployment benefits. I am talking about paychecks. The proposal, which I put forward with Senator Sanders, Senator Jones, and Senator Blumenthal would create a national paycheck security program for American workers. A very similar proposal has been put forward by my friend Senator Wyden, called the Safeguarding America’s Paychecks Act. It uses a direct support model that has support on both the left and the right. As a matter of fact, the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal have both commented on it. We know those news organizations never agree on anything, but they both take this approach. It bears merit. We also know this direct support approach works because it has been implemented successfully in a number of European countries and in Canada, where the unemployment rates, yes, have bumped up by a couple of points but not to the level of what I believe, will be over 20 percent unemployment and what the Fed and even the Treasury have predicted may reach 25 percent within the next month.

Paycheck security means the Federal Government would help to cover the payroll expenses for rank-and-file workers who have been furloughed or laid off because of the coronavirus. These Treasury Department grants would cover salaries and wages up to $90,000 for each employee, plus benefits, and would run for at least 6 months. It would work by providing funding to many small businesses to help cover business operating costs, such as rent and utilities.

The program would be delivered through the employee retention tax credit, which is something on which I have been working with my colleague from Montana. When it is up and running, we could help millions of American workers and small businesses. To do that, we need to look at bold solutions. Let’s consider the proposal put forward by my friend WYDEN, called the Safeguarding America’s Paychecks Act. It is already set up at the IRS and can be leveraged to deliver far greater benefits than it currently provides.

In exchange for the paycheck security program, employers would commit to forgoing further layoffs and to maintaining the pay and benefits of their rank-and-file workers. They would also be required to suspend stock buybacks and limit CEO compensation for at least the term of Federal assistance. A national paycheck security program would immediately work to prevent financial calamity for millions and millions of American families. At the same time, it would maintain and, in many cases, establish that critical link between workers and their employers. The reestablishment of that link would put in place the healthcare benefits that many workers receive through their employment that they have now lost even though they may be on generous unemployment. If we reestablish this connection, the economy will be able to bounce back much more quickly after the public health crisis ends. The certainty provided by this program would go a long way toward restoring the confidence they need to begin spending money in the economy, which would accelerate the eventual economic recovery.

It will be expensive. Yet I can say this: As someone who has spent a long time thinking about and working on trying to reduce the deficit, when we compare it to the over $600 billion spent on the PPP program, which has only taken up one section of our economy—businesses under 500—what has been implemented so far would provide mid-level businesses—500 to 10,000—I think the alternative will actually be viewed as being much cheaper. It would actually be pennies compared to the damage that will be done if we fail to adequately assist our fellow Americans in this moment of economic crisis.

I am pleased that my colleagues in the House have put forward an initial version of what will be the next coronavirus relief package. It has a number of important provisions. However, it has not taken what I believe is the bold step of saying, before we simply refill some of the existing buckets which have had, in many cases, mixed results. So I would ask: should we take a pause and a timeout and ask: is there not a better way to provide the kind of security and guarantee that the American people are looking for from their government?

The one thing I do know is that my House colleagues and I share an enormous sense of urgency. With, at least, the official number of unemployment being at nearly 15 percent—a number that all of us expect to go over 20 percent eventually—it is clear that the coronavirus relief bill—this is not the time to play wait and see. It is no exaggeration to say that we face the prospect of having not a recession but of having, actually, a great depression. With every day we delay, we drive ourselves deeper and deeper into the hole that we must eventually climb out of when the healthcare crisis is behind us.

As we enter into negotiations over the next phase of the coronavirus response, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to take a look at bold solutions. Let’s give our fellow Americans the kind of paycheck security they deserve. Let’s put paychecks, not stimulus checks, in their hands. Let’s help them get back to work as fast and as safely as we are able.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, Americans want their privacy protected. For far too long, the Patriot Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, commonly referred to as FISA, have been used to trample the civil liberties of American citizens. For Montanans, the right to privacy is so fundamental that it is enshrined in our own constitution. In fact, very few States have such protections, but the drafters of the Montana Constitution encourage us to ensure that this privacy is essential to exercising all of the other freedoms that we hold so dear.

The bill the U.S. House has sent us does have some good reforms, and it has some good provisions in it, including a provision from my bipartisan bill with my colleague from Oregon, Senator Wyden, called the Safeguarding Americans’ Private Records Act, which would revoke the now terminated call detail record program, which secretly collected data on and about our landlines, as well as on our private conversations. Yet the House bill fails to enact real reforms to FISA that will
actually protect the privacy of the American people. We saw what a handful of scornful government bureaucrats did to President Trump when they abused FISA to serve their political motives. Our own government spied on an American citizen—a political advisor to then-Candidate Trump—with no oversight.

What happened to President Trump can happen to anybody for any purpose, and that is a very serious problem. Republican or Democrat, we can’t allow our government to abuse the power of our government’s intelligence services to be used for political attacks. It puts our democracy in danger, and it undermines the trust and the confidence that our citizens place in these same institutions that are meant to protect them.

The House bill fails to prohibit the warrantless searches of browsing data in internet search history, and it fails to include any meaningful oversight and accountability. We need to get government off our backs, and instead, prioritize freedom and privacy. We can and must protect our national security and protect our civil liberties by making targeted reforms that will keep everyday Americans’ privacy secure and allow the government to go after the bad guys. The House bill does not go far enough, and we cannot compromise on an issue that is so vital to the very foundations of our government.

Montanans sent me to Congress to make sure we take a very bipartisan approach to this issue. In speaking on the Wyden-Daines amendment, I urge my colleagues to also join me in supporting this Lee-Leahy amendment.

Montanans and Oregonians may have different priorities, but we all believe in preserving our American way of life. I rise to offer this bipartisan amendment rights, to protect our citizens’ most personal data. In fact, recently, the Supreme Court found in the Carpenter decision that the government to track down terrorists can get cell site location data because of how personal and invasive that information is.

This amendment simply extends this prohibition to include browser data and internet search history, which is even more sensitive and personal than location data.

I agree with many of my colleagues that we need to have the tools in place to help find and stop our Nation’s enemies, those who seek to harm America. We all agree on that, but we also need to make sure we are protecting Americans from our own government’s spying and intervening in our personal lives. My amendment balances these important civil liberties and our national security by allowing the government to track down terrorists while also stopping them from violating the rights of law-abiding citizens.

This is not a zero-sum game. We can have both. This amendment has strong bipartisan support from Mr. Wyden and I have been working on this issue for months, and we are joined by a long list of bipartisan cosponsors, including Republican Senators Lee, Braun, and Cramer, as well as by Democratic Senators Leahy, Udall, Mark, and many more. The amendment is also supported by a diverse group of stakeholders across the political spectrum, from FreedomWorks and Americans for Prosperity on one end to the ACLU and Demos on the other. Americans across the country overwhelmingly back this amendment.

This is a core constitutional issue that brought a Democrat from Oregon together with a Republican from Montana. Montanans may have different priorities, but we all believe strongly in the right to privacy, in protecting our civil liberties, and in preserving our American way of life. I urge my Senate colleagues to stand with Senator Wyden and me to protect the privacy of all Americans, and I urge them to vote in favor of this amendment.

Before I yield to Senator Wyden, I will also take a minute to speak in support of the Lee-Leahy amendment. This bipartisan amendment strengthens and clarifies the role and the authority of the amici in the FISA court. Unfortunately, we continue to see serious abuses and misuse of the FISA process. Most notably, the Department of Justice’s inspector general found major abuses in applications to surveil President Trump’s campaign adviser Carter Page. This abuse is just the tip of the iceberg.

We need serious reforms that protect American citizens from government surveillance, and the Lee-Leahy amendment does just that. It gives Americans a fighting chance and brings some clarity and, importantly, some transparency to the FISA court. I encourage my colleagues to also join me in supporting this Lee-Leahy amendment.

I see that my distinguished colleague and friend, the Senator from Oregon, Ron Wyden, is on the floor.

I yield to Senator Wyden for his remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

AMENDMENT NO. 1583

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I call up amendment No. 1583.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Oregon [Mr. Wyden] proposes an amendment numbered 1583.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To remove internet website browsing information and search history from scope of authority of the FISA court—business records for foreign intelligence and international terrorism investigations)

On page 7, strike lines 13 and 14 and insert the following:

 cell site location or global positioning system information.

“(C) An application under paragraph (1) may not seek an order authorizing or requiring the production of internet website browsing information or internet search history information.”

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I thank my colleague from Montana for her work on this effort, and I hope we can count on strong support from her caucus, the Senate majority, when we vote in a little bit.

I rise to offer this bipartisan amendment because I think a basic question needs to be asked at this unique time: Is it right, when millions of law-abiding Americans are at home, for their government to be able to spy on their internet searches and their web browsing without its having a warrant?

Should law-abiding Americans have to worry about the government looking over their shoulders from the moment they wake up in the morning and turn on their computers to when they
go to bed at night? I believe the answer is no, but that is exactly what the government has the power to do without this bipartisan amendment.

I start by reflecting for a moment on how Americans are using the internet these days. They are helping kids with homework; tracking down prescription drug prices for a sick parent; and visiting scores of different websites. In a pandemic, the internet may be their only connection to the outside world.

So here are questions we are presenting, are not those Americans deserve some measure of privacy? Don’t they deserve better than their government’s snooping into the websites they visit? How can this be that the government can spy on them when they are not suspected of doing anything wrong? Most importantly, how is this OK in America?

With web browsing and searches, you are talking about some of the most intimate, some of the most personal, some of the most private details of the lives of Americans. Every thought that can come into people’s heads can be revealed in an internet search or in a visit to a website: their health histories, their medical fears, their political leanings, their religious beliefs. Collecting this information is as close to reading minds as surveillance can get. It is the digital mining of the personal lives of the American people.

Now, typical Americans may think to themselves: I have nothing to worry about. I have done nothing wrong. The government has no reason to suspect me of anything. Why do I need to worry? Unfortunately, the question is not whether you did anything wrong. The question is whether government agents believe they have the right to look at your web searches. In other words, without this bipartisan amendment, it is open season on anybody’s most personal information.

Now, there is a simple solution: require a warrant. With this amendment, the government can go to court and, with a warrant, collect whatever it needs from those who actually threaten the safety of our people. In an emergency—something I feel very strongly about and worked for as a member of the Intelligence Committee—the Government can use emergency provisions, collect information immediately, and settle up with the court later. This is not a partisan proposition. Any administration given the direction of the law absent this amendment could be tempted to collect the web browsing and internet search history of people—politicians, activists, journalists.

Just before I wrap up, I am going to touch on some of the arguments against this amendment, because having served on the Intelligence Committee and having followed these issues closely, invariably, at some point in this discussion, someone is going to come and say: This bipartisan amendment is going to be pretty much the end of Western civilization as we know it. That is not going to happen. It is not going to protect our liberties. It is going to set up arbitrary policies.

I want to show how these arguments don’t hold water. The first argument is that the Government needs this information before it can get a warrant. But without web browsing history, there is still plenty of information available to the Government, even without a warrant—phone and email data, subscription data, business records. The biggest response to this argument is that it is Congress’s responsibility to determine when some information is so sensitive that it requires a warrant. In this bill that was done with respect to geolocation information. I believe that digital tracking of innocent Americans demands the same protection.

Let me say, as I did earlier, when there is an emergency, something that I have made a priority in my work on the Intelligence Committee, it can be used immediately and then come back to the court later on and settle up.

The other argument that I imagine we will hear is that this amendment...
will create protections for Americans that don’t exist in the criminal context. The problem with that argument is that Congress isn’t legislating on the criminal law right now, but it does have a unique opportunity to prevent intrusive surveillance of Americans to protect American privacy.

FISA requires an extra layer of protection. That is because, unlike criminal law, FISA is secret. It is also a non-adversarial process. It relies on Government representations that we have learned, from the inspector general, are frequently inaccurate. When the Government uses FISA information against Americans, there is little or no notice or opportunity to challenge the surveillance.

Most of all, it is subject to something that I have come to call “secret law.” It is a law that nobody knows about in a coffee shop in Washington, North Dakota, or Montana. It is basically secretly interpreted. As I pointed out the floor in the past, warning the American people about these secret interpretations, Americans sometimes don’t learn about them for years, and then they find out, they are really unhappy.

So I want to touch briefly on the amendment of the Senate majority leader, the McConnell amendment. Not only is the majority leader trying to block the bipartisan effort that we have been talking about, but his amendment would actually make the situation even worse. Right now the Government can collect web browsing internet searches of Americans without a warrant under section 215, but so far there has not been explicit congressional authorization for the Government to do it. The McConnell amendment would, for the first time, provide that authorization. The McConnell amendment would, in effect, tell the Government that Congress approves of the warrantless collection of Americans’ most private information. Wrap your arms around that one—Congress explicitly approving of the warrantless collection of Americans’ most private information when millions of Americans are sitting at home today in Kansas, South Dakota, and all across the country, sitting at home believing that they have some expectation of privacy.

The McConnell amendment pretends to limit the collection of this personal information of Americans, but it is just a fake. What the amendment really does is meaningless, since the Government cannot collect content. But no one knows what that means when it comes to web browsing and internet search history. There is no clarity in the statute. There is no settled law in the courts. The Supreme Court has not weighed in. What the McConnell amendment does is invite the Attorney General to produce yet more secret law, yet another secret interpretation, designations that allow for the collection of the broadest set of Americans’ most private information.

At some point, I believe the Senate needs to focus on a little bit of history. Section 215 was secretly interpreted and abused in the past. The use of these authorities to spy on Americans’ web browsing and search history is a screaming alarm, a warning of future abuse of power. And if we know that American people deserve and what this amendment provides is clarity and transparency about what the government cannot collect without a warrant.

One last argument is that we have heard that, if the Senate amends this bill, oh, my goodness, the House just will not do anything at all. Well, there were 75 House Democrats and many Republicans—I want to underline that, 75 House Democrats and many Republicans—who voted against this bill because it didn’t include enough privacy reform. Adding key reforms like this amendment could only strengthen its support in the House.

Americans don’t tolerate warrantless Government spying on their most private information when they find out—when they find out that right now, during a pandemic, the Government has the authority to do that. I can’t accept that level of unchecked surveillance.

I am very grateful for the sponsors that we have. They were listed by my colleague from Montana.

There are a great array of organizations that share our view that liberty and security are not mutually exclusive.

I ask unanimous consent that a list of those organizations be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Access Now; American Booksellers for Free Expression American Civil Liberties Union Americans for Prosperity; Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law Center for Democracy & Rights Constitutional Alliance Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR); Defending Rights & Disent; Demand Progress Due Process Institute; Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC); Free Press Action; FreedomWorks; Government Accountability Project; Government Information Watch; Human Rights Watch; Liberty Coalition; Media Alliance; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); National Coalition Against Censorship; Oakland Privacy; PEN America; People Demanding Action; People For the American Way; Progress America; Public Citizen; Restore The Fourth; Secure Justice; South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAAALT); TechFreedom; The Project for Privacy and Surveillance Accountability; Union of Concerned Scientists; Woodhull Freedom Foundation; X-Lab.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I will state clearly now, during a unique time in American history when millions of Americans are at home and on line, they deserve to have the U.S. Senate step up, defend their privacy and constitutional rights, and protect them from abuses. This is the moment to stand up for those millions of people who have to be at home because we come together to deal with this conflagration.

I believe the Senate ought to pass the Wyden-Daines amendment and oppose the McConnell amendment to protect those people at home. In wrapping up, I also want to commend our friends Senators LEAHY and LEE. As was noted, they have worked with us on a host of these efforts. I think they have a terrific amendment to strengthen the oversight role of the independent amici of the FISA Court. I hope Senators will also support it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. (Mr. CRAMER.) The Senator from Montana.

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this amendment is about protecting American privacy, about making sure that Government is not intruding on our most private data. It is about respecting the Constitution and the Fourth Amendment. The Wyden-Daines amendment simply prohibits the collection of browser and search history data under section 215. Browser data is extremely personal, sensitive, and should require a probable cause warrant to access. This data shouldn’t be allowed to be collected behind closed doors with no traditional oversight.

We can protect national security and protect the civil liberties and the constitutional rights of Americans at the same time. It is plain and simple. If you want to see an American’s search history, than you better go to a judge and get a warrant.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1581

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. BARRASSO. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SANDSE).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted “nay.”

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 59, nays 37, as follows:

[Roll Call Vote No. 89 Leg.]

YEAS—59

Baldwin C.  Cortez Masto G.  Gillibrand
Bennet  C.  Crapo C.  Grassley H.  Harris
Bernie  C.  Crapo C.  Hawley  H.  Heinrich
Brower  C.  Daines H.  Hirono  H.  Hirono
Booker  C.  Durbin  H.  Hoeven  R.  Kennedy
Cantwell  C.  Ernst  R.  Kinzley
Cardin  C.  Gardner  R.  Klobuchar
Cassidy  C.  Gardner  R.  Klobuchar
Coons  Gardner  R.  Klobuchar

NAYS—37

Cantwell  D.  2.  Cardin  D.  2.
Cassidy  D.  2.  Cantwell  D.  2.
Crapo  D.  2.  Crapo  D.  2.
Cruz  D.  2.  Cruz  D.  2.
Durbin  D.  2.  Durbin  D.  2.
Ernst  D.  2.  Ernst  D.  2.
King  D.  2.  King  D.  2.
The World Trade Center Utah has partnered with my team to help make sure that local employers are able to access small business loans and other Federal relief programs.

The Utah Food Bank is using mobile parlors to safely distribute food on a regular basis throughout the State and is teaming up with organizations like the Larry H. Miller Group to host statewide food drives.

The Utah Farm Bureau has purchased food from local farmers and has then helped to distribute it to families in need.

Project Protect, in partnership with Intermountain, University of Utah Health, and Latter-day Saint Charities, has produced face shields, masks, and gowns for frontline caregivers throughout the State. To date, more than 30,000 volunteers have sewn more than 3 million masks.

These are just some of the many extraordinary organizations and individuals that have stepped up to help their neighbors. Our State’s pioneering heritage is a big part of what makes Utah a model of what we can do when we work together as a community.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, at 4:15 p.m. today, the Senate vote in relation to the Lee amendment, if offered.

Mr. CRAMER. Without objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to recognize this month of May as National Foster Care Month. In 1986, President Reagan brought attention to the importance of foster care. It also ensures more kids will be cared for by a family, instead of being placed in a group setting outside the home. Last year, I introduced and Congress passed the Family First Transition Act to help States get moving to this new system and do it more quickly.

A lot has changed since President Reagan first announced this month of May as National Foster Care Month, but one thing hasn’t changed, and that is the tireless work of one Iowan in particular that I want to recognize today: Linda Faye Herring, of Johnson County, IA.

Linda started serving as a foster parent in the 1970s, at least a decade before President Reagan recognized the importance of highlighting foster care. Over the course of almost 50 years, Linda has fostered over 600 kids. Over 600 kids in need of a place to call home, even if for a few days, were welcome in Linda’s home. Just think of how many lives just one person, Linda, was able to impact by making the decision to be a foster parent. It is not just that it is 600, although that number is staggering enough. It is the birth parents of those children who, due to the help that they received from the foster care system, may have been able to treat their substance abuse and turn their lives around, to maybe be a mother or father to their children again.

Also, this month honors all the parents who were able to adopt children who temporarily stayed in Linda’s home.

Linda has influenced her own family as well, because the family that she had continues her good work. It is this kind of example of selfless service that caused five of Linda’s children and three of her grandchildren to also become foster parents. Foster parents deserve more recognition. They deserve more support, and even more services. I will continue to work here in the Senate to try to make these goals a reality.

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent, this Senator urges you to take that first step and reach out to your local child welfare agencies and tell them you are interested in being a foster parent. There is a great need out there for that.

Sometimes the numbers can seem overwhelming. There are over 400,000 kids in foster care—some of them sleeping on the floor of the social worker’s office due to the lack of available homes to care for them. But Linda is proof that just one person can make an incredible impact.
Over the years, I have heard from many kids in foster care. I make a special effort to hear directly from them on what they think needs to be improved about the system so future foster children can have a better life and a better future. Do you know what? After decades of having this important and challenging subject, I hear the same thing from them. They tell me: I would like to have a home.

Why would they say they would like to have a home? They have been shifted in and out of foster care for a period of time to two, three, or four different homes in two or three different school districts. They say that they want a mom and a dad for the same reason, because they could have had three or four different moms and dads within the year. They want to be a part of a family. Those are the things I hear from them. Whether it is the biological family getting the help they need to parent their children or whether it is a foster parent stepping up to the plate, kids belong in a family. All children deserve a safe, loving, permanent home.

Unfortunately, the foster care system has also been impacted by the virus that we have all been affected by in the last 4 or 5 months. Families who were already vulnerable were thrown into unemployment and instability. Children in temporary foster care placements are remaining there for a much longer time than usual, all because of canceled and delayed court proceedings which makes staying in the foster home longer than getting into a permanent home.

Foster parents, birth parents, and children in foster care, all lost access to peer networks and other vital support services because of the last 4 or 5 months we have been dealing with this pandemic.

Especially impacted at this time are older youth who have aged out of foster care. Youth in college lost their housing while closed. Those who were training for a career or are in the workforce have lost their jobs as well.

Many of the provisions in the CARES Act will help foster families and the youth generally who are in their care. However, I will continue to work to ensure that needy relief for kids and families is provided. I ask my colleagues in the Senate to support my resolution that kids in foster care face and to.provide for Social Action, they are preparing nearly 300 meals every Wednesday and Thursday to be distributed to families and individuals who are in need. Those who are working challenging times, we have also been reminded of the generosity and charity of the men and women across our Nation and the tremendous courage and resilience of our workforce. Throughout the COVID–19 pandemic, essential workers in the United States have continued in their daily jobs to care for and protect Americans, to produce and deliver food and essential goods, and to uphold our Nation’s critical infrastructure.

These men and women—our moms and dads, brothers and sisters—are putting the livelihoods of their fellow Americans ahead of their own. Each and every morning, despite the pandemic, they wake up, and they go to work.

In this fight against the invisible enemy, the critical logistics operators, the supply workers, medical professionals, and the many others who are at the frontlines responding to coronavirus could not be more important to our victory. They truly are our heroes.

Folks, our nation cannot weather this pandemic without our essential workforce. They, first and foremost, deserve our gratitude. Today, we want to say: Thank you. Thank you to our doctors, our nurses, and our healthcare workers who see firsthand the serious, personal challenge that their own health and lives at risk to care for those who are infected. Thank you to our truck drivers who have driven for thousands of hours—often back and forth on lonely roads—to keep our supply chains moving. To deliver the necessities we rely upon and often take for granted. Thank you to our farmers who continue to work around the clock to feed and fuel the world. Thank you to our grocers, cashiers, and retail employees who keep our store shelves stocked and the checkout lines moving.

And thank you to our childcare providers who have continued to care for our kiddos throughout these tough times.

Folks, these frontline workers deserve more than a heartfelt and well-deserved thank you. They need to know they are appreciated for their selfless service. That is why I am proposing we give these heroes a break—a tax holiday—and allow them to keep more of their hard-earned paycheck.

Together, with the sacrifice of these essential workers, the spirit of generosity we have seen across Iowa, and the service of our leaders at every level of government, we will get through this. The battle continues, but I know that we can and we will win COVID–19. Stay safe and stay strong.

I suggest the absence of a quorum. The clerk will call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, over the last few weeks and months, Iowans from every corner and county of our state have faced unforeseen challenges and hardships as a result of the COVID–19 pandemic.

In trying times like these, the American people have always banded together to do the occasion, and it is time we did the same. I am proud to introduce S. Res. 3, that I would like to have a home? They have been shifted in and out of foster care for a period of time to two, three, or four different homes in two or three different school districts. They say that they want a mom and a dad for the same reason, because they could have had three or four different moms and dads within the year. They want to be a part of a family. Those are the things I hear from them. Whether it is the biological family getting the help they need to parent their children or whether it is a foster parent stepping up to the plate, kids belong in a family. All children deserve a safe, loving, permanent home.

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I yield the floor.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. Loeffler). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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Jeremy is from Jackson, TN. He is an engineer at the Toyota Motor manufacturing facility that is in Jackson. He became aware of a need for PPE at a hospital in New Orleans. A friend of his made him aware of this need. Being an engineer, he fired up his personal 3D computer and got to work making face shields for the healthcare workers in New Orleans. He worked with Union University and some of the students there—Union is located in Jackson, TN—and he was able to ship 57 shields and help other providers in New Orleans. And then he used his remaining materials to make another 173 shields for clinics in West Tennessee and Mississippi.

Steve Archer, a U.S. Air Force veteran and medical supply and logistics technician from Fountain City, decided to head to New Jersey to see how he could help to make certain that PPE was delivered on time to hospitals and nursing homes and healthcare providers. When he was helping them, he contracted COVID–19. Since that time, he has recovered, and he is back on the job in Tennessee.

The Knox County Baptist Disaster Relief team has also been working some long days at the Sevier Heights Baptist Church. What they are doing is cooking and assembling meals for the homeless.

Our famous distilleries—moonshine and whiskey, which they have been making Tennessee. Tennessee has changed their production to making mass quantities of hand sanitizers.

Our wonderful singers and songwriters and musicians and choirs are holding concerts by Zoom and online to bring some relief and happiness to people all across the globe. We are all enjoying these virtual concerts.

The always amazing and inspiring Dolly Parton is our Tennessean of the Year. Dolly is reading bedtime stories from her Imagination Library on YouTube each week.

And, of course, I would be remiss if I did not thank some wonderful women who decided to pull out that sewing machine and get busy making face masks for critical workers all across the country. Dottie Godolphin, Marilyn Thomas, Janis Blair—well, Dottie, Marilyn, and Janis are seamstresses par excellence. They are creating these masks, and they are sending them where there is a need all across the country. We are known as the Volunteer State in Tennessee. This pandemic is showing us that just as throughout our Nation’s history, Tennesseans have shown up when they have been called and asked to volunteer and to give their time, their efforts, their energy, their talents, their resources in order to improve the lives of others. We thank each and every one who is doing this. And those whom I have mentioned, we say thank you and thanks for doing your part to ease the life of others during this pandemic.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring all who have continued to work in service to our Nation during the COVID–19 pandemic. My home State and our Nation are blessed with dedicated citizens who have continued striving to keep essential operations going amidst the challenges we face.

While there are many sectors that deserve recognition and will be mentioned by my colleagues, notably healthcare workers, teachers, post office employees, grocery store workers, law enforcement, and many others, I want to focus for just a minute on the critical efforts of our agriculture producers—farmers and ranchers and so many others.

Maintaining the food supply chain during this emergency is essential—absolutely essential. As we combat coronavirus, our farmers and ranchers have continued to provide the food, fuel, and fiber that we need. Americans truly benefit every single day from the stability of our lowest cost food supply in the world thanks to our producers, our farmers, and our ranchers. But as operations across the country are impacted, food security has been a particular concern. We greatly appreciate the efforts of those working to keep food on our tables from our producers to the workers. It is not only the farmers and ranchers, but it is also the workers at the ag processing facilities.

We know there are real challenges there—we have talked about them—but we appreciate so much all those workers at the processing facilities so we can get that food from the farmer or the rancher to, ultimately, the consumer. That is why, as chair of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committee, I worked to secure nearly $25 billion in funding to help our farmers and ranchers to keep them going. They have faced incredible challenges—not only low prices but the difficulty in trade negotiations, and tough weather. For our producers, they have been fighting real challenges for some time now. With this COVID–19 pandemic on top of it, it has made it very tough for them. They have hung in there and continued the highest quality, lowest cost food supply in the world thanks to our producers, our farmers, and our ranchers.

Another example, North Dakota Farmers Union, announced it is teaming up with the Farmers Union Enterprise to donate 30,000 pounds of pork ribs to the Great Plains Food Bank.

Again, these are all examples of our farmers and ranchers not only producing our great food supply but stepping up and donating as well to help these people who need it. This generosity immediately benefits individuals and families across the region. It is helping to replenish the food bank’s strained inventory, which serves many food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens and charitable feeding programs. These efforts drive home the message that we are all in this together. Even in the face of tremendous challenges, we find a way to make the best of tough situations and take care of our neighbors. That is what this is all about.

Another farmer sent this same message to the Nation. He took the time to write while out in one of his fields. He wrote: “We will win the war on COVID–19.”

This just demonstrates the spirit of our farmers and ranchers and, of course, the spirit of our people across America. To have this hope and charity, even when our ag producers are working to overcome unprecedented difficulties, is truly inspirational. That is why I come to the floor to give thanks to our farmers and our ranchers who consistently go above and beyond not only to feed our Nation but to serve their communities across America.

That is why we continue working with the USDA—the Department of Agriculture—to get vital assistance to our farmers and ranchers. We remain...
committed to supporting them through this pandemic and through a myriad of other challenges they face, just as they support us every single day.

I yield the floor to my esteemed colleague from West Virginia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, I thank my friend from North Dakota. It is great to hear stories from his great State and to see how they are helping each other and how they are coming to each other’s benefit. Really, as someone who represents a State who has agriculture but not in the dimensions that Senator HOEVEN has, it is wonderful to see how the agric community has stepped up not only in his State but in the rest of the country, and we are very, very grateful for that.

We have seen so many people across this country step up in so many major ways. I often describe my State of West Virginia as one big small town. We always differ in times of need, whether we know the person or not. The floods of 2016, I think, were a very good example of that. I call it our West Virginia spirit, and there is no question it has helped us through some very difficult times, like the time we are facing right now. Every day, each of us—and I am certainly no exception—hears stories about how someone or some group has stepped up to the plate and has gone above and beyond to help out our community, not to get attention and not because one is forced to, but because one genuinely, genuinely wants to help and make a difference. I join my colleagues today in highlighting some of those unsung heroes.

Many of us have been able to telework. Here we are, serving in the Senate. We are here at our jobs. Yet most people who are on the frontlines don’t have a choice. They are getting up every day and facing the challenges of the waves of patients, and it does not come without some sacrifice.

Kristin Schneider, who is a nurse in the cardiopulmonary intensive care unit at CAMC in Charleston, said that she quarantined herself from her family and friends due to the fear of giving the coronavirus to them since she cares for patients who have been affected by the disease. We forget sometimes that our nurses and doctors and those who care for folks who are afflicted have families too. And also, as some have said, they were not allowed to be with them at this very difficult time.

She goes on to say:

I love my job. I love my team. I was never scared to go to work. I got to hold the hands of our patients and to be their support, their friends, their family, and advocates because their loved ones were not allowed to be with them at this very difficult time.

Aspen Saunders, another emergency room nurse, said:

The most moving gesture I witnessed was the prayer circle at the hospital’s cancer center. That is a moment in my career that I will never forget. I was very overwhelmed with the power and volume echoed from those who came to pray. It was an inspirational depiction of community strength. During this time, I found that I am now more grateful for the things that I usually take for granted, such as my family being healthy.

I thank these brave nurses, and I thank them for their great comments. I have also heard from teachers who have gone above and beyond and the duty in making sure their students aren’t falling behind in their education. Many of our seniors are lonely and haven’t been able to get out to connect with those seniors.

Many students, like those at Ripley High School in Jackson County, are writing encouraging letters to their healthcare workers to show them their support.

Our first responders are also stepping up. I heard a very touching story about those at the Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Department—right in the heart of our community—we are driving around to different houses to celebrate the birthdays that are happening during this time. You can imagine what that could mean to a 4- or 5-year-old child to see a fire engine coming by in celebration of his birthday.

Another inspiring story I heard was from a constituent in Wirt County. Her name is Deb. Deb realized the need for masks very early on, and she started an initiative called “Sewing Faith.” She and her husband, and she and her neighbors, the women have sewn over 2,500 masks. They leave these masks on her front porch, in a sanitized container, for their healthcare workers. That makes it easy for them to pick them up.

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Another nurse in the same unit said:

No one felt like a hero when we gowned up and had our gear on. We felt privileged. We got to hold the hands of our patients and to be their support, their friends, their family, and advocates because their loved ones were not allowed to be with them at this very difficult time.

She goes on to say:

I love my job. I love my team. We were never scared to go to work. We wore our masks. We did our part, but also we were creating support for the communities across our State.

Take, for example, Christy, who is a fourth grade teacher at Warm Springs Intermediate School in the Eastern Panhandle. She coordinated an effort with her fourth grade students to adopt a senior from the Berkeley County Senior Center, and through this program, they wrote letters. A lot of our seniors are alone and have not been able to get out to connect with those seniors.

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We have seen it, too, in the bravery from those in what we have deemed our essential industries. We know they were essential long before this crisis, but it took this crisis, it seems, to really amplify that fact.

We have seen it in the actions of rank-and-file Hoosiers. You know, across my great State, there are countless acts of courage and compassion. Hoosiers who leave groceries on neighbors’ doorsteps or who print off 3-D masks, even something as simple as to call a friend. Maybe they live on their own, and they just need a word, a word so they will not feel lonely.

In Floyd County, a florist I know dropped off azaleas at homes around the area. The accompanying notes read: “During this time of darkness, we hope to bring you a little light.” I can say these little lights are growing across our State in this otherwise dark time.

U.S. marines are taught to confront problems with creative thinking; we like to say to adapt, to improvise, and to overcome. Similarly, when Hoosiers face tough situations, they roll up their sleeves, and they ask: How can I help? When Americans combine our innovative spirit with service to others, we can meet any moment, including the one we are in now. In just recent weeks, I have spoken to more than 22,000 Hoosiers, and I have been moved by the stories of compassion and generosity I have heard. I thought I would share a sampling of those with you today.

I heard from Maria with Sowing the Seed. Now, Sowing the Seed began as a ministry, but it has grown into much more. It is making food boxes for kids in Floyd County. Willie is helping out his fellow veterans. He is delivering food, mowing lawns, seniors, the immunocompromised, and others during these challenging times.

Twila, with Sure Clean, Inc., told me about their efforts to sanitize over 4,000 homes. Willie and I connected from Jennings County. Willie is helping out his fellow veterans. He is delivering food, mowing lawns, doing wellness checks—doing his part.

Sean and Ben with Olio—a startup in Indiana—are helping hospitals across the Hoosier State to coordinate patient care and reduce the further spread of this virus.

Darrell, with Lifeline Youth Ministries, is making food boxes for kids in Elkhart, and he has provided hundreds of meals already.

I also spoke with Crossroads Distilleries, Hubbard Distillery, and French Lick Winery, which have completely revamped their operations and are now producing and distributing hand sanitizer.

The list of those who are asking how they can help and who are finding innovative ways to do so is, frankly, too long to recite here. This fight against the coronavirus has catalyzed our American can-do spirit. Problem solvers across this great Nation are taking the initiative, and to them, we say thank you.

Let us move forward, intent that we and future generations might draw energy from this moment forever, and let us remember to better our ourselves. We have God-given talents to serve others. The days ahead will not be easy, but we will endure them. The clouds will part, and when they do, we will care for those who have been hurt. We will rebuild what we have lost. It will take the same spirit with which we are now fighting this virus.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I am sure all of us are hearing a common question from our constituents, and that is, As we are starting to reopen our States, is it safe? Does our State have all it needs to reopen? It is now clear, as 50 States are starting to reopen, that they are doing so without having a vaccine in place—because a vaccine, at the earliest, will be available next year—and without therapeutics that can minimize the healthcare risk of COVID-19. We are starting to reopen. So the question is: How do we safely reopen?

Yes, we have the CDC guidelines, and we should be looking at the number of new infections in our States, at the number of deaths, and at the number of hospitalizations and be on a trend line that shows that the virus is under control before we reopen. Yet then there is a second element to safely reopening, and that is having adequate testing available in our communities. We need to have adequate testing so that we know where the COVID–19 virus is at any given time and so that we can trace those who come down with new infections in order that we don’t have a massive communal spread of COVID–19, which would cause a second wave of misery for our communities and for our Nation.

So these questions are being asked of me by people in Maryland: Can we safely reopen our businesses, and how will we go about doing that? Can we send our children to school? How about summer activities for our children? How about reopening places of worship?

In each one of these cases, they have to be able to know whether there is an infection in their places of business, in their schools, and in their places of worship. That requires testing. The challenge today is that we do not have a national strategy on testing. The Federal Government and the Trump administration have not acted to set up as to the need. How much testing do we need to have to safely reopen our communities, and how do we develop that capacity? How do we determine priorities? I was pleased to see that, in the bill she recently released, Speaker Pelosi has recognized this and has provided additional Federal support to establish a national strategy on testing and will implement that strategy by having an adequate supply so that what we say we can do in testing, in fact, we can do.

Despite the claims of President Trump, the United States does not lead the world in testing. This has been a failure of the Trump administration. America is not ahead of the curve in testing. We have a hard time even justifying being in the middle of theYet America, and helps to bend that curve so that we can provide the global leadership to help all people, including those in the United States. Instead, under the Trump administration, we have abandoned our international and U.S. leadership, which is not only hurting the global effort, it is hurting the American effort.

We need a detailed strategy on testing diagnostic COVID–19 tests: nasal swabs, viral transport media, and chemical reagents. A lab must have all three components in order to test properly, but due to unreliable supply chains, States do not have all of the needed components at one time. For example, a lab may have 8,000 nasal swabs, 6,000 viral transport media, and 2,000 chemical reagents. The amount of testing that lab can perform is limited to the number of reagents, and it has to run the tests more than once.

So, as we look to be able to have the capacity to do what we need, we need to make sure that we have all three elements that are necessary for these tests. States’ attempts to increase their testing capacity have been stymied because there has been no action from the Federal Government to coordinate the supply chain. This week, President Trump announced that the Federal Government would provide States with 12.9 million swabs and almost 10 million tubes of viral transport media to help States test at least 2 percent of their population. That is a first step, but what about the reagents needed to analyze the patient’s viral sample to determine if she is positive? Again, the States will be unable to perform substantial testing without all of the components. The Trump administration must not shirk from its responsibilities and leave the States to fend for themselves.

For example, only the executive branch can solve the underlying problems of coordination in the supply chain to help States, businesses, and healthcare providers prepare for and respond to the trajectory of this pandemic.

Testing is critical. In order to reopen businesses and schools, it is imperative...
for States to understand the extent of COVID–19 circulating in their communities. True testing capacity means the ability to test all infected people and any close contacts that they may have.

One measure of whether the United State has sufficient testing capacity is the ratio of tests that come back positive. Roughly 15 percent of U.S. tests are positive for the virus. The World Health Organization has stated that a positive rate below 10 percent reflects adequate testing in their community. If we do all that, then, Americans indeed will feel safe that the plans that are being implemented by our Government are backed not only by sound public health recommendations but by the support in our community to keep them safe.

I urge my colleagues to do everything we need to make sure America has the testing capacity it needs, so that the American people understand that and we can get beyond COVID–19.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, we find ourselves celebrating National Police Week this year in a very unique way. I mean, not many things in our country’s history. This is a week for our Nation to recognize the valiant service of police officers in every community and the sacrifices they make day in and day out. Particularly now, in the midst of this COVID–19 pandemic, such service has taken on new significance.

Local police officers regularly put their personal safety at risk to protect our friends and families. Whether they are stopping armed robbers or helping someone change a tire, these officers go above and beyond in their duties each and every day. Today, police officers face a new risk in the line of duty, an infectious novel coronavirus that is unpredictable and deadly.

Despite the unseen danger of this new threat, police officers and law enforcement officers around the country continue to go into our communities and perform their duties to protect and to serve. Sadly, too many have already seen their watches end because of this disease.

In Colorado, one El Paso County sheriff’s deputy made such a sacrifice. Deputy Jeff Hopkins contracted COVID–19 last March and died on March 28 of this year, the 39th annual Police Officers Memorial, it is a solemn event to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty in the previous year. Currently, more than 100 names on the list that memorial are from Colorado. This year, they will be joined by three more: Colorado State Patrol Corporal Daniel Groves, Colorado State Patrol Master Trooper William Moden, and Colorado Department of Corrections Sergeant Joshua Voth.

We will not have an opportunity to participate in the usual ceremonies to honor these fallen heroes this year. Due to COVID–19 concerns, the 99th annual memorial service had to be canceled. It is an unfortunate development to be sure, but I know that none of us are waiting for an annual gathering to honor these fallen officers. These are men and women who deserve to be honored and every day.

National Police Week is intended to serve as an important reminder. It reminds the Nation that police officers and law enforcement are an important part of our communities who give so much and expect nothing in return.

Throughout this week, we have heard stories about the sacrifices made by our law enforcement officers that they have not been forgotten and that we indeed have their backs.

Throughout this week, we have heard and will continue to hear about the brave men and women and their families who sacrificed not just their lives but also their physical and mental health, their personal safety, and their time and energy to keep all of us safe and secure. Needless to say, as the current pandemic lingers, such stories will become ever more startling and take on renewed importance. We must not forget these stories. Instead, we must remember them as stark reminders to provide our law enforcement officers with immediate and long-term support to do their jobs safely and effectively. This is especially true as police officers play an ever more critical role in the fight against COVID–19.

Examples of such support include better body armor to defend against ever-evolving weapons on the street; bolstering mental health care for the officers and their families, because it is not just the officer who goes through the mental anguish of service; and now the training and equipment they need to protect their physical health from deadly diseases like COVID–19.

As we continue to design policies that address the pandemic, we must not forget these essential workers. Our cities, our neighborhoods, and our families depend on the dedicated work of their local police officers and police force—a work that is too often taken for granted, that is too often taken for granted.
should give us renewed motivation to support them and help them return safely to home every night.

Additionally, I hope this week will encourage all of us to reach out to those officers and to their families to ensure that we are getting the support they need from Congress.

To all of those who defend that thin blue line, thank you. Thank you and God bless. You have my enduring support and that of a grateful nation.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LANKFORD. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON). Without objection, it is so ordered.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, this has been a busy week, walking through a lot of issues that are COVID-19 related, a lot of individual meetings, committee meetings, walking through what we can get done in preparation for the next steps.

I met with Francis Collins very early yesterday morning, and we were able to walk through where is vaccine development, what is happening in this current timeline with different treatments and vaccines, and I am very optimistic on some of the vaccine developments with multiple different lines of vaccines and very hopeful that we will have a vaccine in place by this fall.

That is, we could have hundreds of millions—or at least tens of millions of different vaccines that would be ready—well over 100 million that would be ready by Christmastime, it looks like. So we are continuing to push in that direction.

I have had an untold number of conversations with the Secretary of the Treasury over the last 5 days, talking through the Paycheck Protection Program, trying to settle this issue of forgiveness. This has been a very big issue with small businesses and not-for-profits in my State and, quite frankly, around the country.

There is no closing information on how the Paycheck Protection Program ends. They were very grateful to have the help of the giving, but it is set up to be a loan unless you qualify for it. A lot of these folks took that loan that will then transition to a grant with the hope that everyone would be treated fairly, but the rules were not set in place.

It spent a lot of time this weekend and through early this week with the Treasury Department. They released that finding today in a very simple statement: that if you are a truly very small business or not-for-profit—that is, your total loan was $2 million or less—you will be in what they call a safe harbor. You are not going to have to worry about audits or worry about followthrough at the end of it. It is going to be a very straightforward process for those very small businesses and small not-for-profits, if that loan is $2 million or less. Now, remember, that loan covers their total payroll for 2 months, the total payroll entity.

Once you get into larger entities, they may have a loan from $2 million to $10 million to cover their entire payroll expenses for 2 months. Those folks will have a good-faith process that is also outlined that is a very fair process that has come out today as well. That is helpful.

When I spoke to Secretary Mnuchin earlier today, I thanked him for getting this done. As we have worked through this process, I thought that was the most reasonable solution to provide the greatest clarity and simple paperwork for those very small businesses that don’t have to worry about having to pull together a ton of documents for the full $2 million or less. For the loan, they will all be in safe harbor.

UKRAINE

Mr. President, I even have worked on some non-COVID-related issues this week. I made contact with the Ambassador from Ukraine to talk about—in one town in Ukraine, some law enforcement sent out a letter to every person in the town saying, if you are Jewish, we need you to register to make sure that we can deal with crime in your community. That is appalling, so we contacted the Ambassador for Ukraine and said: Help us understand why there is leadership in one of your towns that is trying to register every Jew in your town, saying that it is because of crime issues.

They are immediately pulling that back, doing an investigation, and I am grateful to the nation of Ukraine, which has been a very close ally and friend of the United States—especially in our pushing back against the aggressive Russia that is to their east—that Ukraine is continuing to speak out immediately for the basic freedoms of individuals to live their faith and not have to be registered by a local government. We are looking forward to an explanation on that in the days ahead.

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Mr. President, the vast majority of the things I have worked on this week have been COVID as we try to walk through the issues of my State, Oklahoma, in reopening. And multiple States around the Nation are slowly trying to find ways to reopen, as we see other nations doing as well. Italy, which was exceptionally hard hit, is in the process of reopening right now. Germany, which was also very hard hit by COVID-19, is in the process of reopening.

Spain—now fully half of Spain is in phase 1 of reopening for them as well. South Korea, exceptionally hard hit, is in the process of reopening, and they have already had an election and have had record-high turnout physically at the polls because they set up a social distancing process to do in-person voting. They had a record 65 percent turnout, the highest turnout that they have had in 28 years, in the first election post-COVID-19 outbreak in the country. So that is a very hopeful sign. I hope only that the US reigning to life, as we are, but they have also worked out a process to be able to have voting and safe voting processes.

The White House has announced a tremendous increase in testing again this week, with 2 million COVID-19 tests that were done, and the target for May is to do 13 million tests just in the month of May. So it has been a dramatic increase, as we are seeing a doubling of things happen, getting out the economic impact payments to people.

There are now 79 different diagnostic tests that have been authorized. There have been 12 different serology tests that have been authorized. The FDA has granted 92 emergency-use authorizations, so there is pretty fast work to get this done. The process of doing testing has been 12 months. So it has only been a few months.

So far, a total of $11 billion has been brought in to States and Tribes to offset the cost of testing for them. In fact, Oklahoma has received almost $88—$87 million just to deal with the testing issues in our State as we continue to see a rapid acceleration.

In fact, my State is due to receive 90,000 swabs just this month. We continue to do the testing there. So we have seen a very dramatic increase of engagement on testing, and that is exceptionally helpful for us.

For the Treasury, they have made a lot of progress in getting out the economic impact payments to people. They have now sent out 130 million of those. Just in my State, 1.5-plus million of those economic impact payments have been made, totaling about $2.8 billion. That is coming as direct assistance to folks in my State. It has been a significant help to people who need to get it.

The Paycheck Protection Program continues to help the smallest businesses. The economic impact payments have gone out, even as the State is finally starting to come back alive, little by little, as we have worked through phase 1 of reopening and now are headed carefully toward phase 2.

I continue to encourage my fellow Oklahomans to continue social distancing; to wear a mask, which I do, in public; and to continue to keep a good attention to your own hygiene and take care of getting to have other health issues or people who have, especially, heart issues or diabetes issues. They know to stay home and to keep themselves protected, and I encourage them to continue to do that.

I was rather shocked yesterday when the House of Representatives released the details of the bill that they hope to vote on, on Friday.
This bill that they hope to vote on, on Friday, is a $3 trillion bill. That is larger than the previous four bills that we have voted on combined. It is a pretty dramatic expansion of a lot of issues that are not COVID–19 related.

As we said in the previous conversation just a couple of weeks ago, what we focus on right now should be COVID–19 related, not trying to say it is a COVID–19-related bill and then stick a bunch of other stuff into it.

It is pages. In fact, just the summary of it—if people want to see the summary document of it—is 90 pages long, just to get the summary of it. And it deals with a lot of issues that are certainly not COVID–19 related, and I think a lot of Oklahomans and a lot of other Americans would say: “Why did they want to stick that in there?” And they just think, look over here at this big number we are going to give the States and look over here at this big issue and don’t pay attention to this one.

For instance, I understand there are legitimate issues on trying to protect voting and to make sure that the voting this year can go off safely and can go off in a way that we can have great credibility on. That is what South Korea just did with record-high turnout with in-person voting, but that is not what this bill that is coming from the House plans to do this week.

What they plan to vote on, on Friday, radically changes voting for the entire country, not for this year—permanently. It prohibits States, from here on out, from imposing any conditions or requirements for eligibility for voting. It gives absentee ballots mailed to every single person. It also breaks down any voter ID laws that are in any State and authorizes something called ballot harvesting, which has been exceptionaly successful in California for Democratic candidates.

It is basically telling someone to come to your door and say: Have you voted yet absentee? If it is no, they can vote on the spot, and the person at your door can then take the ballot from you and say, I will go turn it in for you.

Well, obviously, there are lots of moments for fraud in that. This would make that mandatory nationwide. That is a major issue, to change how we do voting forever and to break this down. This is not the time to try to cram this into a bill that is supposedly about COVID–19 and do a permanent change on that.

It also does some things that I was rather stunned by, even for some of my colleagues on the House side. It changes the economic impact payments, and it takes away the requirement that they have to have a Social Security number. Well, if you take away the requirement that it has to have a Social Security number, what it allows, then, is for people who are non-citizens to get the economic impact payments—up to $6,000 per household for any individual who is in the country.

Well, that is a pretty dramatic shift in what we are doing. It allows people who are not legally present in the country to actually end up with economic impact payments as well. I don’t think most people in my State would be someone who would agree with that, and I don’t think they know why we are trying to stick that in.

It also does some pretty massive changes to how immigration is actually handled. It frees a lot of people who are currently under ICE custody right now, because of the way that the bill is written. It awards Federal funding specifically to sanctuary cities. It prevents the deportation of anyone who is not legally present in the United States. It provides deferred action and work authorization for anyone who is working in a job here, regardless of legal status into the country, so it literally takes everyone who is not legally present here and gives them legal status during this time period.

It can then change unemployment insurance in a way that is pretty dramatic. Currently, the unemployment insurance is greatly plussed-up during this time period. There is an additional $600 per week, per person, for anyone on unemployment, plus any Federal stimulus. That is how we are doing $48,000 a year on unemployment assistance.

The challenge is, there are many individuals who don’t make $48,000 in their lifetime. We are talking about $48,000 now on unemployment assistance. This bill coming from the House changes that because that extra $600 per week expires at the end of July. It changes the expiration of that deep into next spring of 2021, regardless if your State is open for business or not.

So, in my State, in Oklahoma, literally, it would encourage people who make less than $48,000 a year to not go back to work because they could make more money on unemployment insurance—not just through July but all the way through the rest of this year and through half of next year—regardless if your State is open or not, regardless if we have a vaccine or not.

If we have a vaccine, let’s say, in November, as Francis Collins states, you would still get this unemployment protection to be able to make $48,000 per year past your vaccination and deep into next year. I think that is a continual problem. I think that is an issue.

In the bill itself, it actually sets up a series of changes in our Federal cannabis laws, at which point I immediately thought, OK, how much information is in this bill about cannabis? Cannabis is actually mentioned in this bill 68 times. I am not sure why that is in a bill dealing with COVID–19, but it does dramatic changes in our Federal cannabis laws. There is a section where it gives tax breaks to teachers, medical folks, and law enforcement folks—OK, that is great, but stuck right in the middle of that section is a tax break for billionaires, which I was shocked. It is an almost $100 billion tax break for the top 1 percent. It is stuck right in the section quietly in there, in the middle of the section for teachers, firefighters, and law enforcement.

The student loan section was also interesting to me. It provides $10,000 of student loan forgiveness for any single student around the country. I am sure every student would be grateful to have that, and I am sure every family would be grateful to have this, but it was not needs-based. It wasn’t anything else. It was just $10,000 across the blanket loan forgiveness for every single student across the entire country.

Of course, there is no liability protection that is anywhere in it. The Paycheck Protection Program that has been exceptionally important to a lot of small businesses wasn’t increased. Some things that are really needed at this time are not even addressed to help small businesses again or to help with liability protections, which so many businesses are asking. But institutions and nonprofits are asking the question: How do I reopen? What do I do? And how do I deal with the liability issues? That was not addressed at all.

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Let’s try to actually solve the problem that is in front of us. It is serious. The issues we face dealing with health and the individuals who are on the frontlines right now at grocery stores and healthcare facilities and hospitals and truckers and convenience stores and folks who are doing carryout food—those folks are doing remarkable work and they should be encouraged, not discouraged with a partisan bill that is coming out here that everyone knows is not going to go anywhere.

Let’s keep working together. What is happening in the Senate to try to establish bipartisan agreements on things, we should continue to be able to do. But flying in to do a messaging bill worth $3 trillion that changes voting in America and changes cannabis laws and does all kinds of other things is not what we need to do right now.

Let’s keep working, though, because there is plenty that does need to be done.

I yield floor.
Mr. LANKFORD. You know what, in a coloquy with my colleague from Delaware, I do know someone who is a Senator—

Mr. CARPER. What are his initials?

Mr. LANKFORD. The Presiding Officer, of course from Arkansas, I believe his birthday is today, Senator COTTON.

Mr. CARPER. Tom Cotton. One of the TCs. We lost a really good TC, Tom Coburn, whom Senator LANKFORD knew passed away about a month and a half ago. It was a great loss to our country, to his State, and someone whom we will always celebrate here and revere for his dedication and his commitment and the example he set for all of us.

We are glad the Presiding Officer is alive and well. I am going to ask him if I can proceed with my comments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today following Senator LANKFORD. I want to say a thing or two about Senator LANKFORD, who is good friend, good colleague. We sit together in committee. In fact, he succeeded Tom Coburn in the U.S. Senate. When Tom Coburn passed away, he said I am leaving, but you are getting somebody better than me, and his name is JAMES LANKFORD. I don’t know if he is any better, but he is a worthy successor. It is a privilege to serve with the Senator. I think he knows that.

I spend a lot of my time here trying to find ways not where we differ or disagree but areas where we can agree. I like to say that sometimes we may not see eye to eye on every single policy, but we ought to agree on the principles. Among the principles as we approach 4.0—the next major legislation dealing with this crisis—I hope one of the principles we can agree on is if State and local governments are having massive losses of revenue that are attributable to this coronavirus crisis, then they deserve help in terms of replacing lost revenue.

I will give you a couple of examples. Delaware Transportation Trust Fund—we get a lot of revenues from tolls, and I am told by our Secretary of Transportation that our toll revenue is down by over 50 percent. Gasoline sales and moneys that we derive from motor fuel taxes are also down, as I recall, by more than 20 percent. It is not just Delaware, as we try to build our roads, highways, and bridges throughout the country and rebuild our infrastructure, improve our service transportation infrastructure, but States across the country are getting not just slashed to that really destroyed with respect to our ability to continue our transportation infrastructure programs as well. I think that is an area that we ought to be able to agree on.

The folks at Moody’s every month gives us a grade on how States are doing—the revenue stream, their spending stream—so we have an idea to compare this May to last May, maybe this past April to last April, and to actually see where the revenue loss is occurring and for us to do something about that. I think we can find agreement there.

Another area we can find agreement on is improving our States and local governments are incurring costs that directly relate to the pandemic—healthcare providers, the doctors and nurses, folks who are like orderlies and all kinds of folks who are in nursing homes, first responders, firefighters, EMTs are doing that kind of work, and States are spending a lot more money to help put them out on the streets and in nursing homes doing the job. We have an obligation to help States and local governments to deal with those.

Another thing I hope we will do is focus on training and retraining programs. Unfortunately, too many businesses that are closed now will not re-open. There are a lot of people who have six to seven years’ employability to existing businesses that are no longer in existence. We need to be focused on the jobs that are out there that need to be filled and people need to be trained in. Why don’t we focus on our retention of Federal dollars, and marry those up with State dollars to address that need?

Those are just a couple of ideas that I think we need to focus on. I hope we will work with the Governors and work with the States, including mayors and county executives, and find common ground. I think there is plenty of common ground. I look forward to working with Democrats and Republicans alike here and across the country to identify that.

I say that as a recovering Governor, who was once privileged to lead the National Governors Association. My hope is we can work closely with them, bipartisan leadership there. If we can’t do that, shame on us. I think we can do that. That is not why I came to the floor. I didn’t come here to join Senator LANKFORD in celebrating your birthday. Now that I am here, I am happy to note it and salute that.

IMMIGRANT HEALTHCARE HEROES

Mr. President, I came today to honor the immigrant healthcare heroes on the frontlines in this battle against coronavirus. I want to begin by thanking our majority whip, Dick DURBIN, a Hibernian from Illinois. I said to him that his staff is right here on the floor. The senior Senator from Illinois, he and I came to the House together a million years ago, in 1982. Maybe someday he will be a senior citizen as well. I want to thank him—all kidding aside—for leading the charge and bringing much deserved recognition for this extra group of Americans.

Across this country of ours, every day there are doctors, there are nurses, healthcare workers, caretakers, and others who are getting up every day, leaving their own families and going to work on behalf of members of other families. Too often, these men and women are doing so at great personal risk to their own health and, as it turns out, to the health of the ones they love.

Despite the grave risks to themselves, these hero healthcare heroes are undeterred. Day in and day out, week in and week out they continue to serve others and continue to demonstrate, by their own courage, what leadership by example is all about. For that, we are deeply grateful.

Something that most Americans may not know is that one in six healthcare and social service workers—one in six—in this country are immigrants. When you add them all up, that is 3.1 million people who have chosen to make the United States their home and are giving back to their country, this country now, in profound ways. They are not a number. They are not a statistic. They are caring, courageous members of our own communities and of their own communities.

Over the last 3½ years—and even before that on the campaign trail—we heard Donald Trump and many other people around him demonize immigrants. He has used fearmongering to claim that immigrants and Dreamers—the young people here when they were kids, maybe younger than kids—the President spent a lot of time fearmongering to claim that those immigrants and Dreamers are going to take all of our jobs away. That just isn’t true.

I know a bunch of those Dreamers. A lot of them are students at Delaware State University. They are students, young people, whom any parent would be proud to claim as their own. They are some of the finest young people I have met here or anywhere around the world.

While many Americans are rightly following stay-at-home orders, these men and women are often putting their own health and safety at risk to do some of the most critical jobs every day. I believe it is important that we recognize these immigrant healthcare heroes who are playing a truly critical role in the fight to protect their fellow Americans.

I mentioned a minute ago that there are 3.1 million healthcare and social service workers in our country. Today, I want to highlight the story of one of the Latinos in our midst. Her name is Cesarina Ramirez. She is standing right here over my left shoulder. She is a nurse. She is a nurse at one of Delaware’s federally qualified community health centers. It is called Westside Family Healthcare. We only have three counties in Delaware. They are in Northern Delaware, New Castle County, where two-thirds of our residents live, and also in Kent County, which is where Dover is, the capital of our State, and Dover Air Force Base, the finest Air Force base in the world. It is called Family Care. It is a network of 1,400 federally qualified community health centers across the country, helps to deliver quality, primary care
services in underserved areas every day. Every day—without a lot of fanfare or acclaim—they do what my mother used to call the Lord’s work. That is what she used to call it, the Lord’s work.

Cesarina and her colleagues in Wilmington have been serving our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to take the next several minutes to share with you Cesarina’s story. It is not in my words; it is in her words. This is what she looks like. She works in Wilmington, DE, not that far from where my wife and I live. I probably met her a time or two. I have a feeling that she had her mask on here today. Delaware is a little State, so you meet just about everybody. Here is her story—in her words.

My name is Cesarina Ramírez, and I was born in the Dominican Republic.

My father was a doctor in the Dominican Republic. He wanted the American dream for his kids.

As did his wife.

So, he decided to leave everything behind and move to the land of opportunities: the United States of America.

My dad became a taxi driver. He was working overnight while going to school in the mornings. After 3 years of hard work, he graduated with an Associate’s Degree in Radiology.

Both of my parents are deceased now, but their courage and work ethic live on in each [of] their children. My siblings and I could not be more grateful for their selfless decision they made for us. I have been working for 10 years at Westside Family Healthcare, where I’m a team medical nurse. I educate patients about medical conditions to help them identify lifestyle changes that can benefit their overall health and goals. The one thing that I love the most about my job is that I’m able to make a difference in someone else’s life.

As the years passed, I quickly learned about the Spanish interpretation among our patient population. As a Hispanic-Irish with Spanish being my first language, I recognize that sometimes it is easier for a patient to speak in their native language when it comes to medical concerns. I like that I can be the voice of the patient, and their number one advocate.

I have observed instances of patients receiving care from a provider that has the same cultural background and speaks the same language, resulting in positive health care outcomes. In these cases, the patients appear relaxed, are willing to ask necessary questions to obtain knowledge and there is a mutual understanding of goals and plans to improve patient care.

Taking care of patients is a privilege.

I think it is a privilege to serve the people of Delaware and our country. She feels that she is privileged to serve her patients.

Looking at the difference in the amount of help that can be provided to the community has truly been an inspiration to work hard and try to be the best nurse I could be.

That is the end, if you will, of what she has said. I wanted to share that with all of you today.

I don’t know if Cesarina will see these proceedings or hear my words or hear her words through me, but I want to say thank you for that message that you have sent Cesarina. Thank you for all you are doing to serve our community in Delaware, even during these most difficult and challenging times. The United States and the first State are more than lucky. We are blessed that you are on our team in this fight against the coronavirus.

To all the other immigrant healthcare heroes who are serving their fellow Americans throughout this country and who are fortunate enough to have been born here and serve—we salute you. We salute you. We thank you for looking out for the rest of us so that we might enjoy the blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are better for having you here among us. We appreciate the lifesaving care you are providing for so many of us.

If you are out there hearing the sound of my voice and you are an immigrant, a healthcare hero, or if you know someone who is, I would encourage you to share your story with us on Twitter or Facebook. Just use the hashtag “immigrant healthcare hero.”

I am going to say that again. Use the hashtag “immigrant healthcare hero.”

We would love to highlight your story and thank you as well.

I don’t see anyone else waiting to salute you on your birthday and commend you. Not seeing anyone, I will yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, both at home and around the world, the fight to defeat the coronavirus seems all consuming. It has changed virtually every part of our lives, from the way we work to how we grocery shop. It dominates our conversations, our news cycles, and social media feeds. It is easy to feel like this is the only threat that the world is facing right now, but even a pandemic isn’t enough to stop those who want to bring harm to our country or to the American people.

As our fight against the coronavirus wages on, our dedicated counterterrorism and counterintelligence experts continue their critical work to identify potential threats against our country and to prevent them from being successful.

One of the most powerful tools in their toolbox is the ability to covertly gather information about bad actors. That is absolutely critical to national security. Yet our commitment to public safety can be at odds with privacy and individual liberty. So we, as a country, must have sincere trust in both the people and the processes that govern that activity. That is why I fear that recent events have put our trust of both in grave jeopardy.

Last December, the inspector general for the Department of Justice released his report on the FBI’s counterintelligence investigation of the Trump campaign and its purported contacts with Russia. This 480-page report outlined a pattern of concerning behavior by those who were charged with protecting and defending the United States and upholding our laws. The inspector general has detailed a number of truly disturbing and alarming facts about how the Russia investigation was conducted, specifically when it has come down to the abuse of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. He has identified 7 mistakes—I think he was being generous in calling them mistakes—in the initial Carter Page FISA
application and an additional 10 mistakes, or errors, in 3 renewals.

Now, these were not typos or misspelled words. These were significant and material errors that misled and affected the independent judgment of the FISA Court. And it’s important to note that Congress has amended several times over the more than 30 years that FISA has been law, particularly since 9/11. In light of these developments, it is time to once again, strengthen the oversight of our Nation’s intelligence activities and restore trust in our critical institutions.

FISA reform is part of the congressional “to do” list. It has been for some time, and it still is. Before key provisions could expire last year, Congress extended these authorities through mid-March to provide time for a debate over future reforms. Of course, back then, no one suspected that we would be working on a pandemic response when that deadline arrived. With the coronavirus spreading across the country, it was hardly the time to debate the long-term changes that should be made to this program. So the Senate passed a short-term extension. Had our colleagues in the House passed that bill, those authorities would have still been intact while it takes serious quality control measures to prevent abuse. The best of tools are useless if they are not used properly. And the same is true of critical national security tools—things like business record collection, roving wiretaps, and lone wolf authority. By and large, these are tools that are used by law enforcement on a daily basis for domestic critical cases. Yet we are going to deny those tools to our counterintelligence officials? It makes no sense whatsoever. Our counterintelligence and counterterrorism experts rely on those authorities to keep us safe, and it is time we return them to the lapses, authorities, which are critical to our national security.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. Blackburn). Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 1594

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I must admit that when I look around this body, it looks a little bit different than when I first came here, and I will be glad when we get back to normal. In the meantime, I want to say that I entered the Senate in the wake of Watergate in 1975. It was a time when the American people’s faith in their institutions, including their intelligence agencies, was profoundly shaken. I remember standing on this floor, and the very first vote I cast was in favor of creating the Select Committee to Study Government Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities and the Rights of Americans. That was called the Church Committee. It was the forerunner of our Intelligence Committee.

Through the Committee’s work, the American people learned years of surveillance and other abuses that had occurred at the hands of the U.S. intelligence agencies. In response, the Senate came together, Republicans and Democrats together, to pass sweeping reforms that still endure. So much has improved over the 45 years with respect to the intelligence agencies’ compliance with the law. I must admit that seeing the changes over the years gives me a great deal of confidence that we can continue to develop. But we do know that there are some inexcusable problems that remain. We have seen time and again
that the system we created with the government lawyers seeking approval for surveillance in a secret surveillance court falls short of protecting Americans’ due process rights.

I know a lot of our intelligence professionals. I have no doubt our intelligence professionals work very hard. They are dedicated to protecting Americans, and they strive to follow the rules. I don’t doubt that at all. But I can’t escape the conclusion that the rules are simply not good enough. A process that operat[es] in total secrecy, with no checks on the government’s allegations or portrayal of the facts at issue, is bound to fall short. When it comes to justice—justice which is a bedrock of our democracy—weel, to say it falls short is not good enough.

Last fall, the Justice Department inspector general issued a report that detailed 17 errors or omissions in the FBI’s FISA applications to surveil former Presidential campaign adviser Carter Page. The inspector general did not find that the mistakes were politically motivated, those of us who were at those hearings know that the errors were nonetheless serious, and we have since learned that they were defendants.

In March, just 2 weeks after the House passed the very legislation we are considering today, the inspector general released a more damning report. He sampled just 29 applications for FISA. In those 29, he found deficiencies in 25 of the 29, with an average of 20 issues on each application. Errors included a failure to disclose all exculpatory evidence. That is simply unacceptable. It strongly indicates that something is wrong and needs to be fixed within the FISA process.

I joined with Senator LEE of Utah. We have been working together to do just that—to define what the fixes might be, that one of our proposal is to improve the amici program we created with the assistance of Members such as Senator BLUMENTHAL with the USA FREEDOM Act of 2015. We created a process by which the FISA Court could appoint amici to provide an independent perspective on certain complex issues before the court. Amici do not act as defense attorneys, representing the target of the surveillance. They serve the court. But we gave the court narrow grounds to require the appointment of amici in cases that involve serious constitutional issues.

My amendment with Senator LEE would create a presumption of amici participation in cases involving significant First Amendment issues, not just “exceptional concerns” as in the House bill. Importantly, we also create a presumption of amici participation when the FBI considers the case to be a “significant investigative matter” which the FBI would call an investigation involving the domestic media, a domestic religious organization, or a public official. I think all of us should agree that in those instances we ought to have somebody independently looking at them.

Most critically, though, we would leave the decision to appoint amici entirely up to the FISA judge. Even if it would fall into all of these categories that court still may no. As a result, the argument that the FISA process amici participation would duly burden the court doesn’t even withstand the slightest scrutiny. If the judge believes amici would not be appropriate because the case is too time sensitive or too simple, too routine or for any other reason—any other reason—they have the discretion to not appoint amici at all. Under our amendment, throughout the FISA process, the judge maintains complete control. It is not a burden on the court. What it is doing is empowering the court. It is up to them.

In reality, the number of cases that would have amici participation under our amendment would remain manageable. The cases likely to raise significant constitutional concerns are almost certainly a small subset of applications related to U.S. persons, as foreigner abroad do not have constitutional rights like Americans. The total number of such U.S. person cases last year was just over 200.

Perhaps this is why the courts themselves would not anticipate that our amendment would create a significant financial burden. The Administrative Office of the Courts estimated costs to be about $225,000 a year, which they can pay for out of their discretionary budget. There is plenty of money in there. In fact, the CBO scored the amendment as zero.

But the benefits go far beyond zero. Responding to the latest inspector general report, which found serious issues in 25 of the 29 FISA applications they reviewed, we would require that the government turn over all material exculpatory information to the court and make it available to amici, too, if one is appointed. That is a basic due process protection available in every public courtroom in America. It certainly was when I was a prosecutor. The FISA Court should be no exception.

So, I urge all of our fellow Senators to stand with us, because if you stand with us you are standing up for the Constitution. You’re standing up with the American people, and stand with our Constitution.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I call up my amendment No. 1584 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] proposes an amendment numbered 1584.

(‘The amendment is printed in today’s Record under “Text of Amendments.”)

Senator LEE and I have had an opportunity to work with my friend and distinguished colleague, the senior Senator from Vermont, on this issue. Senator LEAHY and I have, over the past decade, worked together on a number of projects including this one, including the USA FREEDOM Act. Senator LEAHY and I come from different political parties and different ends of the political spectrum, and yet we share much in common, including a devotion to our families, a devotion to God, a devotion to this great country, and a devotion to the Constitution that has fostered the development of the greatest civilization the world has ever known. It is an honor and a privilege to stand with Senator LEAHY in defense of the Constitution.

Senator LEAHY and I have confronted many opponents, and many opponents to the Lee-Leahy amendment have made arguments that I think need to be mentioned one final time before we vote on this matter. Many of them are arguing that this amendment would somehow hamper the ability of the FISA Court to approve applications quickly in the case of an emergency. This is simply untrue. In all these circumstances in which it would apply, our amendment would allow the FISA Court to issue a finding saying the appointment of amici would, in that circumstance, be inappropriate. This the FISA Court could do in a single sentence.

The FBI or some of its proclaimed self-appointed defenders also complain...
that this might make it harder for them to get surveillance applications approved. Let me just remind everyone that we are talking about the rights of U.S. persons—that is, of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents of the United States. Those are rights that deserve to be protected. We have to re-
member that the purpose of the Con-
stitution is not to make it easier to
govern. The purpose of the Constitu-
tion is to provide structure and limita-
tions on government because govern-
ments sometimes make mistakes.
I find it especially tone deaf that the very agency—the very Bureau—that has now been found to have been in vi-
olation of its own policies and proce-
dures—in not just one but two inspec-
tor general reports in the past year—
for failing to follow its own policies is
now the agency that many people are
trying to defend in saying that we can’t inform the American people of
what is going on and we can’t improve the
process by which that agency oper-
ates.
Power is always vulnerable to abuse.
Warnings were made when this process
was put into place, and exactly the
kinds of abuses we have now seen are
the types of abuses that have oc-
curred over and over or are the same
ones that were foreseen.
This isn’t an indictment of any one
agency or administration or person or
political party. It is an affirmation of
the Founding Fathers’ trust in the
checks and balances that they put in
place in our founding document. James
Madison so eloquently expressed this
principle in Federalist 51:
If men were angels, no government
would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external or internal controls on gov-
ernment would be necessary. In framing a
government which is to be administered by
men over men, the great difficulty lies in
this: We must first enable the government to
to control the governed; and in the next place,
obliged it to control itself.
We cannot—notwithstanding the urging
of many—simply wave our hands
and say: No, we don’t have to worry
about this. It is OK because we have to
worry about national security or it is OK
because this is about foreign intelli-
gence or this is about foreign intel-
ligence gathering.
We know that what the Lee-Leahy amendment is designed to protect are
the rights of the American people—of
U.S. persons—U.S. citizens and lawful
permanent residents. Reforms in this
amendment do not take anything away from
the National Security Agency—
nothing. We are just injecting greater
fairness and accountability into this
process.
Instead as we decide to have these
programs, we have to have someone ac-
countable in them. We have to have a
process by which the information brought to bear within the Foreign In-
telligence Surveillance Court is ac-
countable and reviewable by someone.
It makes sense to expand increment-
ally, mildly, but necessarily, the amici
curiae provisions that were put in
place 4 years ago with the USA FREE-
DOM Act.
I truly believe that we can find a
proper balance here between privacy
and security. I also believe that our
privacy and our security are not at
odds. Our privacy is, indeed, a part of
our security and our security part of
our privacy. You cannot have one with-
out the other.
The Lee-Leahy amendment brings us
closer to that balance. I invite all my
colleagues to support it and look for-
toward the moment, not far from now,
when we will follow it. I yield the
floor.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1584
THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Under
the previous order, the question is on
agreeing to the amendment.
Mr. LEE. I ask for the yeas and nays.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there
a sufficient second?
There appears to be a sufficient sec-
ond.
The clerk will call the roll.
The senior assistant legislative clerk
called the roll.
Mr. THUNE. The following Senators
are necessarily absent: the Senator
from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and
the Senator from Nebraska (Mr.
SASSE).
Further, if present and voting, the
Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEX-
ANDER) would have voted “yea.”
Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the
Senator from Washington (Mrs. MUR-
RAY) and the Senator from Vermont
(Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.
THE PRESIDING OFFICER. (Mr.
CRAMER). Are there any other Senators
in the Chamber desiring to vote or
change their vote?
The result was announced—yeas 77,
nays 19, as follows:

Baldwin                            Gillibrand            Perdue
Barasso                           Grassley              Peters
Bennet                            Harris                Portman
Blackburn                        Hassan                Reed
Blumenthal                       Hawley                Risch
Booher                           Reinrich              Rosen
Brown                             Rirono                Ronisch
Brown                             Hoeven                Rounds
Cantwell                         Johnson               Schatz
Cardin                            Jones                 Schaumber
Carper                            Kaine          Scott (FL)
Casey                             Kennedy              Scott (NC)
Cassidy                           King                   Shaheen
Collins                          Klobuchar          Sinema
Concs                             Lankford              Smith
Cortez Masto                      Leahy                 Stabenow
Cramer                            Lee                    Sullivan
Crapo                             Leffler               Tester
Cruz                              Markley               Tillis
Daines                            McSally               Toomey
Duckworth                        Menendez            Udall
Durbin                            Menendez            Van Hollen
Enzi                              Moran                Warren
Ernst                             Markowski            Whitehouse
Feinstein                         Miley                  Wicker
Gardner                          Paul                   Wyden

NAYS—19

Blunt                             Graham                Rubio
Boozman                          Graham                Shelby
Burr                              Hyes-Smith            Thune
Capito                           Manchin                Warner
Carson                           McConnell           Young
Cotton                          Ron Furst                 
Fischler                         Romney                

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under
the previous order requiring 60 votes
for the adoption of this amendment,
the amendment is agreed to.
The amendment (No. 1584) was agreed
to.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Sen-
ator from Colorado, Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I wish
to congratulate my colleague from
Utah for his extraordinary work to
continue to protect the civil liberties
of the people of this country.

NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE
DESIGNATION ACT OF 2019
Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, in a
Chamber that has seen more than its
fair share of life-or-death matters, es-
pecially the last several months, this
bill that I am about to ask for unani-
mous consent to pass before the Sen-
ate, the creation of the 988 National
Suicide Hotline bill, is a bill that
gives hope to life.
This bill will save lives. It has been
an honor to work on this legislation so
we can come together as a Chamber, as
a Congress, as a nation, to do all we
can to save those precious lives, those
precious voices, that we lose too often.
In Colorado, we lose someone to sui-
cide every 7 hours. The bill that we are
about to pass can change that. We can
all change that with responsible ac-
tions, more funding, more efforts, and
this is our start to continue the great
work that has been done, to build on
the work that we know needs to be
done, to create a 3-digit 988 national
hotline to prevent suicide.
I ask unanimous consent that the
Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation be discharged and the
Senate proceed to the immediate con-
sideration of S. 2661.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the
Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation be discharged and the
Senate proceed to consider the
bill that I am about to ask for
unanimous consent to pass before the Sen-
ate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there
objection to proceeding to the meas-
ure?

There being no objection, the com-
mittee was discharged, and the Senate
proceeded to consider the bill.
Mr. GARDNER. I ask unanimous
consent that the Gardner substitute
amendment at the desk be agreed to
and that the bill, as amended, be con-
sidered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.
The amendment (No. 1585) was agreed
to as follows:
(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)
Strike all after the enacting clause and
insert the following:

A bill (S. 2661) to amend the Communica-
tions Act of 1934 to designate 9-8-8 as the
universal telephone number for the purpose
of the national suicide prevention and men-
tal health crisis hotline system operating
through the National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis
Line, and for other purposes.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there
objection to proceeding to the meas-
ure?

There being no objection, the com-
mittee was discharged, and the Senate
proceeded to consider the bill.
Mr. GARDNER. I ask unanimous
consent that the Gardner substitute
amendment at the desk be agreed to
and that the bill, as amended, be con-
sidered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.
The amendment (No. 1585) was agreed
to as follows:
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020.”

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
Congress finds the following:
(1) In general—Nothing in this Act, the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), or any Commission regulation or order may prevent the imposition and collection of a fee or charge as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of section 6502 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Jobs Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1471). (2) Use of 9-8-8 FUND.—A fee or charge collected under this subsection shall only be imposed, collected, and used to pay expenses that a State, a political subdivision of a State, an Indian Tribe, or village or regional corporation serving a region established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is expected to incur that are reasonably attributed to—
(A) ensuring the efficient and effective routing of 9-8-8 related services, (B) the facilitation of access to services provided by the Federal Communications Commission, (C) the facilitation of access to services provided by any successor thereto; and
(D) a one-way interconnected VoIP service.
(3) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term “commercial mobile service” has the meaning given that term in section 70 of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (47 U.S.C. 615b).
(4) DISPATCHABLE LOCATION.—The term “dispatchable location” means the street address of the calling party, or similar information necessary to adequately identify the location of the calling party.
(5) SUBSTATE.—The term “substate” means the area defined for the purposes of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for 9-8-8 related services, if the fee or charge is specifically designated under paragraph (a) or (b) of section 6502 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Jobs Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1471).

SEC. 3. UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE SYSTEM.
(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 251(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:
(4) UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE SYSTEM.— 9-8-8 is designated as the universal telephone number within the United States to—
(A) the facilitation of access to services provided by the Federal Communications Commission, (B) the facilitation of access to services provided by any successor thereto; and
(C) a one-way interconnected VoIP service.
(5) IP-ENABLED VOICE SERVICE.—The term “IP-enabled voice service” shall include—
(A) the facilitation of access to services provided by the Federal Communications Commission, (B) a one-way interconnected VoIP service.
(6) Dispatchable location.—The term “dispatchable location” means the street address of the calling party, or similar information necessary to adequately identify the location of the calling party.

SEC. 4. STATE AUTHORITY OVER FEES.
(a) AUTHORITY.—(1) In general.—Nothing in this Act, any amendment made by this Act, the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), or any Commission regulation or order may prevent the imposition and collection of a fee or charge as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of section 6502 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Jobs Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1471). (2) Use of 9-8-8 FUND.—A fee or charge collected under this subsection shall only be imposed, collected, and used to pay expenses that a State, a political subdivision of a State, an Indian Tribe, or village or regional corporation serving a region established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is expected to incur that are reasonably attributed to—
(A) ensuring the efficient and effective routing of 9-8-8 related services, (B) the facilitation of access to services provided by the Federal Communications Commission, (C) the facilitation of access to services provided by any successor thereto; and
(D) a one-way interconnected VoIP service.
(3) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term “commercial mobile service” has the meaning given that term in section 70 of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (47 U.S.C. 615b).
(4) DISPATCHABLE LOCATION.—The term “dispatchable location” means the street address of the calling party, or similar information necessary to adequately identify the location of the calling party.

SEC. 5. LOCATION IDENTIFICATION REPORT.
(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall submit to Congress a report that details the status in each State, political subdivision of a State, Indian Tribe, or village or regional corporation serving a region established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for 9-8-8 related services, if the fee or charge is specifically designated under paragraph (a) or (b) of section 6502 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Jobs Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1471).
(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
(1) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term “commercial mobile service” has the meaning given that term in section 7 of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (47 U.S.C. 615b).
(2) DISPATCHABLE LOCATION.—The term “dispatchable location” means the street address of the calling party, or similar information necessary to adequately identify the location of the calling party.
(3) SUBSTATE.—The term “substate” means the area defined for the purposes of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for 9-8-8 related services, if the fee or charge is specifically designated under paragraph (a) or (b) of section 6502 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Jobs Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1471).

SEC. 6. REPORT ON CERTAIN TRAINING PROGRAMS.
(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—
(1) youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (referred to in this section as “LGBTQ”) are more than 4 times more likely to contemplate suicide than their peers, with 1 in 3 and more than 1 in 3 in transgender youth reporting attempting suicide;
(2) American Indian and Alaska Natives have the highest rate of suicide of any racial or ethnic group in the United States with a suicide rate over 3.5 times higher than the racial or ethnic group with the lowest rate, with the suicide rate increasing since 1999, by 139 percent for American Indian women and 71 percent for men;
(3) Between 2001 and 2015, the suicide death rate in rural counties in the United States was 17.32 per 100,000 individuals, which is significantly greater than the national average, and the data shows that between same-sex and different-sex couples, suicide rates increased for all age groups across all counties in the United States, with the highest rates and the greatest increases being in more rural counties; and
(4) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must be equipped to provide specialized resources to these and other high-risk populations.
(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that—
(1) details a strategy, to be developed in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute on Minority Health, and organizations capable of providing nationwide suicide prevention and crisis services for LGBTQ youth, minorities, rural individuals, or other high-risk populations, for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to offer, support, or provide technical assistance to training programs for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline counselors to increase competency in serving high-risk populations; and
(2) includes recommendations regarding—
(A) the facilitation of access to services that are provided to specially trained staff and partner organizations for LGBTQ youth, minorities, rural individuals, and other high-risk populations and
(B) a strategy for optimally implementing an Integrated Voice Response, or other equally effective mechanism, to allow National Suicide Prevention Lifeline callers who are LGBTQ youth, minorities, rural individuals, or members of other high-risk populations to access specialized services.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.
Mr. GARDNER. I know of no further debate on the bill, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the bill, as amended?

The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?
The bill (S. 2661), as amended, was passed.

Mr. GARDNER. 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.

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, this is a big deal for the lives of so many people across the country, and I am grateful to our colleagues that we were able to get this passed today.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

USA FREEDOM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2020—Continued

FISA

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, we have just voted on an amendment by Senator LEE, which passed overwhelmingly. As we in the Senate are working to defeat this invisible enemy, the coronavirus, we are also mindful that there are other real threats around the globe. That is why the amendment that we just passed was so important to be debated and discussed and dealt with—the bill that is on the floor—because the Senate is passing a bill to provide national security tools to our intelligence community.

We want to make sure they have the right tools, the tools that work, that provide national security but also freedom for American citizens.

Now, this is unfinished business because these tools under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act have been left on the shelf, expired now for nearly 2 months.

Before Congress departed the Capitol due to the coronavirus, the Senate passed a bipartisan bill to temporarily keep these authorities in place. The House Democrats left without acting on what the Senate had passed. Speaker PELOSI left town, and she left our national security frozen.

Now, this week, Congress is going to pass a 3-year reauthorization of these authorities under FISA. These authorities are the business records provision, the roving wiretaps provision, and the lone wolf amendment.

The business records provision, or section 215, as it is known, compels telecommunications companies to provide call records relevant to investigation.

The roving wiretaps provision allows surveillance of multiple cellphones of an investigative target. This allows national security operators to keep up with a target, even as she or he goes through burner phones.

The lone wolf amendment allows national security operators to investigate targets unaffiliated with a specific terrorist organization. That is why they are called lone wolves.

Combined, these tools give the intelligence community and law enforcement important capabilities: to surveil bad actors to get to us, and to take apart their networks. Congress put these authorities in place after 9/11. They have been updated with broad bipartisan support numerous times. Importantly, these tools helped keep our country safe and strong now for nearly 20 years after 9/11.

There have been abuses of the FISA process unrelated to these provisions, which this bill also addresses. The bill puts in place safeguards to ensure FISA applications are accurate and complete, with multiple layers of approval before an application goes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. The bill also makes the FISA process more accountable, from the Attorney General down. Those who hide information, those who engage in misconduct, or those who disclose information will be met with prison time.

The bill provides a greater role for Congress to make sure there are another set of eyes on FISA applications. All together, these are significant reforms that the Attorney General has said will protect against abuse and misuse in the future. He went on to say the bill deserved broad bipartisan support, and I agree.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I also come to the floor today to discuss America’s relationship with China. The coronavirus has made clear that our current relationship with China is built on a house of cards. It is simply too risky.

We have to learn the lessons from this global pandemic. The outbreak has taught us that the time has come to break away from dangerous aspects of the relationship. By mishandling and manipulating the crisis, China has revealed itself to be not worthy of our trust.

Let me be clear. The Chinese people are not to blame for any of this. The people of China have also suffered tremendously. It is the Chinese Communist Party that is at fault. The virus could have been contained had it not been for the Chinese Government’s unscrupulous coverup. China knew the risk months before the rest of the world; yet Chinese communist leaders destroyed key evidence, they underreported the number of coronavirus cases, and they misled the world about its deadly, rapid spread. In fact, Chinese leaders silenced the heroic Chinese doctor, Dr. Li, who tried to sound the alarm and who later died from the virus.

China’s deceit doesn’t stop there. China has repeatedly denied U.S. officials access to the country to uncover the truth about the deadly disease. Meanwhile, the Chinese Government continues to engage in a disinformation campaign to try to avoid blame.

With this track record, China cannot continue to control international groups like the World Health Organization with the United States. The World Health Organization’s single largest financial supporter. Yet, from the start, the World Health Organization blindly accepted Chinese leaders’ false reporting, and they understated the threat.

America’s way of its unscrupulous practices is to depend on China not just for information but also for essential equipment, for products, for materials, for minerals, and certainly for medicine. China didn’t warn the world when the outbreak began. Instead, China secretly hoarded masks and protective gear. China knew that global shortages would soon follow. Then China threatened to cut off lifesaving antibiotics and other critical drug exports to the United States.

The virus should have been contained in Wuhan, China. Tens and tens of thousands of Americans and hundreds of thousands of people worldwide have died as a result of China’s failure.

Looking forward, America should focus on priorities that protect ourselves from future health crises.

No. 1, not again, not ever will America rely on information from international health organizations. We should set up direct bilateral health relationships with other countries. U. S. personnel on the ground must include monitoring of health data in their national security determinations.

No. 2, not again, not ever will we let people travel to the United States from countries where there is a major outbreak. We should restrict travel early on, just as President Trump did with regard to China.

No. 3, not again, not ever will America be without an early warning system. If not by the CDC, by the Department of Homeland Security, by the Department of Health and Human Services. Currently, the United States is the only country not to have a national health warning system.

No. 4, not again, not ever will America rely on critical health equipment and other critical drug exports to the United States.

No. 5, not again, not ever will we be exclusively sourced for critical drugs from China. We should diversify supply and bring home as much of our supply chain as possible.

No. 6, not again, not ever will our hospitals be taken for granted. They should be classified as critical infrastructure and our healthcare workers—our nurses, our lab technicians, our first responders, our doctors. Critical infrastructure and frontline workers should be properly resourced around our National

No. 7, not again, not ever will Americans rely solely on the Centers for Disease Control for testing. President Trump proved that when called upon,
our private sector has an incredible multiplier effect. No. 8, not again, not ever will we allow public misrepresentation and confusion concerning an urgent health issue. The American people deserve timely, credible, and accurate information—the same as for tornadoes, hurricanes, and other disasters.

No. 9, not again, not ever will we be dependent on China for trade and goods. That is bad for national security and for critical infrastructure and technology.

No. 10, not again, not ever will a previous administration leave an incoming administration without an updated, forward-looking bipartisan policy and preparedness plan on pandemics and without a pathway for the products and equipment needed to go along with it.

By taking these sensible steps, we will be able to protect the health and the well-being of the American people. These 10 priorities will make America and Americans stronger, safer, and more secure.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, this week, the Congress continues to work on a bipartisan basis to try to respond to this coronavirus pandemic. We have heard that the House of Representatives, under Democratic majority, has a new proposal. We have ideas on our side. We have already passed four pieces of legislation that deal with the coronavirus pandemic. The total spending is about $2.5 trillion that has already been spent.

The Speaker of the House proposed a new piece of legislation this week that I think the House will vote on Friday. That is another $3 trillion. It is actually more than the previous four combined.

The legislation that she is proposing has a lot of items that aren’t directly related to the COVID-19 crisis. They are, as she have said, a wish list of priorities, and others have said in the media that it is more of a messaging bill. We will see.

Among other things, it says, as an example, that they want to change the current law, which says that you are limited in terms of how much of a Federal tax deduction you can take for State and local taxes. That is called the SALT issue. They want to repeal that. That cost, by the way, is about $100 billion a year, which, we estimate, would result in about 50 percent of the tax benefit going to the top 1 percent of taxpayers. That doesn’t sound like something that is going to be impactful in terms of the coronavirus pandemic we face.

I can think of a lot of better ways to spend that money, including more testing, including ensuring that small businesses can get back on their feet, ensuring that our healthcare system is sound. We are going to continue to work on that.

My hope is that, as we did with the previous four, we can figure out a way to come together—Republicans, Democrats, House, and Senate—and look at what we have already spent, $2.5 trillion, and see how it has been spent, understand what some of the gaps might be and address those gaps.

As with all issues, this pandemic is continuing to wreak havoc all over the country. It has been devastating, let’s face it. We now have 30 million—30 million—of our fellow Americans who have lost their jobs and are looking for health insurance. Therefore, we need to support our people through the pandemic. They lost their jobs because the pandemic infected the economy, and they don’t have a place to work.

I know friends of mine, people I have known for a long time, who have never been unemployed and are unemployed now for the first time. They are getting unemployment insurance for the first time. They want to go back to work, but they don’t have a job right now. That has been devastating to them and to a lot of small businesses. I talked to people who have poured their lives and their resources into these businesses. A guy tells me, I have been doing this for 40 years. I started with a couple of people and now have a few more. And now, boom, my doors are closed. Think of the movie theaters and the bowling alleys and the small restaurants, the hotels, anything to do with traveling and tourism, and these businesses, these jobs are a huge drain. So human losses is the beauty parlor and the nail salon and the barbershop.

This is testing our resolve in ways that we had never expected. I guess that is part of the point, we had never prepared for this kind of pandemic.

Congress, again, has tried to help with these four measures we already passed. I think they have helped, particularly with a lot of the small businesses, and our healthcare system has been helped. Trillions of dollars—$2.5 trillion of taxpayer funds have gone out to try to be a rescue package to help people weather this storm.

Again, I hope the next package can be effective, not just in weathering the storm but also in getting the economy moving—more stimulus, giving small businesses the tax relief to encourage them to invest more and add more jobs, maybe some smart spending in terms of things like rural broadband that will create more jobs immediately but also bring us closer to having real access for people in poor areas of our country to be able to do the small business development, to do telehealth, to do telelearning through broadband. These are some things I think we can do that will actually help to stimulate more economic growth.

As we work to address these problems at home, let’s not forget how we got here. My colleague from Wyoming and I have just talked about this, but there is a clear consensus now about one thing, which is that this all started in Wuhan, China, which is a huge city in China, Hubei Province, and that information about this horrible virus was concealed by the Chinese Communist Party. Systematically and very deliberately they kept the rest of the world from knowing about it.

In another way, they kept it from their own people too. To the point made earlier, this is not about the Chinese people. This is about the Chinese Government, meaning the Chinese Communist Party. Deciding: Oh, gosh. We have a problem here. Let’s not tell anybody. You go against all the rules. If you are a country and you have a virus that is spreading, your responsibility—particularly as a member of the World Health Organization—is to tell your own people but also tell the rest of the world so that you can contain that virus. They concealed it, deliberately. They must be held accountable for that.

Think of the devastation they have caused, not just in our country but in the world—all of the people who have died, the people whose lives have been turned upside down, the economy that has been destroyed by this.

This information, this critical information, having been withheld from the Chinese people and from the world has had a devastating impact. At the start of this year, in January, apparently the Chinese Communist Party said: Don’t worry. There is no human-to-human transmission of this virus—no human-to-human transmission of this virus. They knew otherwise.

By the way, 4 million cases worldwide tell us they knew otherwise—4 million cases. It all started in one place, in Wuhan, China. There are now 4 million cases.

This is something that is serious, and we need to address it. We are also told that the Chinese Communist Party allowed people to travel from Hubei Province, from Wuhan City, to other parts of China, apparently, but to the rest of the world.

If they had cut off travel to places like Italy and the UK and the United States, we would not be where we are now. Luckily, our administration acted quickly to shut off immigration from China, from those hotspots, and for American citizens and the green card holders, they had to go into quarantine. That helped, but the virus was already here.

Very disturbing to me is apparently some Chinese Communist Party disinformation went out claiming that America was at fault somehow. This was classic propaganda disinformation. It is adding insult to injury. Right? Not only did they not do what they should have done, to tell the world about this and to help us to be able to contain this virus—and, by the way, the World Health Organization was there to help them. We were there to help them. We could be working with the World Health Organization experts come in for well over a month after they knew. Some say it was a few
months because they probably knew it the end of last year. They must have, given the number of cases they had. They also kept the experts out from the United States who could have been helpful.

The World Health Organization is an international body where you have membership, and they have requirements where you are required to report data. You are required to have them come in when you have a virus like this. Of course, we didn’t know it was a pandemic time, but we had a virus here that was concerning. Instead, it appears the World Health Organization, instead of being an early warning system for the rest of us, all around the world, which is what they should be—a virus starts, and they are the ones who go in and deal with it—in stead of being an early warning system, in a sense, they were apologists for China.

That is why some of us have called for the investigation of the World Health Organization. We have asked the United Nations to convene a special panel, some of us, to be able to look into this issue so that it is not just America. The rest of the world ought to be involved in this as well. All of the members of the WHO ought to be concerned. I believe they are, about the deference they showed to China, at a time we needed them to be on the spot helping.

We now find ourselves forced to rely on the source of the virus, China, for a lot of our PPE, personal protective equipment. Think of the masks and the gloves and the gowns that our frontline healthcare workers need and others who are now interfacing with customers and working together as co-workers. We have to rely on China for this. In order to safely treat the COVID–19 patients who are sick and because of this virus that originated in China, we now have to rely on China for the personal protective equipment. That is unfortunate, and that needs to change.

We need to produce more of this here from more reliable sources. We are hearing reports about delays in shipments now. We are hearing about poor quality products—all of this is combining to affect our ability to be able to respond.

The virus has brought pain and suffering to our shores and to countries all around the world. Again, if they had followed the rules, if China had played by the rules—again, not the Chinese people who were also kept in the dark but the Chinese Communist Party—if they had followed the rules, we wouldn’t be in the situation we are in.

By the way, none of this is news when it comes to China’s behavior on the international stage. Getting China to play by the rules has been a constant theme of mine and others for a long time.

Fifteen years ago, I was a U.S. Trade Representative, and I brought forward the first successful case against China in the World Trade Organization because they weren’t playing by the rules. I also wrote a report entitled “Top to Bottom Review of U.S.–China Economic Relationship” that made policy recommendations to improve the equity, durability, and balance of our relationship with China. My No. 1 priority was China.

When I was there, I established, for the first time, a USTR prosecutor just for China. One of the recommendations was supposed to put a negotiator in China from the U.S. Trade Rep’s office. It is up to us now.

Here in the Senate, as the chair of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, I have now led three bipartisan investigations on China, including the Chinese Communist Party’s use of what is called the Confucius Institute at our high schools, sometimes grade schools, at our colleges and universities.

We learned more than 100 U.S. universities had allowed the Chinese Government, Confucius Institutes, which often come with stipulations, requiring them to comply with Chinese law—Chinese law—even when they are operating in the United States. We know some of these Confucius Institutes have been used as platforms for economic espionage.

By the way, since we published our report in February of 2019, a year ago, more than 20 Confucius Institutes in the United States have closed their doors. Why? Because people have looked into this and determined this is not just a cultural exchange. This has other aspects to it; as an example, not being able to teach the real history of China, as if things like Tiananmen Square did not exist. That is not something we should allow to happen in this country. That doesn’t comply with our standards here of honesty and intellectual standards that says you have to teach the actual history, not what the Chinese Communist Party says is the history. Our students shouldn’t be subject to that.

These Confucius Institutes have also spent a lot of money in this country. Schools have taken money and have not properly reported it. That is what our report indicated. As a result, the Department of Education is now cracking down on some of these schools to say you have to, at a minimum, report the funding.

Our subcommittee is right now wrapping up its review of three Chinese Government-owned telecom firms that the FCC, the Federal Communications Commission, licensed to operate here 20 years ago.

We share concerns with the Justice Department regarding these telecommunications companies complying with U.S. law enforcement requests and whether these entities pose a national security risk by being vulnerable to exploitation by the Chinese Government and the Chinese Communist Party.

Last year, the FCC denied a license to China Mobile to operate in the United States for these same reasons. That investigation is coming to a head. We are going to have a report coming out soon. We will learn more about this. But again, we have to be sure we are not naive; that we understand what is going on when these telecommunications firms are here in this country.

The third Permanent Subcommittee investigation involves another instance where China has not been playing by the rules as it relates to stealing U.S. research and technology, often paid for by U.S. taxpayers. Before the coronavirus put so much of our country on hold, we were preparing to introduce legislation that was based on our bipartisan report and our yearlong investigation. That report details how China has used what is called talent recruitment programs, most notably what is called the Thousand Talents Program to steal U.S. taxpayer-funded research. It turns out this has been going on for a long time. For 20 years, this has been going on. It has helped fuel the rise of the Chinese military and the Chinese economy during those 20 years. You might ask, how has that happened? Every year, Federal grantmaking agencies, like the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy’s National Labs, or the National Science Foundation, out to researchers and colleges and universities and research institutions—$150 billion a year—have led to a lot of breakthroughs.

These are important research projects. This is a good thing for our country. It leads to no breakthroughs in science and technology. It is helping make the United States the world leader in innovation. Your tax dollars coming to Washington, going to the Department of Energy, the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, out to researchers and colleges and universities and research institutes—$150 billion a year—have led to a lot of breakthroughs.

One of the areas of research that is done here in the United States is one of the reasons we attract some of the best and brightest scientists and researchers from all around the world to take part in this research. Yet what we have learned—and through our report, we prove—is that this system is very vulnerable. It is vulnerable to theft by other countries, and that is exactly what is happening in the case of China.

This is not a secret. That is the secret that its goal is to surpass the United States as the world leader in scientific research. One way it has been doing that is by using secret contracts with researchers here in the United States. Again, it is doing research that is funded by tax dollars—medical research, scientific research, military research. The Chinese Government has actually been paying these people to provide information to the Chinese Government to take this research and pay for it by U.S. tax dollars. It is wrong, and it needs to stop, and our legislation is intended to do just that.
At one of our Senate hearings on the report, a State Department witness said: “The Chinese Communist Party has declared the Chinese university system to be on the front line of military-civilian fusion efforts for technology exploitation.”

In other words, the Chinese Communist Party has decided this talent recruitment program is going to be well funded. We are going to pay American researchers to give us their stuff but then also connect them to the Chinese university system, which the Chinese Communist Party is using as the way to get technology, to acquire technology. Again, it is not a new problem. This has been going on for two decades, but we have done little in this country to stop it because we have this history of being so open and accessible with our research.

The FBI came to our hearing and acknowledged this. From the Federal Bureau of Investigation, they said that “it should be more open and comprehensive action in the past” to respond to these Chinese talent recruitment programs. Yes, they should have. Yes, they should have.

Fortunately, the FBI and the Department of Justice have now taken a different approach. They have begun stepping up their efforts this year with several recent high-profile arrests and having charges filed, but, again, more laws and practices need to change to stop this taxpayer-funded research from being stolen in this way to benefit our No. 1 global competitor, which is why we are introducing this legislation.

The legislation is called the Safeguarding American Innovation Act—to protect American research and strengthen our national security. The legislation makes five necessary reforms to address the flaws in our current research enterprise and to stop intellectual property theft and promote a more secure and transparent process that is consistent with the recommendations we laid out in our report.

First, the report found numerous cases of U.S.-funded researchers who failed to disclose foreign sources of compensation on their Federal grant applications. This issue has been highlighted this year. You have probably heard about it because you may remember the biggest one this year was the shocking arrest of Dr. Charles Lieber, the chair of Harvard University’s Chemistry Department, who was being paid both by Harvard and the Thousand Talents program by the Chinese Communist Party, it turns out.

According to the FBI, without Harvard’s knowledge—he didn’t tell Harvard—Dr. Lieber was being paid up to $50,000 a month in salary by the Chinese, $150,000 annually for living expenses, and more than $1.5 million to establish and run a shadow lab in China. Interestingly, the lab was in Wuhan, China. None of this was disclosed on his Federal grant application from which he got U.S. taxpayer money. If it had been disclosed, he wouldn’t have gotten the money. That is just wrong.

The criminal complaint is based on his not telling the truth to the Federal investigators he was essentially defrauding Harvard and defrauding the U.S. Government’s funding sources, but that is not a crime. Failing to disclose compensation from a foreign government is not currently a crime. That is part of our legislation. The bill gives the Justice Department the ability to hold Federal grant recipients accountable for hiding their financial ties to foreign governments by failing to disclose them on Federal grant applications. Transparency and honesty on grant applications is critical to the integrity of the U.S. research enterprise and to stopping this theft. That is in our legislation.

Second, despite there being more than $500 million in taxpayer funding going to these Federal research agencies every year, there is no unified tracking process to determine where these funds go. The National Science Foundation, for instance, doesn’t have any tracking. The National Institutes of Health, which fund half of all U.S. research, are you really going to stand in the way of legislation that just says you have to report when you receive more than $50,000 from a foreign government? Is that too much to ask? I don’t think so.

Right now, they are supposed to report gifts of a higher level, and 70 percent of them have failed to do so. So it is not too much to ask, and I would hope that the university community will be supportive. Many are, but some are apparently saying they are going to try to block this legislation.

Don’t do that. That would be wrong. The failure to stop the coronavirus early on has highlighted how China defrauded the American people by either the World Health Organization’s rules or the trade rules we talked about earlier, and now it is with regard to this issue that we are dealing with in terms of taking U.S. research back to China in order to fuel China’s military and China’s economy.

When this pandemic passes and our universities and research institutions reopen their doors, I have no doubt that we will, once again, continue to see the best minds lost. Why? Because our research enterprise is the best. We are innovators, and we provide funding for it, and we have such great opportunities here in this country to do research. People like to come here, but we cannot sit idly by as our top global competitor steals that research. The Safeguarding American Innovation Act is an important step toward protecting it for the safety and security of every American.

Fourth, more than ever we have to adapt to the fact that China is not going to play by the same set of rules as the rest of the world. It has been 15 years since we put out a USTR report and other forms of academic espionage. For example, we found that the Thousand Talents program had recruited a member who downloaded more than 30,000 files from a Department of Energy National Lab. These are our top National Labs in the country—highly sensitive research. There were files that were downloaded without authorization, of course, and that researcher took those files with him back to China. Our bill requires that research institutions have safeguards in place to prevent the unauthorized access to sensitive research. They have to tighten it up.

Finally, we found that nearly 70 percent of U.S. universities have consistently failed to report substantial foreign gifts as required by current law. Our bill ensures transparency by requiring universities now to report any foreign gift of $50,000 or more and empowering the Department of Education to fine universities. These are new powers that we have in our legislation. That is why we have introduced this legislation.
stating that our relationship with China lacks "equity, durability," and sustainability.

Right now, our No. 1 priority is solving the coronavirus crisis. We have to do that. There is no question that it outranks all else. Yet, in the context of this crisis, we also need to re-evaluate how we do business with China. We have to look at this with fresh eyes. My hope is that this legislation we have talked about this evening will help to alter that. As we conduct our research so we can continue to reward those who come to our shores to discover new breakthroughs in science and technology while we keep China and other nation-state competitors from stealing that research for their own purposes. We can achieve that balance, and we must.

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to our police officers all around the country. The men and women in blue serve us every day and everywhere represented in this Chamber. This week is National Police Week. In normal times, right now we would have tens of thousands of officers here in town. They do a big parade every year. We have to meet with them and thank them for their service. We would be able to have the opportunity to hear their stories—to hear some of the brave, brave stories of those who have lost their lives over the past year. They do a wonderful presentation down at the memorial to thank and pay tribute to those officers.

Yet, even during this coronavirus, I am pleased that, this Friday, folks around the country will be showing their support anyway. They can't come here in person, but people are going to be displaying blue ribbons and blue lights on their homes. The service to our communities that these police officers give us every day has been more valuable than the crisis than it has ever been, and I thank those police officers for going out every day and putting their health right now and even their lives, as they always do, on the line for all of us.

As I said earlier, I want to be sure that our municipalities and our counties have the ability to pay those police officers so as to keep them out on the street. That is why we need the flexibility in the Federal funding that is going to be available because the budgets of these municipalities are constrained. Because of the bad economy—because of the coronavirus—we have to be sure that police officers are taken care of.

This week, National Police Week, is a time of pause, a time to think about the sacrifices these heroes make every day in order to keep our communities safe, which is what they do every single day. They take dangerous criminals and weapons and drugs off of our streets. They enforce the laws here. They are the ones who are in the trenches—the frontlines—enforcing them. Even their very presence helps to deter crime and keep our communities safer. So we thank them for the risks they take for themselves, and we thank their families for the sacrifices they make for all of us.

This week is a time to think about the four brave heroes who have died in the line of service over the last year. Again, this would normally be done in person down at the memorial, but I want to talk about the four brave individuals who have lost their lives in Ohio since we last had a National Police Week, which was a year ago.

In January, Officer Dale James Woods, of the Colerain Police Department in Southwest Ohio, was tragically struck and killed by a vehicle while he was responding to a traffic stop. Officer Woods devoted his entire life to public service. He served for 15 years in the town's fire department—the Colerain Fire Department—and then 15 years as a police officer. He did everything asked of an officer. They tell me sometimes he would be staffing the dispatch station. The next day, he would be tracking down a lost dog. The next day, he would be out there helping a citizen with -- with anything that was asked of him with unwavering professionalism and the commitment that we all come to expect from our police officers.

Officer James Woods of the Colerain Police Department, thank you.

The same can be said for Clermont County Sheriff’s Deputy William Lee Brewer, Jr., who died in the line of duty in February of 2019 during a standoff with a criminal. Deputy Bill Brewer was a 20-year veteran of the force. He was a local guy, someone whom everyone in the community knew and loved. He gave his life for that community—the ultimate sacrifice an officer can make. I attended that funeral and had the opportunity to meet a lot of his fellow officers and hear stories about him. I also got a chance to meet his wonderful family. I can say he was admired and respected by all. The turnout for that funeral was unbelievable.

Last November, we lost Detective Jorge Del Rio, a decorated 30-year veteran of the Dayton Police Department. Detective Del Rio had been working with the DEA, the Drug Enforcement Agency, on a task force to crack down on drugs coming into a community that had been ravaged by the opioid crisis. This was during a time when Dayton was one of the communities in the country that had the most opioid overdoses and all of the crime related to that, and Jorge Del Rio was there to help. He was shot twice in the face while serving a warrant in relation to an investigation into drugs. From the crime scene, investigators recovered cash, fentanyl—the deadliest of all the opioids—along with weapons. Detective Del Rio fought bravely for his life, but in the end, his wounds were too much to bear.

This is an issue that is very personal to me. I have spent a lot of my time working on this drug crisis and trying to get Congress to pass legislation to stop this addiction so that officers like Detective Del Rio don't have to fight and die while fighting this scourge in our communities.

I was honored to attend Detective Del Rio’s visitation, where I joined hundreds of grateful citizens in an all-day send-off. Again, the turnout was unbelievable with fellow officers, DEA officers, and police officers. Officers came from all over the region. When I spoke with Kathy—his wife—and their family, I told them his sacrifice was not in vain and that he will always be remembered as a hero of Dayton, OH.

Earlier this spring, we lost another hero, Springdale Police Officer Kaia LaFay Grant. On March 21, Officer Grant was helping her fellow officers chase a suspect who was fleeing by car. During the pursuit, the criminal deliberately rammed his vehicle into her cruiser, which caused her to crash. Officer Grant’s injuries, sadly, were fatal. An 8-year veteran of the force, she was the first female of the Springfield Police Department and the first female law enforcement officer in the tristate area to die in the line of duty in more than 100 years. Officer Grant was only 33 years old. My thoughts are with her family as they deal with this tragic loss. Although these heroic officers were taken from us, their examples can never be taken away and will not be. Ohioans will remember them as models of bravery and service, as examples of fellow citizens who, on behalf of all of the rest of us, have the habit of walking into danger rather than running away from it.

In our Nation’s history, more than 24,000 police officers have died in the line of duty. Think about that—24,000. Serving as an officer is a dangerous job, I know, but we have legislation that we think would help save the lives of some of those officers who put themselves in harm’s way.

I was proud to join colleagues last year in sponsoring legislation called the Back the Blue Act. It is very simple. It says, if you target law enforcement officers, you are going to pay a very, very high price. That is appropriate. We think Back the Blue Act, which would increase penalties on those who would attempt to harm or kill a police officer, is going to make a difference because it will send a very strong message in helping to deter some of these crimes. Ultimately, I think that it will make our heroes in blue safer and help to save lives.

In my view, I urge my colleagues to join me in standing tall with our police officers and thanking them this week for what they do every day to protect us. Let’s back the blue. Let’s do everything we can to ensure that our police officers know we are with them and that we are at their side as they do their critical job every day to protect us.
I yield the floor. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 12 noon tomorrow, the Senate vote in relation to the Paul amendment to H.R. 6172, if offered, at that time. At 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, the Senate vote on the passage of H.R. 6172, as amended, as under the order of March 16.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

CONFIRMATION OF TROY D. EDGAR

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the confirmation of Troy Edgar to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security.

The nominee would have authority over the transfer and reprogramming of funds within the Department of Homeland Security. While he has pledged to notify Congress in advance of any such administration decisions, he has made it clear that it will continue to use every available tool to fund the wall that President Trump said Mexico would pay for and his administration's abusive immigrant detention policies. For that reason, any nominee to this position merits heightened scrutiny.

I am alarmed by rampant overcrowding and squalid conditions in DHS detention facilities. Despite DHS IG reports and numerous congressional inquiries and hearings, the Department has consistently mishandled these facilities and shown a disregard for the care of those in its custody. To date, 674 detainees and 39 detention facility personnel have tested positive for COVID-19. Notwithstanding its failure to ensure the safety of its facility personnel and detainees, the Department has continued to use its transfer and reprogramming authority to increase the number of detention beds. Last August, DHS transferred or reprogrammed $271 million, including $155 million from the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund, to expand ICE operations at the southern border.

A promise to notify Congress does nothing to stop these activities. I am confident that anything short of a statutory limitation on transfer and reprogramming authority will be ignored and that any official who stands in the way of these efforts will be circumvented or fired. The Senate should not confirm a nominee with the power to approve such actions until reasonable limits are enacted into law. For that reason, I voted against this nominee.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, our Nation commemorates National Police Week in May, bringing together law enforcement officers, families, and public safety advocates from across the country to the Nation's Capital to pay respect to law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty last year.

The coronavirus outbreak in our country has disrupted the public tributes in Washington and in communities across the country. However, COVID–19 will not diminish our heartfelt gratitude to the fallen and those they left behind. Twenty years ago, an online home on virtual candlelight vigil has replaced an in-person national ceremony to honor fallen officers from across the Nation.

Sadly, the State of Mississippi lost four officers in the line of duty last year. These brave men are being recognized this week, and their names have been added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial here in Washington, D.C.

On May 5, 2019, Officer Robert McKeithen, 58, of Biloxi, was ambushed and tragically murdered. An Air Force veteran, Office McKeithen served with the Biloxi Police Department for 24 years and planned on retiring by the end of the year. He was dearly loved by his family, friends, and fellow officers.

Constable Willie West, known as Hoot, was first elected in 1971 as constable of Lowndes County District 1 and was serving his 33rd consecutive term. He had previously served with the Columbus Police Department and Lowndes County Sheriff's Office. He had a total of 52 years of law enforcement service and was a founding member and first president of the Mississippi Constables Association. On May 6, 2019, Constable West was serving civil papers when his vehicle struck a tree. He succumbed to his injuries a few days later at the age of 81, leaving behind a son, two daughters, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, his mother, brother, and two sisters.

Chickasaw County Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Voyles died in a single-automobile crash while conducting an investigation on August 27, 2019. He was assigned to the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit. Prior to joining the sheriff's department, Voyles served as a law enforcement officer with the Mississippi Department of Transportation. He is survived by his wife, two young children, and his mother.

On December 12, 2019, Panola County Constable Eula Ray “Raye” Hawkins, 57, was killed when his vehicle was struck by a stolen pickup truck being pursued by other officers. Constable Hawkins served in law enforcement for 29 years. He is survived by his son, who serves with the Batesville Police Department, a daughter, one grandson, and two sisters.

I join the families, fellow officers, and communities of these four Mississippi officers, who dedicated themselves to bravely serving the people of my State, honoring their lives with a deep sense of gratitude for their service.

My heart aches any time a law enforcement officer is lost, whether it is in the line of duty or not. Their names may not grace a national memorial, but their service still merits recognition.

For instance, long-time Lawrence County Deputy Sheriff Robert Ainsworth and his wife, Paula, were among the 14 Mississippians who lost their lives in terrible tornadoes that hit my State on Easter Sunday. In his last act, Deputy Ainsworth, a Marine Corps veteran who died trying to shield his wife from harm, demonstrated the selflessness and bravery that is characteristic of so many in law enforcement.

Law enforcement officers risk their lives daily to help keep us safe, and any loss of an officer profoundly affects entire communities. My admiration for the law enforcement community, who remain deeply dedicated despite the dangers of their profession, knows no bounds. We acknowledge their brave service and fortify our support of their work to serve and protect our families and our communities.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the pursuant section 201(c) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective May 14, 2020, and ending May 14, 2022: Ms. Anurima Bhargava of Chicago, Illinois and Dr. James W. Carr of Searcy, Arkansas.

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–4504. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Small Business Administration Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program - Additional Criteria for Seasonal Employers” ((RIN1505–AC57) (3 CFR Part 120)) received in the Office of the President on May 12, 2020, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4505. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Filing Fees for Notices of Certain Investments in the United States by Foreign Persons and Certain Transactions by Foreign Persons Involving the United States” ((RIN1505–AC65) (3 CFR Part 800 and 802)) received in the Office of the President.
of the Senate on May 12, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4506. A communication from the Acting Director of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on discretionary appropriations legislation relative to the Bipartisan Budget Act and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC–4507. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Bond remarketing relief” (Notice 2020–25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4508. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Bond remarketing relief” (Notice 2020–25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4509. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice of Proposed Revenue Procedure Updating Group Exemption Letter Program” (Notice 2020–36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4510. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Certain Tax-Exempt Bond Program Plan and Project Requirements” (Notice 2020–35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4511. A communication from the Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Labor Organization Annual Financial Reports For Trusts In Which a Labor Organization is Interested, Form T–1” (RIN1245–AA09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.


PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated.

WHEREAS, A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Jersey urging the federal government to create a federal COVID–19 Business and Employee Continuity and Recovery Fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

WHEREAS, The United States faces an unprecedented public health crisis in the form of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, There have already been over 15,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 in the State of New Jersey and that number is expected to climb higher throughout the month of April and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Under Executive Order 107, the Governor has directed all residents to remain at home until further notice, in an effort to promote social distancing and stop the spread of the disease through personal contact; and

WHEREAS, Social distancing has caused considerable business disruption, with many businesses closed or operating at a reduced capacity indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, This has caused considerable financial hardship to employees who have been laid off, furloughed, or are working reduced hours, and to business owners who have seen a considerable reduction in income; and

WHEREAS, This situation is consistent in every state in the country, and even those states that have not enacted orders to stay at home have seen economic hardships resulting from voluntary social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Without government intervention, this large-scale business disruption will result in rampant unemployment, long-term damage to financial markets, and irreparable harm to communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, Government intervention in the form of the provision of liquidity to affected businesses would be of considerable assistance to any business, regardless of industry, location, or size; and

WHEREAS, The proposed COVID–19 Business and Employee Continuity and Recovery Fund allows for the distribution of federal funds and liquidity to impacted businesses and their employees; and

WHEREAS, Funding provided by the COVID–19 Business and Employee Continuity and Recovery Fund will help businesses retain and rehire employees, maintain worker benefits, and meet operating expense obligations, including strong anti-abuse provisions, including audits and Special Inspector General oversight; and
Whereas, Federal assistance is therefore needed to help all businesses in the State and in the country; Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, by the Senate of the State of New Jersey
1. This House respectfully urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support the creation of the COVID-19 Business and Employee Continuity and Recovery Fund.
2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to every member of the Congress elected in this State.

POM-194. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington respectfuly requesting that Congress take the appropriate steps to restore federal benefits to Compacts of Free Association (COFA) migrants; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986: Joint Memorial No. 8017
Whereas, Since 1986, Compacts of Free Association (COFA) between the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, and Pohnpei), and the United States allow citizens of nations with COFA agreements to serve in the United States military and enter, lawfully reside, and work in the United States; and
Whereas, The relationship between the nations with Compacts of Free Association and the United States includes economic development and a military presence; and
Whereas, The region served as a testing ground for atmospheric nuclear weapons between 1946 and 1958, which resulted in past and current inhabitants being exposed to high levels of radioactive fallout; and
Whereas, When the Compacts were originally signed, COFA migrants were eligible for Medicaid and other federal programs; and
Whereas, Despite paying state and federal taxes, these migrants were excluded from benefits as a consequence of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act in 1996; and
Whereas, Eligibility for federal health programs has exacerbated barriers to health care access for this population, which has led to poorer health outcomes and increased long-term costs on the health care system as a whole; and
Whereas, Research shows that people living in households in which the primary language spoken at home is not English, seniors, people with disabilities, and people who identify as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders are disproportionately impacted by health inequities; and
Whereas, Washington state has the second-largest population of Kosraeans and the third-largest population of Palaus and Marshall Islanders in the United States according to the 2010 United States Census; and
Whereas, Washington recognized the need to help these communities with a high rate of poverty and provided support for citizens of nations with COFA agreements in need of food, medical, and dental care assistance in Washington state; and
Whereas, Washington state continues to advocate, alongside other states, for congressional legislation to restore federal benefits for COFA migrants who continue to provide military service at higher rates than the overall population of the United States and valuable economic and cultural contributions to Washington state; and
Whereas, The COFA communities in Washington are engaged in providing feedback regarding COFA renewal and participated in listening sessions as part of the recent United States Government Accountability Office study of COFA migrants in the United States; and
Now, therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully request that Congress take the appropriate steps to: Restore federal benefits for COFA migrants including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid; ensure that citizens of nations with COFA agreements are appropriately counted as part of the 2020 Census to ensure the uniqueness of COFA status in all immigration policies, including exempting citizens of nations with COFA agreements from changes to the public charge rule; and immediately begin work on COFA renewal negotiations; be it Resolved, That copies of this memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-195. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to mint less than 5,000,000 $1 coins, honoring Elizabeth Peratrovich under the Native American $1 Coin Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

House Joint Resolution No. 9
Whereas Elizabeth Peratrovich, of the Tingit Nation, was an important civil rights activist who fought for equality for Alaska Natives; and
Whereas Elizabeth Peratrovich advocated for the passage of the Alaska Territorial Legislature’s Anti-Discrimination Act of 1946, the first anti-discrimination law in the United States; and
Whereas Elizabeth Peratrovich served as the Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood; and
Whereas, in 1988, the Alaska State Legislature established February 16 of each year as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day; and
Whereas, in 1992, the public gallery of the chambers of the House of Representatives formerly known as Gallery B was renamed in honor of Elizabeth Peratrovich; and
Whereas Elizabeth Peratrovich was named as a 2018 honoree of the National Women’s History Alliance; and
Whereas, in 1945, the first anti-discrimination law in the United States; and
Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests that the United States Secretary of the Treasury, under the Native American $1 Coin Act, mint not less than 5,000,000 $1 coins, under the Native American $1 Coin Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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. WICKER (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):
S. 3704. A bill to amend the Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992 to further support advanced technological manufacturing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):
S. 3708. A bill to establish a public-private partnership to preserve jobs in the aviation manufacturing industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):
S. 3708. A bill to allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MURPHY, and Mrs. LOFLEHER):
S. 3709. A bill to require clear disclosure of seller location and country-of-origin labeling for products advertised for sale on the internet and to prohibit false and misleading representation of United States origin on products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. TITUS):
S. 3708. A bill to establish a Federal Agency Sunet Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LOEFFLER (for herself, Mr. LANKSFORD, Mr. ROUNDs, and Mr. CRAMER):
S. 3708. A bill to increase the eligibility of nonprofit organizations for loans under the Paycheck Protection Program, and for other
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. JONES, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CAPITO, and Mr. WARNER):
S. 3710. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to establish an emergency temporary standard to protect miners of coal or other mines from occupational exposure to SARS-CoV–2, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH:
S. 3711. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to authorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. GARDNER):
S. 3712. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish national cybersecurity grand challenges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. ERNST):
S. 3713. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to determine whether members of the National Guard serving on active service in the COVID–19 emergency; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. McCALLY (for herself, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. WYDEN):
S. 3714. A bill to extend the covered period for local forgive and the related period under the CARES Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. MCALLLY (for herself and Mr. CRAMER):
S. 3715. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to ensure the supply of certain medical articles essential to national defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. McSALLY (for herself and Mr. CRAMER):
S. 3716. A bill to provide loan forgiveness under the Paycheck Protection Program for costs related to safety and supplies, including personal protective equipment, needed to prepare for reopening, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. REED):
S. 3717. A bill to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a plan for the modernization of the information technology systems of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ERNST, and Mr. SCHUMER):
S. 3718. A bill to amend Federal law to expand the waiver of affiliation rules for certain business concerns with more than 1 physical location, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SANDERS):
S. 3719. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require that supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits be calculated using the value of the low-cost food basket; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. HARRIS):
S. 3720. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish the Pandemic and Prison Emergency Response Grant programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARNEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERRILEY, Mr. PETERS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. JONES, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CARPER):
S. 3721. A bill to provide for the establishment of a COVID–19 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Task Force to gather data about disproportionately affected communities and provide recommendations to combat the racial and ethnic disparities in the COVID–19 response; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. ROSEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. WYDEN):
S. 3722. A bill to authorize funding for a bilateral cooperative program with Israel for the development and use of technologies with a focus on combating COVID–19; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):
S. 3723. A bill to provide services to victims of sexual abuse who are incarcerated, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. TESTER):
S. 3724. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from charging veterans copayments for preventive services relating to COVID–19; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HARRIS:
S. 3725. A bill to expand vote by mail and early voting, and to improve the safety, accessibility, and efficiency of in-person voting during elections for Federal office; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRUZ:
S. 3726. A bill to recruit qualified foreign nationals residing in the United States to provide healthcare during a public health emergency at healthcare facilities operated or regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense, or the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RIED, Miss. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAIN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MARKY, Mr. UDALL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):
S. 3727. A bill to provide for cash refunds for canceled airline flights and tickets during the COVID–19 emergency; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. YOUNG):
S. 3728. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to support the efforts of State and local governments to provide for priority testing of essential critical infrastructure workers with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):
S. 3729. A bill to provide relief for the recipients of financial assistance awards from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. Sinema, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. WICKER):
S. 3730. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize and modernize the registered traveler program, Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:
S. Res. 572. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the report of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention entitled “Guidance for Implementing the Opening Up America Again Framework” be released immediately; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. HARRIS):
S. Res. 573. A resolution honoring the life and achievement of Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach Donald C. Shula and expressing condolences to his family on his passing; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. HANNAN, Ms. CAPITO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. RUSKO, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RIED, Miss. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAIN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MARKY, Mr. UDALL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):
S. Res. 574. A resolution designating the week of April 18, 2020, through April 26, 2020, as “National Park Week”; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BOOKER):
S. Res. 575. A resolution reaffirming a strong commitment to United States producers and commodities made in the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BURR):
S. Res. 576. A resolution recognizing the essential role of public safety telecommunications in emergency response and the important work performed by public safety telecommunicators to protect the public and police, fire, and emergency medical officials during emergencies, such as the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Ms. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GRASSELEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. TOOMY, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. SHERIDEN, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. JONES, Mr. TILLS, Mr. KAIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BALDWIN, Mr. ERNST, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KRONO, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. STABENOW, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. AXELROD, Mr. ROSEN, Mr. WINKEL, and Mr. WICKER):
S. Res. 577. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the report of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention entitled “Guidance for Implementing the Opening Up America Again Framework” be released immediately; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Mr. Manchin, Mr. Risch, Mr. Tester, Mr. Daines, Ms. Cortez Masto, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Peters, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Duckworth, Mr. Rounds, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Hoven, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Warner, Mr. Gardner, Ms. Harris, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Booker, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Casey, Mr. Paul, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hawley, Mr. Reed, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Young, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Lee, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Loeffler, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thune, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Scott of South Carolina, and Mr. Cassidy.  

S. Res. 577. A resolution designating the week of May 10 through May 16, 2020, as “National Police Week”; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 249
At the request of Mr. Toomey, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 249, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes.

S. 314
At the request of Mr. Tester, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. Murkowski) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 325
At the request of Mr. Paul, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Burr) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 755
At the request of Mr. Tester, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Ms. Tuberville) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1191
At the request of Ms. Collins, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. Duckworth) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1191, a bill to reauthorize section 340H of the Public Health Service Act to continue to encourage the expansion, maintenance, and establishment of approved graduate medical residency programs at qualified teaching health centers, and for other purposes.

S. 1720
At the request of Mr. Rounds, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. Capito) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1720, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow the interstate sale of State-inspected meat and poultry, and for other purposes.

S. 2539
At the request of Mr. Rubio, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. Scott) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2539, a bill to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2546
At the request of Ms. Murkowski, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Merkley) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2546, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 2599
At the request of Mr. Sullivan, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. Warren), the Senator from Texas (Mr. Cruz), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. Hassan) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Cramer) were added as cosponsors of S. 2599, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to concedexposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 3054
At the request of Mr. Johnson, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Wyden) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. King) were added as cosponsors of S. 3054, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect United States critical infrastructure by ensuring that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has the legal tools it needs to notify private and public sector entities put at risk by cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the networks and systems that control critical assets of the United States.

S. 3393
At the request of Mr. Durbin, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. Sinema) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3393, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients, and for other purposes.

S. 3399
At the request of Mr. Tester, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Wyden), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. Shaheen), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. Warren), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Menendez), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Boozman), the Senator from New York (Mrs. Gillibrand), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. Schatz), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Coons) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. Sinema) were added as cosponsors of S. 3399, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans’ disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-related disability, and for other purposes.

S. 3434
At the request of Ms. Cortez Masto, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Stabenow) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3434, a bill to make Federal law enforcement officer peer support communications confidential, and for other purposes.

S. 3434
At the request of Mr. Young, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3434, supra.

S. 3444
At the request of Mr. Tester, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Sanders) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. Cantwell) were added as cosponsors of S. 3444, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for which there is a presumption of service connection for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 3520
At the request of Ms. Klobuchar, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. Schatz), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Carper), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Casey), the Senator from New York (Mrs. Gillibrand), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Cardin), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. Cortez Masto), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. Kaine), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. Rosen) were added as cosponsors of S. 3520, a bill to require States to establish contingency plans for the conduct of elections for Federal office in response to national disasters and emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3612
At the request of Mr. Cornyn, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Blumenthal), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. Wicker) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Cassidy) were added as cosponsors of S. 3612, a bill to clarify for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that receipt of coronavirus assistance does not affect the tax treatment of ordinary business expenses.

S. 3620
At the request of Mr. Reed, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3620, a bill to establish a Housing Assistance Fund at the Department of the Treasury.

S. 3637
At the request of Mr. Tester, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. Warren) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. Sinema) were added as cosponsors of S. 3637, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend lease protections for servicemembers under stop movement orders in response to a local, national,
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or global emergency, and for other purposes.

S. 3638

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. Ernst) were added as cosponsors of S. 3638, a bill to allow Coronavirus Relief Fund payments to be used to replace revenue shortfalls resulting from COVID-19.

S. 3638

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3683, a bill to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to the People’s Republic of China for its obstruction or failure to cooperate in investigations relating to the outbreak of COVID–19, and for other purposes.

S. 3683

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3685, a bill to provide emergency rental assistance under the Housing Stability Grants program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in response to the public health emergency resulting from the coronavirus, and for other purposes.

S. 3685

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3698, a bill to expand compassionate release authority and elderly home confinement access for offenders with heightened coronavirus risk.

S. Res. 527

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the report of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention entitled, “Guidance for Implementing the Opening Up America Again Framework”, should be released to the public immediately, in the form originally approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, without political censorship by the White House or the Office of Management and Budget.

SENATE RESOLUTION 573—HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME COACH DONALD FRANCIS SHULA AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS PASSING

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. CARDIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 573

Whereas Coach Donald Francis Shula (referred to in this preamble as “Coach Shula”) was born on January 4, 1930, and grew up in Painesville, Ohio;

Whereas Coach Shula’s father immigrated to the United States from Hungary;

Whereas Coach Shula attended Harvey High School and later played collegiate football at John Carroll University;

Whereas, in 1951, the Cleveland Browns selected Coach Shula in the ninth round of the National Football League draft as a defensive back;

Whereas, in addition to playing for the Cleveland Browns, Coach Shula also played for the Baltimore Colts and the Washington Redskins;

Whereas Coach Shula—

(1) began his coaching career at the University of Virginia;

(2) also coached at the University of Kentucky; and

(3) coached as a defensive coordinator for the Detroit Lions;

Whereas, in 1963, Coach Shula became the youngest coach in the NFL when he took the head coaching position at the Baltimore Colts;

Whereas, as the head coach of the Baltimore Colts, Coach Shula—

(1) compiled a record of 71 wins, 23 losses, and 4 ties; and

(2) won the NFL championship in 1968;

Whereas, in 1970, Coach Shula became the head coach of the Miami Dolphins (referred to in this preamble as the “Dolphins”);)

Whereas Coach Shula remained the head coach of the Dolphins for 26 seasons, took the Dolphins to 4 Super Bowls, and led the Dolphins to victory in 2 of those Super Bowls;

Whereas Coach Shula led the 1972 Dolphins team to a perfect season;

Whereas, in Super Bowl VII, Coach Shula led the Dolphins to victory over the Washington Redskins with a score of 14 to 7;

Whereas, in Super Bowl VIII, Coach Shula led the Dolphins, the reigning Super Bowl champions, to victory over the Minnesota Vikings with a score of 24 to 7;

Whereas, after 33 years of coaching, Coach Shula retired from coaching in 1995 with the NFL record for most wins by a head coach, compiling a record of 328 wins, 156 losses, and 6 ties and a postseason record of 19 wins and 17 losses;

Whereas Coach Shula was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1997;

Whereas, following his coaching days, Coach Shula—

(1) supported many charities;

(2) gave generously to his local parish; and

(3) established the Don Shula Foundation to assist with breast cancer research; and

Whereas Coach Shula, a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother, passed away on May 4, 2020, at 90 years of age; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the life and achievements of Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach Donald Francis Shula (referred to in this resolution as “Coach Shula”);)

(2) expresses condolences to the family of Coach Shula on his passing; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the family of Coach Shula; and

(B) the Miami Dolphins.

SENATE RESOLUTION 574—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2020, THROUGH APRIL 26, 2020, AS “NATIONAL PARK WEEK”

Mr. DAINE (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. REED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. Kaine, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MARKYY, Mr. UDALL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BLUNT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 574

Whereas, on March 1, 1972, Congress established Yellowstone National Park as the first national park for the enjoyment of the people of the United States;

Whereas, on August 25, 1916, Congress established the National Park Service with the mission to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of current and future generations;

Whereas the National Park Service continues to protect and manage the majestic landscapes, hallowed battlefields, and iconic cultural and historical sites of the United States;

Whereas the units of the National Park System can be found in every State and many territories of the United States and represent the nation’s rich natural and cultural heritage of the United States, reflect a unique national story through people and places, and offer countless opportunities for recreation, volunteerism, cultural exchange, education, civic engagement, and exploration;

Whereas visits and visitors to the national parks of the United States are important economic drivers for the economy, responsible for $30,200,000,000 in spending in 2018;

Whereas the dedicated employees of the National Park Service carry out their mission to protect the national parks of the United States so that the vibrant culture, diverse wildlife, and priceless resources of the parks will endure for present and future generations;

Whereas the people of the United States have inherited the remarkable legacy of the
National Park System and are entrusted with the preservation of the National Park System throughout its second century: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of April 18, 2020, through April 26, 2020, as ‘‘National Park Week’’; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States and the world to virtually visit, experience, and support the treasured national parks of the United States while protecting public health during the coronavirus pandemic.

SENATE RESOLUTION 576—RECOGNIZING THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND THE IMPORTANT WORK PERFORMED BY PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND POLICE, FIRE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL OFFICIALS DURING EMERGENCIES, SUCH AS THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID–19) PANDEMIC

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Burr) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. Res. 576

Whereas public safety telecommunicators play a critical role in emergency response;

Whereas the work performed by public safety telecommunicators goes far beyond merely relying information between the public and first responders;

Whereas, when responding to reports of missing, abducted, and sexually exploited children, the information obtained and actions taken by public safety telecommunicators form the foundation for an effective response;

Whereas the first contact that a hostage taker or a suicidal person makes when that person calls 9–1–1 is with a public safety telecommunicator, whose negotiation skills can prevent the situation from getting worse;

Whereas, during active shooter incidents, public safety telecommunicators coach callers through first aid and give advice to prevent further harm, all while collecting vital information to provide situational awareness for responding police and public safety; and

Whereas the work of public safety telecommunicators comes with an extreme emotional and physical impact that is compounded by long hours and the around-the-clock nature of the job;

Whereas public safety telecommunicators should be recognized by all levels of government for their dedicated public service and protective nature of the work that public safety telecommunicators perform; and

Whereas, during emergencies, such as the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic, highlight the dedication of public safety telecommunicators and the important work performed by public safety telecommunicators to protect the public and police, fire, and emergency medical officials: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors and recognizes the important and lifesaving contributions of public safety telecommunicators and other public safety communications professionals across the United States; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to remember the value of the work performed by public safety telecommunicators and other public safety communications professionals.

SENATE RESOLUTION 577—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 16, 2020, AS ‘‘NATIONAL POLICE WEEK’’

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Braun, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Hassan, Mr. Scott of Florida, Mr. Coons, Mr. Toomey, Mr. King, Ms. Collins, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Hyde-Smith, Mr. Van Hollen, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Sinema, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Romney, Mr. Jones, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Burr, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cramer, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Ernst, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Hirono, Ms. McSally, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Portman, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Risch, Mr. Tester, Mr. Daines, Ms. Cortez Masto, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Peters, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Duckworth, Mr. Rounds, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Hirono, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Warner, Mr. Gardner, Ms. Harris, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Booker, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Casey, Mr. Paul, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hawley, Mr. Reed, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Young, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Lee, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Loeffler, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thune, Mr. Lankford, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Sasse, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Scott of South Carolina, Mr. Cassidy) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 577

Whereas Federal, State, local, and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity; and

Whereas law enforcement officers are charged with:

(1) pursuing justice for all individuals; and

(2) performing the duties of a law enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional and civil rights of the public the officers serve;

Whereas law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence;

Whereas law enforcement officers have bravely continued to perform their duties to ensure the security of their neighborhoods and communities at the risk of their own personal safety in the time of a viral pandemic;

Whereas the resolve to service is clearly demonstrated by law enforcement officers across the country who have tragically fallen ill or passed away due to complications of COVID–19 contracted in the line of duty;

Whereas, in 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed Public Law 87–726 (36 U.S.C. 581, referred to in this preamble as the ‘‘Joint Resolution’’), which authorizes the President to proclaim May 15 of every year as ‘‘Peace Officers Memorial Day’’ in honor of Federal, State, and local law officers who have been killed, disabled, or otherwise injured in the line of duty; and

Whereas the Joint Resolution also authorizes the President to designate the week in which Peace Officers Memorial Day falls as ‘‘National Police Week’’;

Whereas the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated on October 15, 1991, is the national monument to honor those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and

Whereas Peace Officers Memorial Day, 2020, honors the 185 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty during 2019, including:

(1) Brian R. Abbondando;

(2) Jacob O. Ailmendinger;

(3) Luis G. Alvarez;
Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of May 10 through May 16, 2020, as “National Police Week”;

(2) expresses unwavering support for law enforcement officers across the United States in the pursuit of preserving safe and secure communities;

(3) recognizes the need to ensure that law enforcement officers have the equipment, training, and resources that are necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the officers while the officers protect the public;

(4) recognizes the law enforcement community for continual unseen acts of sacrifice and heroism, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis faced by the United States;

(5) acknowledges that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, should be remembered and honored;

(6) expresses condolences and solemn appreciation to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

(7) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Police Week by honoring law enforcement personnel and promoting awareness of the essential mission that law enforcement personnel undertake in service to their communities and the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1583. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. BOOKER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6172, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, and for other purposes.

SA 1584. Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKUS, Ms. MCENaney, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CRUZ) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6172, supra.

SA 1585. Mr. GARDNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1583. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. BOOKER) proposed an amendment...
to the bill H.R. 6172, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 7, strike lines 13 and 14 and insert the following: cell site location or global positioning system information.

(‘‘C. An application under paragraph (1) may not seek an order authorizing or requiring the production of internet website browsing information or internet search history information.’’).

SA 1584. Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CROMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HERRICK, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKAY, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CRUZ) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6172, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, and for other purposes; as follows:

In subsection (a)(2)(B) of section 602 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1802), as added by section 301(b)(3), insert after ‘‘section 103(i)’’ the following: ‘‘, a proceeding in the Foreign Intelligence Court of Review resulting from the petition of an amicus curiae under section 103(i)(7), or a proceeding in which an amicus curiae could have been appointed pursuant to section 103(i)(2)’’.

In section 302, strike subsections (a) and (b) and insert the following:

(a) Expansion of Appointment Authority.—

(1) in general.—Section 103(i)(2) (50 U.S.C. 1803(i)(2)) is amended—

(A) by striking paragraph (A) and inserting the following:

‘‘(A) shall appoint one or more individuals who have been designated under paragraph (1), not less than one of whom possesses privacy and civil liberties expertise, unless the court finds that such a qualification is inappropriate, to serve as amicus curiae to assist the court in the consideration of any application for the appointment of an amicus curiae or (B) of this paragraph, as so designated, is as sensitive as an investigative matter described in subparagraph (A).’’;

(b) Authority to Seek Review.—Section 103 (50 U.S.C. 1803) is amended, as so amended, by inserting before the semicolon at the end of the following: ‘‘, including legal arguments regarding any privacy or civil liberties interest of any United States person that would be significantly impacted by the appointment or motion’’; and

(E) by striking the penultimate sentence of the preceding paragraph, as so designated, is as sensitive as an investigative matter described in subparagraph (A).

(b) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

‘‘(C) an application, certification, petition, or other document of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court or the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review described in paragraph (2) of section 602(a).’’

In section 302(c), redesignate paragraph (2) as paragraph (3). In section 302(c), strike paragraph (1) and insert the following:

(1) Application and Materials.—Subparagraph (A) of section 103(i)(6)(D) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review described in paragraph (2) of section 602(a) is amended to read as follows:

‘‘(A) in general.—

(i) Right of Amicus.—If a court established an amicus curiae under paragraph (2), the amicus curiae—

(1) shall have access to, to the extent such information is available to the Government—

(aa) the application, certification, petition, motion, and other information and supporting materials, including any information described in section 901, submitted to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in connection with the matter in which the amicus curiae has been appointed, and

(bb) any other relevant legal precedent (including any such precedent that is cited by the Government, including in such an application—

(ii) Supporting Documentation Regarding Accuracy.—The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, upon the motion of an amicus curiae appointed under paragraph (2) or upon its own motion, may require the Government to make available the supporting documentation described in section 901.

(2) Clarification of Access to Certain Information.—Such section is further amended—

(A) by striking ‘‘may’’ and inserting ‘‘shall’’; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

‘‘(C) Classification of Information.—An amicus curiae appointed by the court shall have access to, to the extent such information is available to the Government, unredacted copies of each opinion, order, transcript, pleading, or other document of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, including, if the individual is eligible for access to classified information, any classified documents, information, and other materials or proceedings.

Redesignate section 207 as section 206.

Insert after section 206 the following:

SEC. 207. DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT INFORMATION; CERTIFICATION REGARDING ACCURACY PROCEDURES.

(a) Disclosure of Relevant Information.—
(1) In general.—The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"TITLE IX—DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT INFORMATION

"SEC. 901. DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT INFORMATION.

"The Attorney General or any other Federal officer making an application for a court order under this Act shall provide the court with—

"(1) all information in the possession of the Government that is material to determining whether the application satisfies the applicable requirements under this Act, including any information; and

"(2) all information in the possession of the Government that might reasonably—

"(A) call into question the accuracy of the application or the reasonableness of any assessment in the application conducted by the department or agency on whose behalf the application was made; or

"(B) otherwise raise doubts with respect to the findings that are required to be made under the applicable provision of this Act in order to be issued.

"(2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 is amended by adding at the end the following:

"TITLE IX—DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT INFORMATION

"Sec. 901. Disclosure of relevant information.

"(b) CERTIFICATION REGARDING ACCURACY PROCEDURES.—

"(1) In general.—Title IX of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as added by subsection (a), is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 902. CERTIFICATION REGARDING ACCURACY PROCEDURES.

"(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘accuracy procedures’ means specific procedures, adopted by the Attorney General, to ensure that an application for a court order under this Act, including any application for renewal of an existing order, is accurate and complete, including procedures that ensure, at a minimum, that—

"(1) the application reflects all information that might reasonably call into question the reliability and reporting of any information from a confidential human source that is used in the application;

"(2) the application reflects all material information that might reasonably call into question the reliability and reporting of any information from any confidential human source;

"(3) a complete file documenting each factual assertion in an application is maintained;

"(4) the applicant coordinates with the appropriate elements of the intelligence community (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3051)) concerning any other existing relationship with the target of any surveillance, search, or other means of investigation, and discloses any such relationship in the application;

"(5) before any application targeting a United States person is made, the applicant Federal agency establishes compliance and auditing mechanisms on an annual basis to assess the efficacy of the accuracy procedures that have been adopted and report such findings to the Attorney General.

"(6) the applicant Federal agency establishes compliance and auditing mechanisms on an annual basis to assess the efficacy of the accuracy procedures that have been adopted and report such findings to the Attorney General.

"(b) STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY PROCEDURES.—Any Federal officer making an application for a court order under this Act shall include with the application—

"(1) a description of the accuracy procedures employed by the officer or the officer’s designee; and

"(2) a certification that the officer or the officer’s designee has collected and reviewed for accuracy and completeness—

"(A) supporting documentation for each factual assertion contained in the application;

"(B) all information that reasonably call into question the accuracy of the information or the reasonableness of any assessment in the application, or otherwise raise doubts about the requested findings; and

"(C) all material information that might reasonably call into question the reliability and reporting of any information from any confidential human source that is used in the application.

"(c) NECESSARY FINDING FOR COURT ORDERS.—A judge may not enter an order under this Act unless the judge finds, in addition to any other findings required under this Act, that the accuracy procedures described in the application for the order, as required under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, have been met.

"(2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) (if applicable) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"Sec. 902. Certification regarding accuracy procedures.

"In section 603 (50 U.S.C. 1873) is amended—

"(e) ANNUAL REPORT BY DOJ INSPECTOR GENERAL ON ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS OF APPLICATIONS.—

"(1) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this subsection, the term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

"(A) the Committee on the Judiciary and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;

"(B) the Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

"(2) REPORT.—In April of each year, the Inspector General of the Department of Justice shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report setting forth, with respect to the preceding calendar year, the following:

"(A) A summary of all accuracy or completeness reviews of applications submitted to the Federal Intelligence Surveillance Court by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"(B) The number of applications reviewed for accuracy or completeness.

"(C) The total number of material errors or omissions identified during such reviews.

"(D) The number of nonmaterial errors or omissions identified during such reviews.

"(E) The total number of instances in which facts contained in an application were not supported by documentation that existed in the applicable file being reviewed at the time of the accuracy review.

"SA 1585. Mr. GARDNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, and for other purposes; as follows:

"Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

"This Act may be cited as the ‘National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline Act of 2020’.

"SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

"Congress finds the following:

"(1) According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, on average, there are 129 suicides per day in the United States.

"(2) To prevent suicide, it is critical to transition the cumbersome, existing 10-digit National Suicide Hotline to a universal, easy-to-remember 3-digit phone number and connect people in crisis with life-saving resources.

"(3) It is essential that people in the United States have access to a 3-digit national suicide hotline across all geographic locations.

"(4) The designated suicide hotline number will need to be both familiar and recognizable to all people in the United States.

"SEC. 3. UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE SYSTEM.

"(a) In general.—Section 251(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 251(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"‘(4) UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE SYSTEM.—9-8-8 is designated as the universal telephone number within the United States for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline maintained by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 5201 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290b-36) and through the Veterans Crisis Line maintained by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 1720(h) of title 38, United States Code.’.

"(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

"(c) REQUIRED REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit a report to the Congress that includes the resources necessary to make the use of 9-8-8, as designated under paragraph (4) of section 251(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 251(e)), as added by subsection (a) of this section, operational and effective across the United States to—

"(1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

"(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

"(3) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

"(4) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

"SEC. 4. STATE AUTHORITY OVER FEES.

"(a) AUTHORITY.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act, any amendment made by this Act, the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), or any Commission regulation or order may prevent any person and collection of any fee or charge applicable to a commercial mobile service or an IP-enabled voice service specifically designated by a State, a political subdivision of the State, an Indian Tribe, or village or regional corporation serving a region established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), expected to incur that are reasonably attributed to—

(a) ensuring the efficient and effective routing of calls made to the 9-8-8 national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline to an appropriate crisis center; and

(b) (B) personnel and the provision of acute mental health, crisis outreach and stabilization services by directly responding to the 9-8-8 related services, if the fee or charge is held in a sequestered account to be obligated or expended only in support of 9-8-8 services, or enhancements of such services, as specified in the provision of State or local law adopting the fee or charge.

(2) USE OF 9-8-8 FUNDS.—A fee or charge collected under this subsection shall only be imposed, collected, and used to pay expenses that a State, a political subdivision of a State, an Indian Tribe, or village or regional corporation serving a region established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is expected to incur that are reasonably attributed to—

(a) ensuring the efficient and effective routing of calls made to the 9-8-8 national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline to an appropriate crisis center; and

(b) (B) personnel and the provision of acute mental health, crisis outreach and stabilization services by directly responding to the 9-8-8 related services, if the fee or charge is held in a sequestered account to be obligated or expended only in support of 9-8-8 services, or enhancements of such services, as specified in the provision of State or local law adopting the fee or charge.

(b) FEES ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT.—To ensure efficiency, transparency, and accountability in the collection and expenditure of a fee or charge for the support or implementation of 9-8-8 services, not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Commission shall submit to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report that—

(1) details the status in each State, political subdivision of a State, Indian Tribe, or village or regional corporation serving a region established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) on the collection and distribution of such fees or charges; and

(2) includes findings on the amount of revenues generated by each State, political subdivision of a State, Indian Tribe, or village or regional corporation serving a region established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for any purpose other than the purpose for which any such fees or charges are specified.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term "commercial mobile service" has the meaning given that term under section 332(d) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(d)).

(2) COMMISION.—The term "Commission" means the Federal Communications Commission.

(3) IP-ENABLED VOICE SERVICE.—The term "IP-enabled voice service" shall include—

(A) an interconnected VoIP service, as defined in section 2(3) of the Title II of the Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto; and

(B) a one-way interconnected VoIP service.

(4) STATE.—The term "State" has the meaning given that term in section 7 of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (47 U.S.C. 611b).

SEC. 6. REPORT ON CERTAIN TRAINING PROGRAMS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (referred to in this section as "LGBTQ") are more than 4 times more likely to contemplate suicide than their peers, and that LGBTQ youth and more than 1 in 3 transgender youth reporting attempting suicide;

(2) American Indian and Alaska Natives have the highest rate of suicide of any racial or ethnic group in the United States with a suicide rate over 3.5 times higher than the national average; and the racial group with the lowest rate, with the suicide rate increasing, since 1999, by 139 percent for American Indian women and 7 percent for men;

(3) between 2001 and 2015, the suicide death rate in rural counties in the United States was 17.32 per 100,000 individuals, which is significantly greater than the national average, and the data shows that between that same time period, suicide rates increased for all age groups across all counties in the United States, with the highest rates and the greatest increases being in more rural counties; and

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term "commercial mobile service" has the meaning given that term under section 332(d) of the Communications Act of 1994 (47 U.S.C. 332(d)).

(2) DISPATCHABLE LOCATION.—The term "dispatchable location" means the street address of the calling party and additional information such as room number, floor number, or similar information necessary to adequately identify the location of the calling party.

(3) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term "commercial mobile service" has the meaning given that term in section 7 of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (47 U.S.C. 611b).

SEC. 8. DETAIL A STRATEGY, TO BE DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall submit to the appropriate committees a report that examines the feasibility and cost of including an automatic dispatchable location in emergency calls made to a 9-8-8 call, regardless of the technological platform used and including with calls from multi-line telephones, as defined in section 6502 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1471). (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate committees" means the following:

(A) The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(B) The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

(C) The Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

(2) DISPATCHABLE LOCATION.—The term "dispatchable location" means the street address of the calling party and additional information such as room number, floor number, or similar information necessary to adequately identify the location of the calling party.

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

NEVER AGAIN EDUCATION ACT

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 943) to authorize the Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to support Holocaust education programs, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered a third time.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the bill, the question is, Shall the bill pass?
The bill (H.R. 943) 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENT OF PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME COACH DONALD FRANCIS SHULA AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS PASSING

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 573, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 573) honoring the life and achievement of Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach Donald Francis Shula and expressing condolences to his family on his passing.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 573) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(National Park Week)

NATIONAL PARK WEEK

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 574, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 574) designating the week of April 18, 2020, through April 26, 2020, as “National Park Week”.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 574) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(National Police Week)

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 577, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 577) designating May 10 through May 16, 2020, as “National Police Week”.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 577) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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 6:35 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.
CELEBRATING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ED CASE
OF HAWAII
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, our country has officially observed each May since 1992 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, recognizing the extraordinary contributions of our Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community to the rich fabric and history of our nation.

May is especially important to me as the proud Representative of Hawaii’s First Congressional District with the largest population of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders of any district in our country. For over a century and continuing through the present and into tomorrow, Hawaii has produced repeated accomplished AANHPI “firsts” in government who have left a lasting impact on our state and country, including Territorial Delegate Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole, Senator Hirofumi Fugiyama, Senator Daniel Inouye, Senator Daniel Akaka, Congresswoman Patsy Mink, Governors John Waiheʻe, Ben Cayetano and George Ariyoshi, as well as my current colleagues Senators Mazie Hirono and Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. I am also proud to have served as a young staffer on Capitol Hill for my own mentor, the late Senator Spark Matsunaga.

But the accomplishments of Hawaii’s Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community extend well beyond the realm of politics and government into all areas of our society including science, law, sports, business, music, arts and culture and more. We are so proud to remember individuals like astronaut Ellison Onizuka, Judge Herbert Choy, entrepreneur Robert Taara, singer Don Ho, Olympic swimmer Duke Kahanamoku, golfer Michelle Wie, Native Hawaiian navigator Nainoa Thompson, boxer Brian Viloria, actor Jason Momoa, singer and songwriter Bruno Mars and so many more.

The year 2020 also marks the 120th anniversary of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii. On January 8, 1900, twenty-six men from Okinawa arrived in Honolulu as part of the first group of contract laborers. Like so many other AANHPI communities, Okinawan immigrants initially faced discrimination but through their own hard work and sacrifice, our Okinawan community has contributed deeply to the economic achievements and cultural richness of our state. Today, persons of Okinawan descent are deeply integrated into Hawaii’s political, economic and social life, and I am proud to serve as their Representative here in Congress.

In Hawaii and across America, AANHPI communities are as diverse as they are accomplished. But while our country has made significant progress in increasing visibility and expanding opportunities for all Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, there is much work still to be done. Disparities in economic opportunity, education, health care and more between AANHPI and other communities and within subgroups of our AANHPI community persist.

These disparities have become even more apparent amidst this COVID–19 pandemic. Across our country, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities have been especially hard hit, reporting infection rates up to three times higher than the rest of the population. At the same time, across the country, Americans of Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander descent are working on the front lines to care for their fellow Americans and keep our country going. Their strength and resilience alongside our fellow Americans are truly inspiring. As a member of executive board of our Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I will continue to work to protect the health and wellbeing of our entire AANHPI community both in Hawaii and across the country during this difficult time.

During this Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I strive to recognize accomplishments of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities in my district, in Hawaii and across America, we must also reeducate ourselves to continuing to empower and uplift all Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and individuals.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHANGE OF COMMAND OF COLONEL TERENCE A. ADAMS

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Change of Command of Colonel Terrence A. Adams, whose presence will be greatly missed in the Lowcountry.

Before joining the Air Force, Colonel Adams began his military career in the U.S. Army, where he served for seven years. He entered the Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program after graduating from Auburn, he holds a Master of Business Administration from Troy State University, a Master of Arts in Military Operational Art and Strategy from the National War College, a Master of Arts in International Relations and a Master of Public Administration from Troy State University, a Master of Arts in Military Operational Art and Science from the Air Command and Staff College, and a Master of Arts in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

Since his first assignment in the Air Force as team for an ACC Computer System Squadron, he has built a remarkable record of leadership, holding squadron and group level commands six times. His service includes deployments to Oman, Iraq, and Qatar in support of Operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, as well as the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. Throughout this service, Colonel Adams earned numerous distinguished awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Though his tour as Commander of the 628th Air Wing and Joint Base Charleston has ended, Colonel Adams will long be remembered for his lasting contributions to our community. He established the Lowcountry Defense Community Partnership Council, a civilian-military program intended to strengthen the relationship between the Lowcountry civilian community and the base. He oversaw the base’s response to Hurricane Dorian, Hurricane Florence, and most recently, the COVID–19 pandemic. And he was also honored with the Military Service Award at the Black Engineer of the Year STEM Global Competitiveness Conference for his work to inspire students to work in cyber, STEM, or aviation and build pipelines for them to succeed.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Colonel Adams for his accomplishments as Commander of Joint Base Charleston. On behalf of my constituents in the Lowcountry, I thank him for his service to our community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 19

10 a.m. Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress.
WEBEX

3 p.m. Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Beth Harwell, of Tennessee,
and Brian Noland, of Tennessee, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider a motion to issue a subpoena to Blue Star Strategies as described in Schedule A, and the nomination of Brian D. Miller, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.
Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2387–S2430

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3704–3730, and S. Res. 572–577.

Measures Passed:

National Suicide Hotline Designation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

  Gardner Amendment No. 1585, in the nature of a substitute.

Never Again Education Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 943, to authorize the Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to support Holocaust education programs, and the bill was then passed.

Honoring Coach Donald Francis Shula: Senate agreed to S. Res. 573, honoring the life and achievement of Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach Donald Francis Shula and expressing condolences to his family on his passing.

National Park Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 574, designating the week of April 18, 2020, through April 26, 2020, as “National Park Week”.

National Police Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 577, designating the week of May 10 through May 16, 2020, as “National Police Week”.

Measures Considered:

USA Freedom Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 6172, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

  Adopted:
  By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 90), Lee Amendment No. 1584, to improve the amicus provisions and require the disclosure of relevant information. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 16, 2020, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

  Rejected:
  By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 89), Wyden Amendment No. 1583, to remove internet website browsing information and search history from scope of authority to access certain business records for foreign intelligence and international terrorism investigations. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 16, 2020, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Thursday, May 14, 2020, Senate vote on or in relation to the Paul Amendment to the bill, if offered; that at 1:30 p.m., Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, as under the order of Monday, March 16, 2020.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

Messages from the House:

Executive Communications:

Petitions and Memorials:

Additional Cosponsors:

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—90)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2430.)
Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COVID–19 PANDEMIC AND BROADBAND
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of broadband amid the COVID–19 pandemic, after receiving testimony from Steven K. Berry, Competitive Carriers Association, Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, and Jonathan Spalter, USTelecom—The Broadband Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS
Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Natalie E. Brown, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Sandra E. Clark, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Henry T. Wooster, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, all of the Department of State, and Ramsey Coats Day, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY AND POSTURE
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine evolving the United States Cybersecurity strategy and posture, focusing on reviewing the Cyberspace Solarium Commission Report, after receiving testimony from Senator King, Representative Gallagher, Suzanne Spaulding, and Tom Fanning, all Commissioners, Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

INTELLIGENCE
Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community. Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 6848–6859; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 965–966, were introduced. Page H1998
Additional Cosponsors: Page H1999
Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.
Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1997
Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.
Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 3667, to require the establishment of a repatriation task force during major infectious disease outbreaks, to authorize additional paid leave for employees of certain independent agencies involved in the conduct of foreign affairs, and to extend the application period and use of certain special immigrant visas, S. 238, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, S. 712, to provide assistance for United States citizens and nationals taken hostage or unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad, S. 2743, to establish the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group, S. 2953, to provide congressional oversight of United States talks with Taliban officials and Afghanistan’s comprehensive peace process, S. 3176, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, H.R. 192, to establish an interagency program to assist countries in North and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats, H.R. 4331, to modify and reauthorize
the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, S. Res. 567, commending career professionals at the Department of State for their extensive efforts to repatriate United States citizens and legal permanent residents during the COVID–19 pandemic, S. Res. 148, supporting efforts by the Government of Colombia to pursue peace and regional stability, S. Res. 215, calling for greater religious and political freedoms in Cuba, S. Res. 392, recognizing the importance of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative to the relationship between the United States and the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and to advancing the policy of the United States in the Indo-Pacific region, S. Res. 406, recognizing that for 50 years, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its ten members, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, have worked with the United States toward stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia, and expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States will continue to remain a strong, reliable, and active partner in the ASEAN region, S. Res. 454, calling for the immediate release of Cuban democracy activist Jose Daniel Ferrer and commending the efforts of Jose Daniel Ferrer to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cuba, S. Res. 502, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II and the raisings of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi, S. Res. 511, supporting the role of the United States in helping save the lives of children and protecting the health of people in developing countries with vaccines and immunization through GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, S. Res. 523, recognizing the 199th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, S. Res. 525, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should continue to support the people of Nicaragua in their peaceful efforts to promote the restoration of democracy and the defense of human rights, and use the tools under United States law to increase political and economic pressure on the government of Daniel Ortega, S. Res. 533, supporting the goals of International Women’s Day, S. Res. 542, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp during World War II, and the nominations of Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, David Cleveland Joseph, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Drew B. Tipton, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, John Peter Cronan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Thomas T. Cullen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Jennifer P. Togliatti, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, and Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Peter M. McCoy, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina, and Vincent F. DeMarco, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–106.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Protecting Scientific Integrity in the COVID–19 Response”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing and mark-up on H. Res. 965, authorizing remote voting by proxy in the House of Representatives and providing for official remote committee proceedings during a public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus, and for other purposes [Original Jurisdiction Hearing]; and hearing on H.R. 6800, the “HEROES Act”, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6172, USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act, with votes on or in relation to amendments at 12 noon, and on passage of the bill at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 p.m., Thursday, May 14

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.